

From Valley of Rio Grande

Stevens Pamphlet

1864

Spanish Settlement

1780

Rio Grande to ^{the} Ruess (now part of Texas)

1821 with declaration of War - Spanish
Troops withdrawn from the Border

Padre Island

named for Padre Balli - one of the
leading priests withdrew to the island which
was since has borne his name

Island inundated about 1845 destroying
a large herd of the Padre. The residents
took refuge on the island of Brazos

at ~~Brazos~~ ~~Saint~~ ~~Jago~~ Some of inhabitants
of Padre Island took refuge on
Point Isabel.

This Padre Balli & other priests had
settled & were growing stock. As late
as 1838 a traveler reported that large
herds of wild-cattle were seen ranging

on the luxuriant pasturage
of S. W. Texas.

Large raids were made on this
debatable territory during Texas
struggle for independence

abn 1845 - the stock raiser made
money at $4^{\frac{1}{2}}$ to $5^{\frac{1}{2}}$ per head for stock &
 8 to 10 for fat beef. increase in
trade to 1860 raised prices to $20^{\frac{1}{2}}$ -

The only harbor between Aransas
Pass & Tampico is Brazos Santiago
a Point abated. 400 miles.

abn 1850-60 - The mouth of the
river had a depth of 8 to 19 feet with
bar of loose sand. Point abated
was part of entry for malarious for
Mexico.