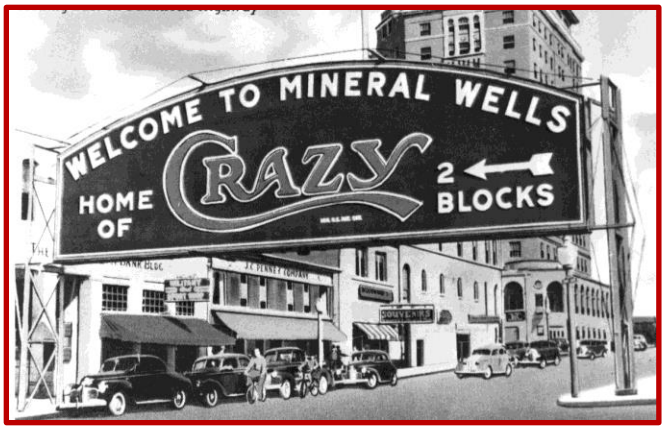

Crazy Sign, Mineral Wells c. 1933 Boyce Ditto Public Library

A TRIP THROUGH TIME: THE BANKHEAD HIGHWAY ACROSS TEXAS
Share Your Stories

MINERAL WELLS PUBLIC OUTREACH MEETING
October 1, 2013, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Mineral Wells Woman's Club
201 Northeast Second St.
Mineral Wells, TX 76067
940.325.2557

Documenting the Bankhead Highway

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) is undertaking a two-year study to document the history of the Bankhead Highway. The THC has awarded a contract to complete the study to Hardy-Heck-Moore, Inc. (HHM), an Austin-based historic preservation planning and management firm. The project will result in a written history of the Texas section of the Bankhead Highway and a survey of the Texas Bankhead route, including associated historic resources: auto repair garages, gas stations, diners, tourist camps, auto courts, motels, road markers, paving, traffic signs, and bridges. This effort is funded by the Texas Legislature and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) through the Transportation Enhancement Program.

Bankhead Highway History

The Bankhead Highway was one of the nation's earliest transcontinental highways. Its beginnings can be traced back to 1916 when the Bankhead Highway Association was organized to promote the highway's development. The roadway extended from Washington, D.C. to San Diego, California, by way of Alabama, home of U.S. Senator John H. Bankhead, and a major supporter of the highway. Its path crossed approximately 850 miles of Texas, passing through Mount Vernon, Dallas, Fort Worth, Abilene, Midland, Van Horn, and El Paso, among other communities, and roughly followed US 67 and US 80.

Visit the THC website at www.thc.state.tx.us for more information about the project or contact Leslie Wolfenden at 512.463.3386 or leslie.wolfenden@thc.state.tx.us.

Help Tell the Story of the Bankhead in Texas

Individuals or organizations are encouraged to attend public meetings to share information and visual items related to the Bankhead Highway for use in the project. THC and HHM staff will introduce the project at the meetings and involve community members through discussion, question-and-answer sessions, and displays of historical Bankhead images. Please bring your historical photos, postcards, maps, and other Bankhead-related items to the public meetings. With your consent, HHM staff will scan or photograph materials so they may be included in the project if appropriate. We hope to see you there!

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Public Meetings Schedule

5:30–7:30 p.m.

- August 6–Texarkana
- August 8–Mount Vernon
- September 10–Dallas
- September 12–Fort Worth
- September 30–Eastland
- October 1–Mineral Wells
- October 3–Abilene
- November 6–Midland
- November 7–Van Horn
- December 3–El Paso