

*CONTINUE WALKING NORTH ON THE SIDEWALK TOWARD HOUSTON STREET. THIS DARK PAVING REPRESENTS THE LOCATION OF MISSION SAN ANTONIO DE VALERO'S INNER ACEQUIA.*

**Stop 6: Acequia**

Coming from a dry region, the Spanish excelled at using available water to irrigate their fields. An estimated 75 miles of irrigation ditches called acequias connected the area's five missions to the San Antonio River. In most cases, Native American mission converts provided the manpower to construct these networks. At one time, an acequia ran through the middle of the compound near the west wall, but by the 1836 siege and battle it was dry.