



COMMISSIONER'S COURT, GUADALUPE COUNTY, TEXAS, NOVEMBER, 1904
L to R: Gus Enck, Precinct 4, George Lillard, Precinct 2, James Greenwood, County Judge, Ed. Eberhard, Precinct 1, E. H. Blumberg, Precinct 3.





The Guadalupe County Commissioners, engineers, and others responsible for the building of the bridge over the Guadalupe River at McQueeney. Third from right on back row under uncompleted bridge, is Ernst H. Blumberg, County Commissioner, Precinct 3.

BRIDGING THE GUADALUPE RIVER AT MCQUEENEY, TEXAS

Ernst H. Blumberg, Guadalupe County Commissioner, Precinct 3, was one of the commissioners responsible for the building of the impressive bridge across the Guadalupe River at McQueeney, Texas, about 1904, at the time he was in office.

Prior to this bridge, the only crossing of the river was at Young's Ferry, established near the site in 1853. And before the ferry, there was only Young's Ford (or Young's Crossing), just a little upstream from the bridge.

Today, this bridge has outlived its usefulness, and is no longer safe to use, so it has been closed to traffic. A new, plain concrete bridge was built just a short distance downstream to replace it, but the new bridge lacks all of the grandeur and beauty of this fancy steel bridge, which was quite an engineering triumph at the turn of the century.

The Guadalupe River has played an important part in the history of Texas, as the immigrants followed it closely from Indianpoint to the new settlements inland and many built homes along its course. It has an entire length of 250 miles. The north and south forks rise in west Kerr County, and unite about 10 miles northwest of Kerrville, flowing to the southeast with the Comal, San Marcos, and San Antonio Rivers joining it before it empties into the Gulf of Mexico at San Antonio Bay.

