

WALK NORTH ON THE SIDEWALK, YOU SHOULD NOTICE A BAND OF DARKER PAVING. STAND IN FRONT OF THE PRESENT DAY GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS MUSEUM.

Stop 5: West Wall

In 1836, the structures of the west wall served as soldiers' quarters and Colonel William B. Travis' headquarters.

Travis needed more men if the Alamo was going to be held. As a result, he wrote a series of letters calling for help. Travis penned his most famous letter on the second day of the siege. In it, he addressed "*the people of Texas and all Americans around the world.... I call on you in the name of Liberty, of patriotism & everything dear to the American character, to come to our aid. I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible & die like a soldier who never forgets what is due to his own honor & that of his country. VICTORY OR DEATH.*"

Unfortunately for Travis and the Alamo defenders, only 32 reinforcements arrived in time, bringing the garrison up to roughly 200 men. By the 12th day of the siege, those 200 men were looking over these walls at roughly 2,600 Mexican soldiers.