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Settlement of Texas and the Founding of Houston:

The Old Place (1923) – Sam Houston Park between Allen Parkway and Lamar

Allen's Landing Park – 1001 Commerce Avenue east of Main Street overpass

Kellum-Noble House (1847) – Sam Houston Park on Allen Parkway

Nichols-Rice-Cherry House (1850) – Sam Houston Park between Allen Parkway and Lamar

Post-Civil War Industrialization:

Cotton Exchange and Board of Trade Building (1884) – 202 Travis Street

Desel-Boettcher Building (1912, now Spaghetti Warehouse) – 901 Commerce Street

Riesner Building (1906, former warehouse) – corner of Commerce and Travis

Sweeney Coombs and Fredericks Building (1889) - 301 Main Street

Kiam Building (1892) – 320 Main Street

Old Sixth Ward Historic District – bounded by Washington, Colorado, Memorial, Sawyer

1909 Decatur Street (1870)

2212 Decatur Street (c. 1897)

Freedmen's Town – bounded by W. Dallas, Valentine, Genesee and Victor

4th Ward Cottage (1866) – Sam Houston Park (upper section)

Yates Homestead (1870) – Sam Houston Park (upper section)

Market Square Park – bounded by Travis, Congress, Milam and Preston

Seth Thomas Clock (1904) – in Friedman Memorial Tower at corner of Travis and Congress

Oil Industry Spurs Growth:

Texas Company Building (1915) – 720 San Jacinto Street

Humble Oil & Refining Co. Buildings (1921, 1936) – 1212 Main Street

Gulf Building (1929) – 712 Main Street

Petroleum Building (1927) – 1314 Texas Avenue

First National Bank Building (1905, 1909, 1925) – 201 Main Street

Harris County Courthouse (1910) – block bounded by Fannin, Preston, Congress and San Jacinto

Union Station (1911) – 501 Crawford Street

Henry Staiti House (1905) – Sam Houston Park (upper section); originally in Westmoreland

Historic District (1902) – bounded by W. Alabama, Garrott and Hawthorne

Urbanization Becomes a Reality:

Neils Esperson Building (1927) – 808 Travis Street

Julia Ideson Building (1926) – 500 McKinney Avenue

Houston Municipal Airport (1940) – 8401 Travelaire Road

Houston City Hall (1939) – 901 Bagby

Edgar Alan Poe Elementary School (1929) – 5100 Hazard Street

Companion schools as mentioned

River Oaks Elementary – 2008 Kirby

Eugene Field Elementary – 703 E. 17th Street
Wharton Elementary – 900 W. Gray Avenue
Andrew Briscoe Elementary – 321 Forest Hill
J. Pinckney Henderson Elementary – 701 Solo Street
Jefferson Davis Hospital (1924) – 1101 Elder Street
Hermann Hospital (1925) – 6411 Fannin Street
River Oaks Shopping Center (1937) – W. Gray Avenue at Shepherd Drive

World War II and Beyond:

Foley's Department Store (1947) – 1100 Main Street
Baylor College of Medicine, Cullen Building (1947) – 1220 Morsund Avenue
City National Bank Building (1947) – 921 Main Street
ExxonMobil Building, formerly Humble Oil & Refining Co. (1963) – 800 Bell
Harris County Domed Stadium (1965) – Loop 610 and Kirby Drive

Stretching for New Horizons:

Farnsworth and Chambers Building (1957) – 2999 Wayside Drive
Tranquillity Park (1979) – 800 block Smith Street
Wortham Theatre Center (1987) – 550 Prairie Avenue
Hobby Center for the Performing Arts (2002) – 800 Bagby Street
Miller Outdoor Theatre (1968) – Hermann Park
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston (1924, 1926, 1953, 1958, 1974) – 1001 Bissonnet
Williams Tower (1983) – 2800 Post Oak Boulevard
Galleria (1969-71) – 5015 Westheimer (original segment)