

MAGOFFIN HOME

— STATE HISTORIC SITE —

El Paso, Texas

On Site Guide

Grade 7

Site Tour

Before facilitating the guided tour of the home, divide the class into three groups to rotate through the front of the home (architecture/construction), the central hall (family history), and the courtyard (Magoffin, civic leader and businessman).

An interesting artifact in the courtyard of the Magoffin Home is the **cornerstone** of the 1899 City Hall. A typical cornerstone would only have a single panel with the names of local dignitaries. Josephine Magoffin Lucker, Joseph Magoffin's great-granddaughter, writes of a story recounted to her by her grandmother, Josephine Glasgow, about the cornerstone. "The Judge requested that his name not be placed on the cornerstone, but the planners followed his instructions in form only and not in spirit. When the Mayor saw the completed cornerstone, to his surprise, his name in large letters was placed on a separate stone immediately above the cornerstone! When the City Hall was torn down in 1960, the cornerstone was given to Octavia Magoffin Glasgow." This separate stone is one of the few material pieces of the old city hall still in existence anywhere.

Focus on a few of Joseph's occupations and leading roles:

- In 1873, while Joseph Magoffin was Justice of the Peace, he swore in the first councilmen for the newly incorporated City of El Paso.
- Between 1880 and 1900, Joseph was elected and served as the mayor of the City of El Paso four times.

Ask: Why is it important for citizens to be involved in their local government?

Activity: Building a New Community

Ask students to imagine that they are from the frontier to the growing town of El Paso in the late 1800s. As new residents, they have the opportunity to build a business/home and to help organize their community and incorporate the new town so that they might begin to collect taxes and provide services.

Distribute the activity resources and preview the loan and incorporation applications activity resources. Have students work individually or in pairs to complete both applications.

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STATE NAT'L BANK.

LOAN APPLICATION

Your Name: _____

Your Occupation: _____

Check the type of loan you are applying for:

- \$500.00 Homestead Loan—for the purchase of land and building of a home.
- \$5,000.00 Business Loan—for the purchase of commercial land and building of a business.

How do you plan to pay back the loan to State National Bank?

If you are building a home, how will you support yourself and your family?

If you are starting a new business, what will it sell or what service will it provide?
What is the name of your business?

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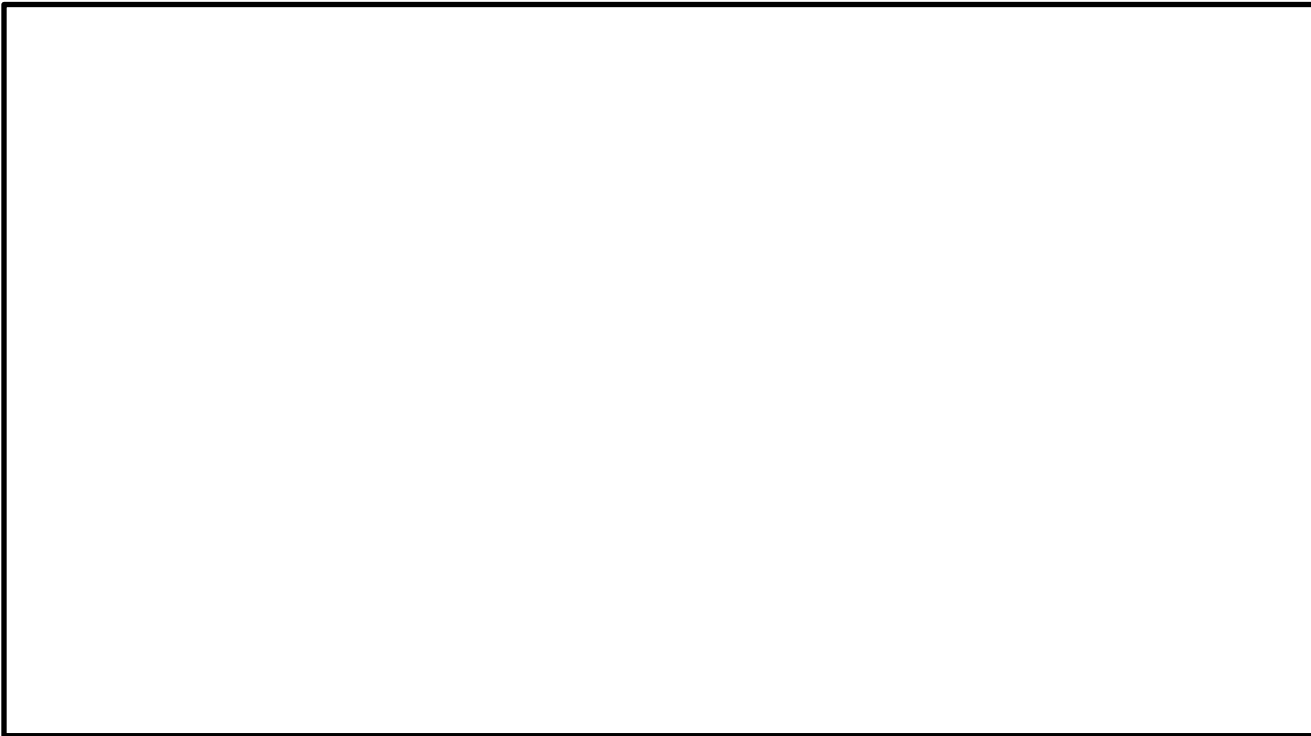
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STATE NAT'L BANK.

Provide a drawing of your home or building.

The State National Bank building is located at the corner of San Antonio Street and Oregon Street. Find it on the map so that you can turn in your loan application when your drawing is complete.



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APPLICATION FOR ELECTION OF INCORPORATION As a Type A General-Law Municipality

TO THE HONORABLE Joseph Magoffin, COUNTY JUDGE OF El Paso COUNTY.

We, the undersigned inhabitants of the unincorporated community of _____, desire that the City of _____ be incorporated, and we pray that an election be ordered on the question of the incorporation of said City of _____ as provided in Chapter 6 of the Local Government Code and any other applicable Statutes of the State of Texas.

We certify that each of the undersigned is a person who has attained the age of 18 years and who has resided within the limits of the town of _____ for more than 30 days next preceding the date of this application and is a qualified elector under the laws of this state. The name by which the city will be known, when incorporated, will be the City of _____.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 1876.

Signature _____ Printed Name _____



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