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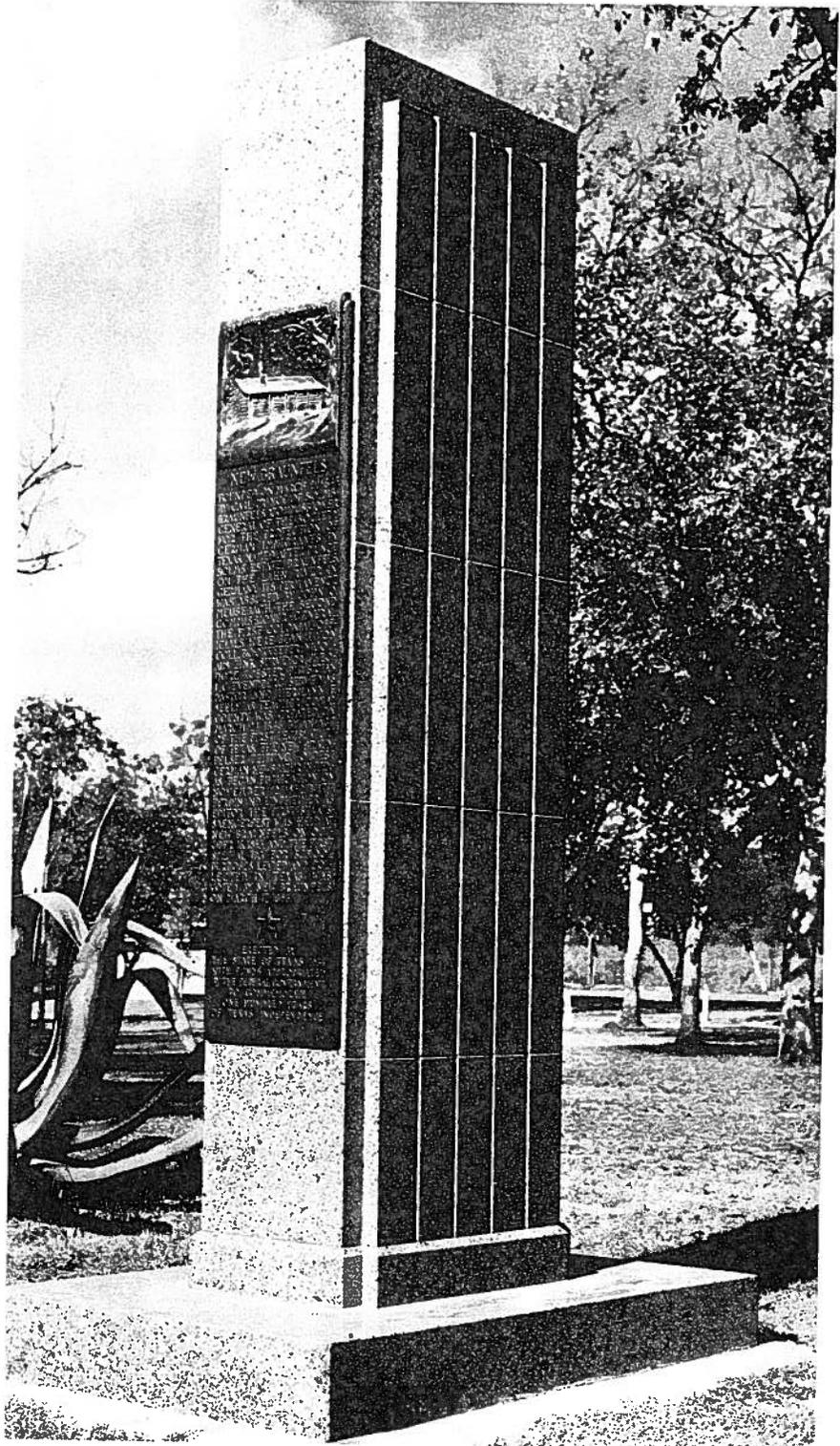
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The polished shaft of Texas pink granite ornamented with vertical V-shaped grooves is eleven feet in height, two feet in width and three feet in depth. The bronze plaque bears the inscription and a bas-relief of Sophienburg, headquarters for Prince Solms, founder of New Braunfels, modelled by Charlotte A. Tremper. Page & Southerland were the architects. The Commission allocated \$1,800 in federal funds for the memorial.

NEW BRAUNFELS

FOUNDED ON MARCH 21, 1845, BY CARL, PRINCE OF SOLMS-BRAUNFELS, COMMISSIONER-GENERAL OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF GERMAN IMMIGRANTS IN TEXAS. NAMED AFTER PRINCE SOLMS' ESTATE, BRAUNFELS, ON THE LAHN RIVER IN GERMANY. ITS PERMANENCE WAS ASSURED BY JOHN O. MEUSEBACH, THE SECOND COMMISSIONER-GENERAL. THE FIRST COLONIAL OFFICIALS WERE JEAN J. VON COLL, BOOKKEEPER, NICHOLAUS ZINK, SURVEYOR, THEODORE KOESTER, PHYSICIAN. L. C. EVENDBERG SERVED AS PASTOR AND HERMANN F. SEELE AS TEACHER. COMAL COUNTY WAS CREATED ON MARCH 24, 1846, BY AN ACT OF THE FIRST LEGISLATURE OF TEXAS. THE NEW BRAUNFELSER ZEITUNG, OLDEST GERMAN NEWSPAPER IN TEXAS, BEGAN PUBLICATION ON NOVEMBER 12, 1852, WITH FERDINAND LINDHEIMER AS EDITOR. THE FIRST STAATSAENGERFEST WAS HELD AT NEW BRAUNFELS ON OCTOBER 16, 1853, AND THE FIRST SPECIAL TAX FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES LEVIED AND COLLECTED IN TEXAS WAS VOTED BY NEW BRAUNFELS ON MARCH 17, 1856.

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