

John Vance House  
Castroville, Texas.

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615 Maverick Bldg., San Antonio, Texas.

JOHN VANCE HOUSE  
Castroville, Medina County, Texas.

Owner: Louis Lawler

Date of Erection: 1855-60

Architect: Unknown

Builder: John Vance

Present Condition: Poor

Number of Stories: Two and attic

Materials of Construction: Native limestone, cypress, pine and oak.

Other Existing Records: None

Additional Data:

This building is constructed of native limestone laid up in lime mortar. The plan contains four large rooms and a stair hall. Woodwork is primarily cypress, though some pine was used for flooring. Door frames, window frames, sash, doors etc., are of cypress. Cypress trees were plentiful along the banks of the Medina River which flows thru Castroville.

The house was built by John Vance for his home. It was built between 1855 and 1860. The design and detail is more colonial than most houses of Castroville.

Information contained herein was contributed by Mrs. Constance Vance of Devine, Medina County, Texas, who married the youngest son of John Vance.

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