## A bit of history

## Freethinkers helped establish Comfort

Comfort and other settlements founded by the Freethinkers were known as "Latin colonies" because they considered a knowledge of Latin to be essential.

The Freethinkers were gifted craftspeople who felt that it was important to balance their time between physical labor and intellectual pursuits.

There are two historical plaques dedicated to Comfort's Freidenker founders. The plaque on the right is located on the sidewalk near the corner of 8th and High Streets. The other is located in the Comfort Park. To find out more about Comfort's rich history, stop by the Comfort Heritage Foundation.

## Visit the Treue der Union **Monument in Comfort**



The Treue der Union Monument is a unique part of Comfort's German heritage.

The Treue der Union Monument located on High Street between Third and Fourth Streets was dedicated on August 10, 1866 to the 28 men who died in 1862 at the Battle of the Nueces and the eight who were killed attempting to cross the Rio Grande to Mexico.

The monument is part of the Civil War Discovery Trail. The trail connects more than 600 sites in 31 states, the District of Columbia, and three international destinations.

The Treue der Union is one of six locations in the nation Congress allows to always fly the flag at halfstaff. The flag has 36

The memorial is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It is a Texas State Historical Landmark and a Texas State Archaeological Landmark. It, along with the Brownsboro Cemetery located outside of Comfort, is maintained by the Comfort Heritage Foundation. foundation is located in the Old Comfort State Bank Building at 640 High Street. Its museum archives contain documents and artifacts pertinent to Comfort's heritage. Visitors are encouraged to stop by or call (830) 995-2641.



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