

TOWNS AND VILLAGES

GUIDELINES FOR CONTRIBUTORS TO THE REVISED *HANDBOOK OF TEXAS*

The following guidelines are intended for contributors writing about towns, villages, and communities with populations less than 10,000. Not every item listed is necessarily applicable to every subject, and writers are encouraged to include information unique to their entries. The order of these items should generally follow the sequence outlined below, but may vary somewhat at the individual writer's discretion.

The *Handbook* is meant to serve as the principal reference work for all significant aspects of Texas studies and is encyclopedic in scope. All entries should be concise, factual, informative, authoritative, and fully documented.

I. Location

- *a. County and location within the county (e.g., northeast Hays County, central Bastrop County, or on the county line between Bexar and Comal counties)
- *b. In reference to a well-known physical feature or metropolitan area (e.g., five miles east of the Brazos River on State Highway 21 or twenty miles north of San Antonio)

II. History and development

- *a. Circumstances and background of founding; reason for founding
- *b. Origin of name(s), if known
- *c. Causes of growth; principal economic activities
- *d. Important events
- *e. Causes of decline (if relevant)

III. Current status

- *a. Population
- b. Business, commerce, and industry

IV. Bibliography and notes

*Items marked with an asterisk are to be included in all town and village articles.

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A brief bibliography should be included with each article. We encourage contributors to list primary as well as secondary sources. The list of works should be highly selective; if possible, it should include recent works of fundamental importance that can lead a reader to further publications, as well as the location of major archival collections.

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