

*CONTINUE NORTH ON THE SIDEWALK TO CROSS HOUSTON STREET TO THE NORTH, THEN ALAMO PLAZA TO STOP IN FRONT OF THE HIPOLITO F. GARCIA FEDERAL BUILDING*

Stop 7: North Wall

In 1836, the north wall had two artillery platforms: Fortin de Condelle on the northwest corner, and Fortin de Teran in the vicinity of the Federal Courthouse and Post Office. On March 6, 1836, Santa Anna launched the final assault on the Alamo. He ordered his troops into battle before the sun came up. They approached the Alamo in the dark from four directions. One column advanced towards the North Wall. The Texans rushed from all corners of the compound to defend it. A witness saw Travis fall early in the battle, shot in the head as he stood at the north wall. His comrades put up a stiff resistance fighting back the first wave of Mexican soldiers, then a second. Eventually, after scaling the walls and breaking through doors and windows along the west wall, the Mexican Army poured into the compound forcing the Texans from the walls. Many fell back towards their second line of defense, the Long Barrack.