

1940s – 1960s

1941 - Conservation Society, Bexar County, and Catholic Church cooperate in the transfer of the San José Mission compound, except for the church, to the State of Texas as state park. San José Mission is designated a National Historic Site.



Society member and future president (1951-53) Ethel Harris rings the church bell at Mission San Jose, c. 1941. She served as manager of the San Jose State Park in the 1940s.

1957 – Conservation Society purchases 25 acres near Espada dam for Acequia Park.

1964 – Society and other San Juan acequia owners win court battle with San Antonio River Authority to restore water flow in the San Juan acequia.



Certificate for 20 shares in the San Juan Ditch Corporation owned by the Conservation Society.

1967 – First San Antonio Missions National Historical Park legislation introduced in Congress by Congressman Abraham “Chick” Kazen.