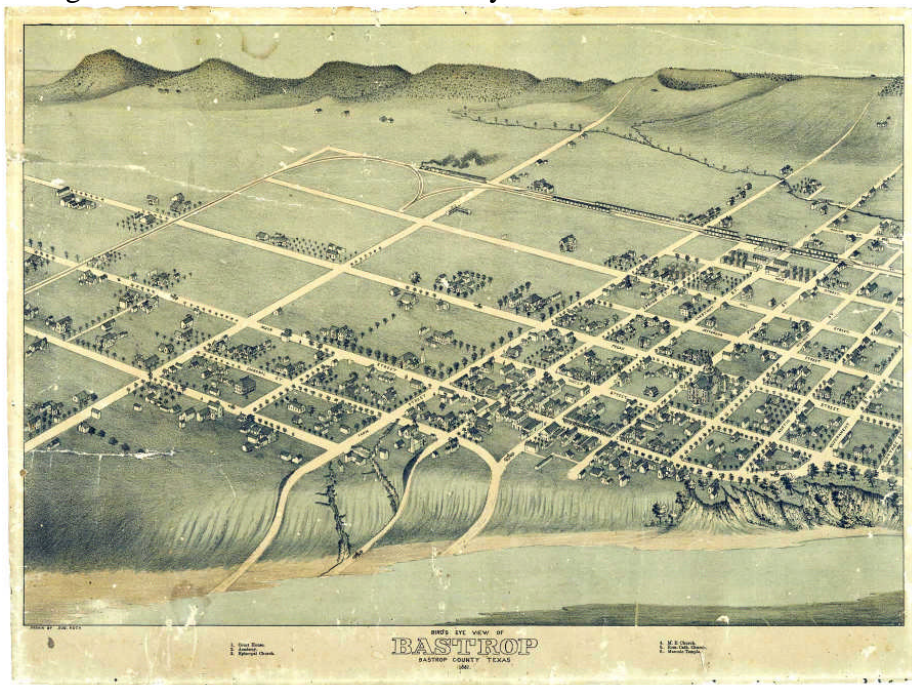


## Historical Society reprints 1887 “Bird’s Eye View of Bastrop”

Fifty-five years after Bastrop’s founding, the town had a portrait made -- the 1887 Bird’s Eye View. The Bastrop County Historical Society is now selling a new fine-quality rendition of this unique memento of our past, a meaningful enhancement to home or office.

The depiction shows what your neighborhood was like more than a century ago. Lithographic artist Augustus Koch (1840–?) drew the Bird’s Eye as if looking over the town from east of the Colorado River, floating above the landscape in a hot-air balloon. Besides a fascinating perspective of the River before a bridge crossed it, Koch’s view shows the City’s tree-lined street grid laid out 1832, its town- and farm-lots with homes of varying levels of grandeur, the County square with wonderful detail on the courthouse, an old downtown you will recognize along Main Street, the 1886 railroad line looping around the City, hills on the horizon covered with the “Lost Pines,” and churches and public buildings scattered across the community.



This fine-quality color reproduction of the 1887 “Bird’s Eye View of Bastrop” is now available from the Bastrop County Historical Society. Contact Barbara Vana at 303 0057 for information. The Historical Society operates the Bastrop Old Town Visitor Center, 901 Main Street. Contact Cindye Wolford at 303 0904. Contact the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce, 927 Main Street, at 303 0558.