

# The Coker Community and Coker School

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Butch Gerfers  
Coker Elementary 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee  
Celebration  
May 6, 2015

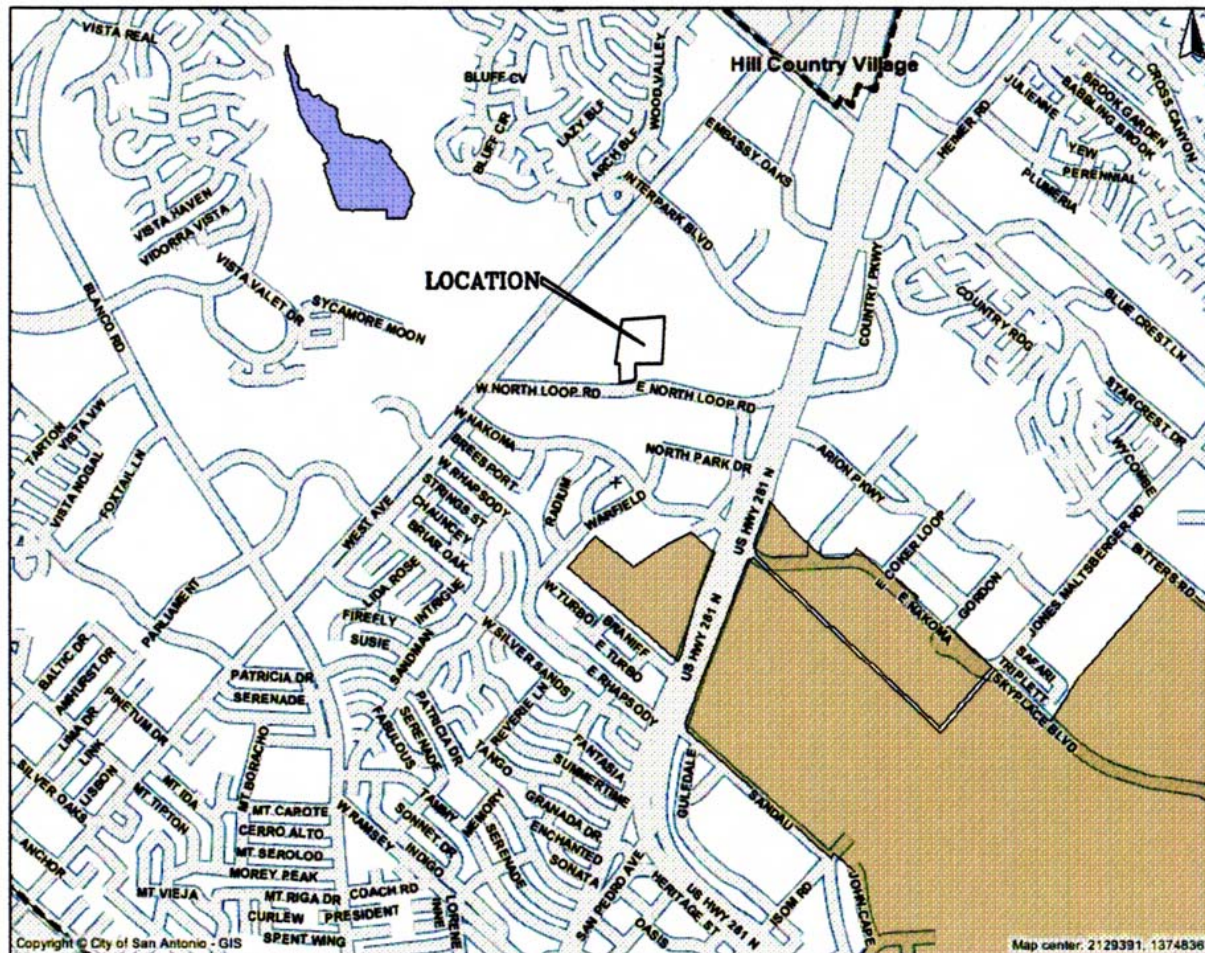
# 2005 – Golden Anniversary

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# Where is it?

## VICINITY MAP



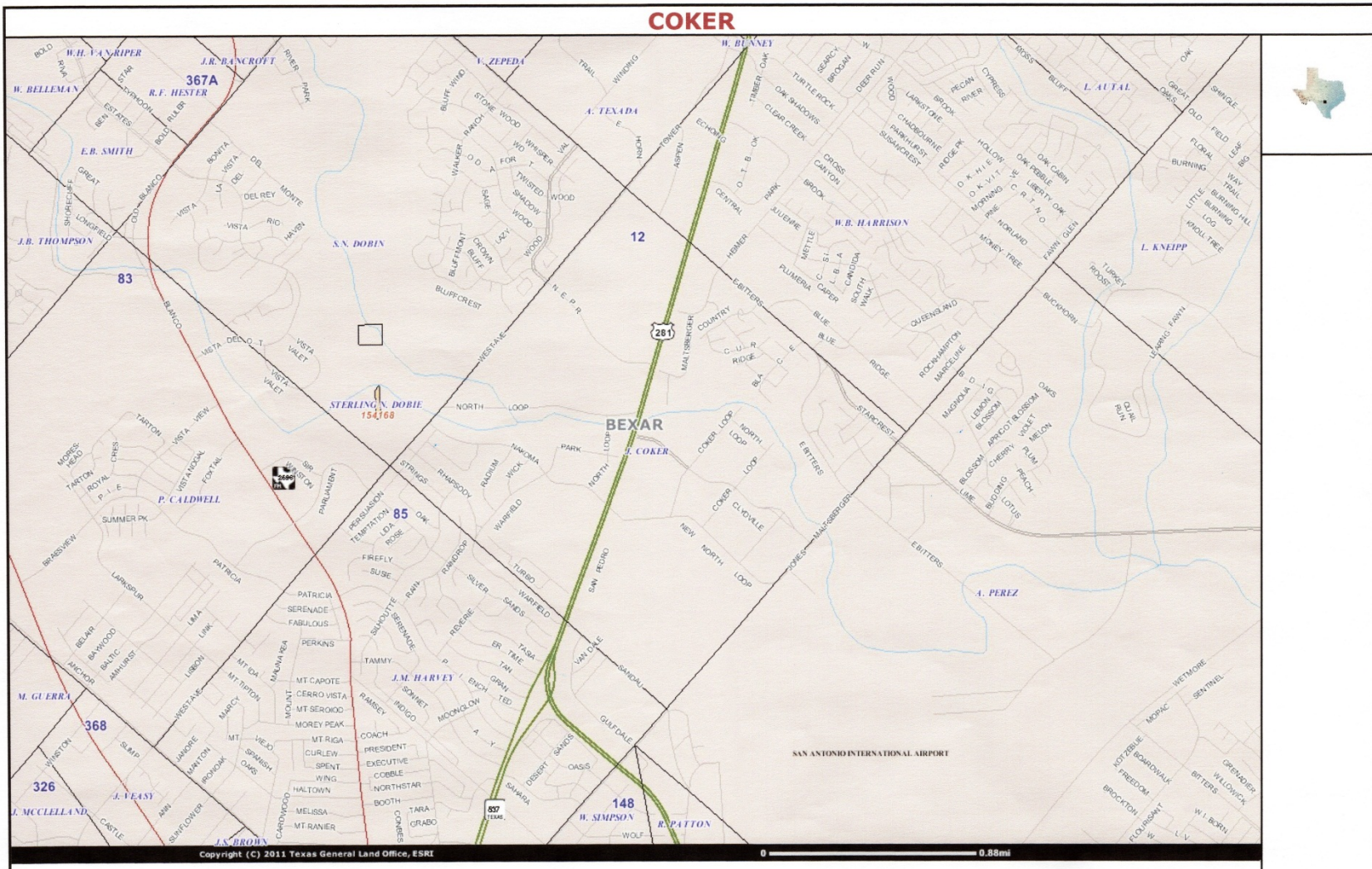
# Werner Store about 1930 (became Gerfers Store in 1946)

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# John Coker's Land Grant





# Battle of San Jacinto

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## Texas Almanac – 1861 edition

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“Boys, before many hours, we will have one of the damnedest, bloodiest fights that ever was fought, and I believe it would be a good plan to go and burn that bridge, so as not only to impede the advance of reenforcements [sic] to the enemy, but it will cut off all chance of retreat of either party.”

John “Jack” Coker



# Vince's Bridge Memorial

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# Vince's Bridge

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# The Common Schools

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- ❑ Common Schools come together to form North East Rural School District
  - Blanco Common School
  - Salado Valley Common School
  - Coker Common School
- ❑ Salado Valley School served as NEISD's first Central Office from 1955 to 1958
- ❑ Coker School was in operation prior to Civil War



# Coker Church and First School

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# Coker School: 1904 - 1924

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# Coker School - 1923

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# Coker School – 1925 - 1954

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# Coker School – 1954 – Present

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# North East School District Golden Anniversary

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