

Texas County Courthouses

An Exclusive Art Series by Helotes Artist Charles B. James

Why does Texas have so many beautiful,
elaborate County Courthouses

In the period following the American Civil War, the competition among Texas cities to attract business and cultivate local economies led to the construction of grand county courthouses as symbols of legal security and economic allure. Notably, the architect James Riely Gordon, active during Texas' 'Golden Age' of courthouse construction, played a significant role in shaping the iconic designs of these courthouses. Out of his 18 designs, 12 historic structures still stand today, serving as testaments to Texas' rich architectural and legal history.

As an homage to this legacy, an exclusive Art Series featuring original pen & ink watercolor paintings of the iconic courthouses designed by Gordon is being created. Each piece will be a unique treasure, with limited numbered and signed giclee prints available.