

Miguel Yndo House
Floresville, Wilson County, Texas

Owner: Miguel Yndo

Date of Erection: 1855

Architect: Don M. Yndo

Builder: Don M. Yndo

Present Condition: Bad

Number of Stories: One

Materials of Construction: Part adobe and part stone, all plastered,
Original roof thatched

Other Existing Records: "San Antonio de Bexar" by William Corner.

Additional

The first house built was washed away, and in 1855 the present house was built by Don M. Yndo. It has six rooms and three open fireplaces, the one in the kitchen built above floor level for cooking purposes. The original thatched roof is gone: roof new galvanized iron.

The floors now of wood were originally of "Chipichil" a primitive form of concrete made in those days, which much resembles an unpolished terrazzo floor.

Where the plaster has fallen away from portions of the rear elevation, a very unusual type of construction can clearly be seen. The process consists of placing very rough timbers, usually cypress or oak, spaced from three to six inches apart in a horizontal position by notching them into uprights made of the same material. The space between the timbers is then filled with soft adobe "mud", which also forms a smooth plaster finish. The walls are unusually 12" to 24" thick.

Another form of construction exists in the west wall of the house, this is simply native rock held together and plastered over with the adobe "mud".

This information was secured from Mrs. S.C. Garret, San Antonio, Texas

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Owner: Miguel Yndo

Date of Construction: 1856

Architect: Don M. Yndo

Builder: Don M. Yndo

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: One

Materials of Construction: Part adobe and part stone, all plastered. Original roof thatched.

Other Existing Records: "San Antonio de Abasco" by William Connor.

Additional Data:

The first house built was wrecked away, and in 1856 the present house was built by Don M. Yndo. It has six rooms and three open fireplaces, the one in the kitchen built up above floor level for cooking purposes. The original thatched roof is gone; roof now galvanized iron.

The floors now of wood were originally of "Shipchill" a primitive form of concrete used in those days, which much resembles an unpolished terrazzo floor.

Where the plaster has fallen away from portions of the rear elevation, a very unusual type of construction can clearly be seen. The process consists of placing heavy rough timbers, usually spruce or oak, spaced from three to six inches apart in a horizontal position by notching them into vertical beds of the same material. The spaces between the timbers is then filled up with soft adobe "mud", which also forms a smooth plaster finish. The walls are usually 12" to 24" thick.

Another type of construction exists in the west wall of the house, where the heavy rock held together and plastered over with the adobe "mud".

This information was gathered from Mrs. J. C. Garrett, San Antonio, Texas.

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