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La Grange, Texas—The Fayette County Historical Commission, the Lavaca County Historical Commission and the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center are jointly hosting the pictorial exhibit, “A Photographic Journey Along El Camino Real de los Tejas,” July 14th through September 15th at the TCHCC Museum in La Grange.

The El Camino Real de los Tejas (AKA the King's Road or the La Bahia Road) consisted of a series of trails owned by the Spanish to connect the outlying province capitals with Mexico City. Establishing and resupplying the missions in East Texas in the late 1600s was the initial use, and later evolved into Anglo roads in the 1800s. There were several different routes used over the centuries. One of the main trails ran through Fayette, Lavaca, and Washington Counties.

In 2004, Congress designated the road a National Historic Trail, joining the Lewis and Clark Trail and others, to preserve and protect segments of the Trail for future generations to study and enjoy.

Photographer, Christopher Talbot, an Associate Professor of Art at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, has captured a series of images which combines the beauty and historical significance of locations along the trail.

The public is invited to attend the grand opening ceremonies at 10:00 am Saturday, July 14 and view these photographs to learn about a little known slice of the early history of Central Texas. The exhibit will be open daily, except Sundays, through September 15th from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm at the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center Museum at the Fairgrounds in La Grange. Tour groups are welcome, for more information call 1-888-785-4500 or visit the website: www.czechtexas.org.