

### Stop 3: Gatehouse

A building that served as a gatehouse once stood here, it is sometimes referred to as the low barrack. A large arched opening located in the middle of this building allowed horses, wagons, and livestock to enter. It could be closed to keep out Apache and Comanche raiders. During the siege of 1836, James Bowie fell desperately sick and took to his headquarters just east of the gate. When Mexican soldiers entered the gatehouse later in the battle, they bayoneted him in his bed. Extending to the south of the gate was an earth and timber Lunette, or fortification, where additional artillery was stationed during the siege.