107 King William  
Anton Wuff House  
1870
Built of native limestone for Anton Wulf, a German immigrant, merchant and the city's first parks commissioner, this house is reminiscent of Italian hillside villas with its square tower and paired windows. Look under the eaves for the portrait of Wulf's daughter, Carolina, sculpted by her brother, Henry. To the left and back of the house is a two-story rough-hewn stone barn, which was moved from a downtown site in 1962. The original owner, August Steenmae, operated one of the first lumberyards in the city. The cast iron rose arbor in the side garden was moved from the Cable ranch on the edge of the city in the 1970s. The Anton Wulf house and grounds are the headquarters of the San Antonio Conservation Society.

112 King William  
Biondini House  
1905
This Neoclassical structure is dominated by a full height porch with tall ionic columns. Other interesting features are an Adam's style elliptical attic window, a pediment with shingled stuccoed row, a door with side panels and a small second story balcony. The Biondini family developed the adjacent commercial area on S. St. Mary's Street.

116 and 120 King William  
Joseph and John Ball Houses  
1870
In 1868, the Ball Brothers, stonemasons from Elmendorf, Texas, built the two houses which were originally identical. The house at 120 remains virtually unchanged and is an excellent example of early Texas vernacular style. Note the standing seam metal roof. This house has a cellar which was once used for storing food. Around 1903, the house at 116 was remodeled into a two story Victorian folk-style.

King William Park and Bandstand  
1892
The park, which looks intentional, was acquired by the city in 1901 for payment of delinquent taxes; it has been maintained as a park since that time. The bandstand was built in 1892, on the grounds of the United States Arsenal, just across the San Antonio River. It was moved to the park in 1953.

130 King William  
McDaniel Carriage House  
1896/1972
Dr. and Mrs. Alfred McDaniel built this carriage house at the rear of their residence at 117 Madison. Its facade was reslated in 1972 to complement the area's architecture. Now the San Antonio Art League, the gallery-museum is free and open to the public.

203 King William  
Aaron Pancoast Sr. House  
1891
A smaller frame building was built on the west part of the lot in the late 1860s. There, Mr. Pancoast's daughters conducted an elementary school for neighborhood children. In the 1920s the main house was reconfigured for its present appearance. The adjacent home on Turner St. is a Pancoast family home as well.

208 and 210 King William  
Louis Bergstrom House & Cottage  
1882-83/1910
Louis Bergstrom, a Swedish cotton, wool and hides dealer, built a one story house in 1882, adding a second story in 1900 for his growing family. Descendants owned the Victorian Italianate house until 1975. The Bergstroms built this cottage in 1910 for daughter Nelle and her dentist husband Stonewall VanWinkle.

217 King William  
Alexander Sartor, Jr. House  
1882
Designed by Alfred Giles, an English-born architect, this small structure exhibits beautiful proportions and unique detailing. The walls are caliche block duplicating ashlar limestone with protruding mortar joints—often called "conceit" construction.
225 King William Robert Hanschke House 1880
Robert Hanschke edited San Antonio’s first German newspaper, the first Prussian fuer Texas. The main building is of wood, and a brick wall was added after the fact. The thick walls and extra sturdy floors may have been built to support the printing press. Hanschke’s initials are carved into the old carriage stone at the curb. These stones were used as steps to enter or exit from horse-drawn carriages and buggies.

234 King William Ernst Algtelt House 1878
This two-story limestone residence, with Victorian galleries, is as significant for the activities of its builder as it is for its architectural character. German native Ernst Algtelt came to Texas in 1850, established the Hill Country town of Comfort and moved to San Antonio in 1866 to set up a law practice. A surveyor, he was responsible for the planning of the King William neighborhood. He named the street King Willam for Kaiser Wilhelm I of Prussia. Algtelt commissioned the house in 1878, but died shortly before it was finished. The placement of the outside stairway on the side of the house was done typically to save interior living space.

236 King William Ernst Algtelt House 1866
This was Ernst Algtelt’s first house, built in 1866 with a later two-story addition. Part of the early structure is covered by imitation concrete stone.

241 King William Alexander Joske House 1900
This Colonial Revival house was the home of the son of the father of a Texas mercantile empire that became known as Joske’s of Texas and served its citizens for over 100 years. Interesting features include the stuccoed roof and tile chimneys, the Ionic columns, broken scroll pediments on the third floor windows, and the doorway with its limestone “basket handle” arch and supports. It is the only house in the area with a Texas granite column...

242 King William William Sanger House 1905-06
Mr. Sanger, who was in the insurance business, built this house of buff-colored brick. Its five gables and six tall chimneys are typical of the eclectic style: Neoclassical porch with dentil molding, Italianate bracketed eaves, and shingle-style paired gables curving into recessed windows.

293 King William Stevens/James House 1881
A fine example of Richardsonian Romanesque design using native limestone construction, this house with stone arched window heads was built for John S. Stevens, a cattleman who imported the first Hereford cattle to Texas. He served as an early postmaster of San Antonio. In 1888, it was sold to Winton Lee James, a local historian and the son of one of the Anglo-American families in San Antonio.

302 and 308 King William Alfred Giles Twin Houses 1883
These Victorian folk houses were designed by Alfred Giles. Note the carpenter scroll-saw canopies over the front windows, the wood balusters on the porches.

309 King William Charles Hummel House 1884
A building permit was issued to Charles Hummel, a gunsmith, for the construction of a house “not to exceed $6,000.” This Italianate house has a gable roof, bracketed eaves with fine stonework quoining on the corners.

316 King William Max L. Oppenheimer House 1900
Built at the beginning of this century, this brick house is a superb example of the Richardsonian Romanesque Revival style with arches of stone and brick.
317 King William  Adolph Heusinger House  1883-85
Mr. Heusinger emigrated from Germany in 1850, and lived in Cadizville, Texas. After moving to San Antonio, he entered the contracting business and later started a hardware store. This Italianate house was built of brick and later covered in plaster.

325 King William  Henry Boerner House  1915
This two-story Neoclassical house with Corinthian columns was the home of Henry and Jennie Boerner. He worked for his uncle Edward Steves, Sr. in the lumber business.

332 King William  Johanna Kalteyer House  1907
Built of stucco over wood lath, this house rises three stories to a pair of attic dormer windows. Johanna Kalteyer moved from 425 King William into this new house when she was widowed.

335 King William  Carl Wilhelm August Groos House  1880
Designed by Alfred Giles for one of the three founding bankers of the Groos National Bank, this is a superb example of Italian Villa Style. Delicate cast iron balustrades, columns, and gingerbread define the porch. A belvedere crowns the roof. With many other area houses, native limestone was used.

401 King William  Norton/Polk/Mathis House  1876
The original house built by hardware merchant Russell Norton and enlarged by rancher Edward Polk. Later, the celebrated trail boss and California Wall Street tycoon, Ira T. Polk, added the front porches, a brick wing and the Beaux Arts third story tower. The bold opulence of the design suggests something of the prosperity which accompanied the arrival of the railroad in San Antonio in the late 1870s. This Italianate Victorian house has five types of columns, an intricate frieze, and is crowned by a square of wrought iron cresting over metal shingles.

404 and 410 King William  Josiah Pancoast House & Cottage  1878-1900
Josiah Pancoast, a tailor, built the Classical Revival house at 404 in 1878; and, added a second story after 1890, as more room was needed for his seven children. In 1900 Mr. Pancoast built the Victorian cottage at 410 for $1,200 on the site of his former tennis court.

414 King William  Ellis-Neubeach House  1884
Smith M. Ellis, the original owner, sold the house in 1889 to Otto Neubeach, son of Baron Ottilio Hans von Neubeach, founder of Fredericksburg, Texas. The house is a classic Victorian folk cottage with a small front porch and cedar shingle roof.

419 King William  Ednas Edmonds House  1875
This simply designed house was constructed with materials brought by ox cart from Indiana. Note the stone lintels spanning the openings. Mrs. J.N. Edmonds operated a "Ladies Boarding School" here. An early graduate received a diploma for her attainments in "the study of classical and scientific knowledge and her polite and dignified deportment."

422 King William  Ike West Home  1887
The unusual entrance of this Second Empire style house suggests that it was adapted from a pattern book design for a corner lot. Notice the simple cast iron crestings, wooden spindles, brackets and turned balustrades. The house built by Smith M. Ellis was bought in 1892 by the nephew of Mrs. Ellis.

425 King William  George Kalteyer House  1892
This house was designed by architect James Riddy Gordon, best known for his Texas courthouses, including the one for Bexar County in San Antonio. It reflects his interest in the powerful masonry forms that are associated with the Richardsonian Romanesque style. Notice the solid, hexagonal proportions, the banded, arched window heads; the turrets and the turrets above the second-story bay and entrance portico and around the larger tower. George Kalteyer was a prominent local druggist.

431 King William  Edward Steves, Jr. House  1884
One of these Steves houses at this intersection, the Italianate house was built as a wedding present for Edward Steves, Jr. The walls are of random-coursed ashlar limestone with raised mortar joints and fluted quoins at the corners. Note the heavily molded woodwork on the front porch. The semicircular rear porch, gable roof and garage were added in the 1980s.

432 and 434 King William  J.M. Nix Houses  1900
These twin two-story wood frame Queen Anne homes were built by M. Nix, who later built the Nix Hospital Building in downtown San Antonio.

504 King William  Albert Steves House  1883
Built by Alfred Giles for Albert, second son of Edward Steves, Sr. the house was enlarged and remodeled in 1900 into the present Italian villa style. The original building was of structural limestone, the addition of brick. The exterior of both are covered by scored stucco with limestone quoins on the corners of the building. The acanthus leaf motif over the front porch was much in vogue at the time.

509 King William  Steves Homestead  1876
The Edward Steves, Sr. residence is of Victorian French Second Empire design and constructed of smooth-dressed ashlar limestone. Immigrating from Germany in 1848 and subsequently settling in San Antonio Mr. Steves became a civic leader and the proprietor of a successful lumber business. The three-story house is a rectangular block with the kitchen and servants’ quarters forming an ell to the rear. The house has a concave mansard roof with dormer windows; cast iron cresting, bracketed eaves; and tall round windows. Also present on the property are a carriage house, servants’ quarters and a nasturtium, the first indoor swimming pool in the city. The fountain in the side yard was purchased by Mr. Steves at the Philadelphia Centennial exposition of 1876. Owned by the San Antonio Conservation Society, the property is operated as a house museum.

523 King William  Carl Harnisch House  1884
This Queen Anne house was one of the earlier brick homes in the city. Of note are the many porches, eaves and gables decorated with wooden scrollwork; the brick arch over the front door with carved keystone; and the canopy over the front stoop supported by slender twisted iron posts. Mr. Harnisch owned an elegant ice cream and confectionery shop in San Antonio.

538 King William  August Biesenbach House  1881
Mr. Biesenbach was a successful mercantile businessman who built this Victorian cottage for $1,800. The walls are stuccoed; the hipped roof is metal-clad with gabled dormers. The overhanging eaves with exposed rafter ends and the diagonal porch-support brackets are characteristic of the Stick style.
205 E. Guenthaler
Carl H. Guenthaler House and Pioneer Flour Mills

The Pioneer Flour Mill was originally located on this site in 1859. It is the oldest continuously operating flour mill in the state of Texas. The castle-like concrete tower was erected in 1923, and for a brief period was the tallest structure in the city. Like the Steves family, the Guenther family also had a neighborhood family compound; all four houses in the 200 block of East Guenther were dwellings of family members. When built, these houses were not separated from the senior Guenther's home by the San Antonio River; the original river channel ran behind the mill. Carl Guenther immigrated to Texas from Germany in 1851 and settled in Fredericksburg where he built his first gristmill. He moved to San Antonio in 1859 and established this mill, which was later expanded to Pioneer Flour Mills. The original one-story house where he reared his family had two upper stories added in later years. The house is restored and contains a restaurant, gift shop and house museum. The restaurant is open daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; the museum stays open until 5 p.m.

219 E. Guenther
Adolph Wagner House

This Victorian Cottage with a classical porch was built by Adolph Wagner, husband of Amanda Guenther. The couple’s initials are carved into the pediment of the house. Mr. Wagner, the treasurer of Pioneer Flour Mills, was in business selling crockery and glassware.

221 E. Guenther
Herman Schuchard House

This Queen Anne house with its expansive side yard was built by Herman Schuchard, a druggist, and his wife, Matilda, daughter of Carl and Henrietta Guenther.

222 E. Guenther
Albert Beckmann House

This brick Queen Anne cottage was built by Albert Beckmann, an architect who received his formal training in Germany. His wife was Marie Dvorak, another daughter of the Guenther family. When built, the address was 529 Madison Street. In 1933 the front door was moved around the corner to Guenther Street and the number 222 posted on a door facing that street.

NOW TURN LEFT ONTO MADISON STREET

514 Madison
William Kalteyer House

The first three houses on the right were constructed facing S. Alamo Street. Built by a druggist, 514 Madison Street is a Queen Anne house with a pitched roof and asymmetrical wrap-around two-story porch. In the 1970s it was lifted up, turned around and moved to Madison Street.

525 Madison
Gus Froehle House

This house underwent major remodeling in 1919 when the porches were added, roof extended, and the exterior stuccoed. Until that time, the back yard went through to King William Street and was planted as a vineyard.

506 Madison
Carl Griesenbeck House

Mr. Griesenbeck, a former Confederate emissary, died shortly after his house was built. The cottage is Craftsman style with a hipped roof, exposed rafters and a transomed door.

505 Madison
Albert Steves Carriage House

A single carriage style structure, built as a combined stable and carriage house for 504 King William, was remodeled into a residence about 1925. Note the fish scale shingles on the second level.

TURN LEFT ONTO JOHNSON STREET AND WALK TOWARD THE BRIDGE

Johnson street foot Bridge

A bridge spanning the San Antonio River on Commerce St. from 1880-1914 was called the CH Henry Bridge after the author who used it some of his stories. In 1914 the iron span was moved to the Johnson Street site. It was removed for extensive river redeveloped in the 1960s. The pedestrian bridge and spires seen today were placed across the river at Johnson street in 1983 and approximate the original.

River Walk

When the King William River Walk, with its park-like atmosphere, was completed in the late 1970s, it was then possible to walk into the downtown river-bend. When the river in this area is empty, control gates are closed for maintenance or flood prevention. Along the River Walk dozens of native and non-native types of vegetation can be observed.

CONTINUE ALONG THE RIVERWALK, GO UNDER A BRIDGE AND AT THAT POINT LEAVE THE RIVER AND WALK UP TO WASHINGTON STREET.

The Upper Mill Park

Following construction of his lower mill in 1859, Carl Guenther built another dam and mill upstream at this location in 1868. It was dismantled in 1926 when the river channel was straightened. The foundation of the mill may be seen abutting the river.

CROSS THE RIVER

228 Washington
The Martin Froehle House

Built of caliche block, this is one of the area’s earliest houses. A distinctive Greek Revival home constructed in the early 1840s.

231 Washington
Gustav Groos House

This Victorian stone house with its gabled roof and decorative pediments was constructed in the same family for over 100 years. It was the home of Gustav Groos, who was in the banking business with his two brothers.

213 Washington
Biersch-Watson House

A one-story raised cottage with classical Victorian folk details, it was the home of Gustav Biersch who operated a stationary and book store. It is one of the oldest houses in the area and one of the few examples remaining in San Antonio of the raised cottage style, often built in the Gulf Coast region for cooling and ventilation purposes.

209 Washington
Mitchell-Oge House

The original structure consisted of a raised cottage and was built by Newton A. Mitchell. In 1862 Louis Oge, a former Texas ranger and Indian fighter, commissioned Alfred Giles to enlarge the Greek Revival house. The present roof, the second floor, pediment, porches and doors were date from this period.