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Fort Worth

February 4, 2015

“Warrior Worth Was Worthy”

“Cleburne Catches Crowd”

“Traveling Tarrant Tarvia”

Meridian Road in Texas, 1916 Travel Guide





What is the Project?

Project Background

- Sponsors



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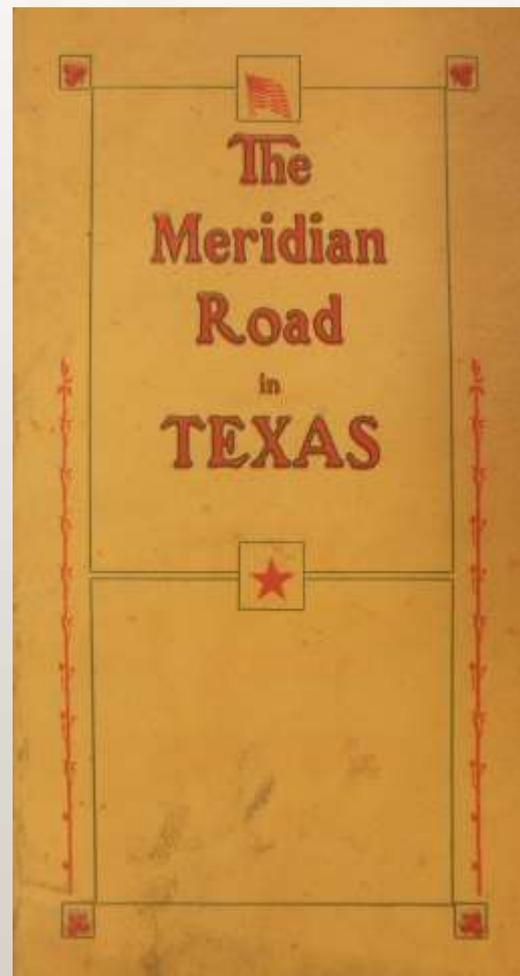
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What is the Project?

Project Goals

- Work Products
 - Report
 - Web-Based Content
 - Images
 - Research Materials

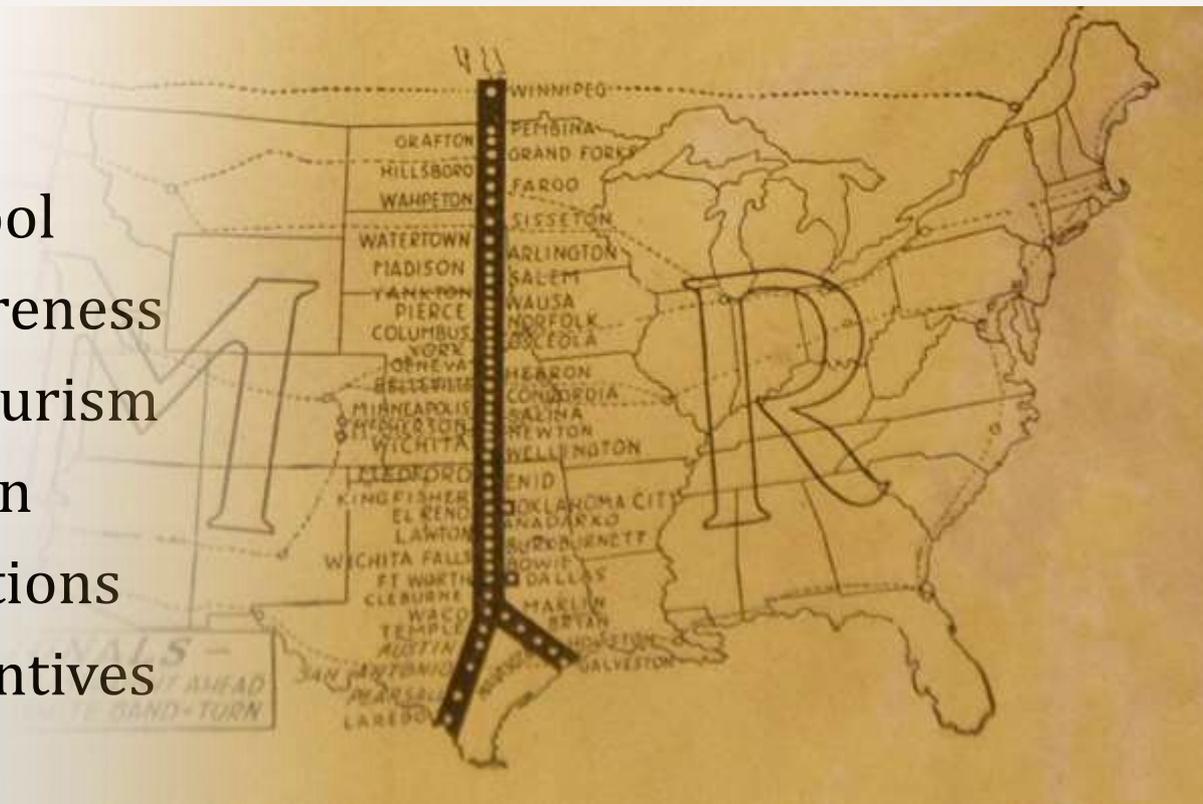


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Project Goals

- Applications
 - Planning Tool
 - Public Awareness
 - Heritage Tourism
 - Preservation
 - Designations
 - Tax Incentives

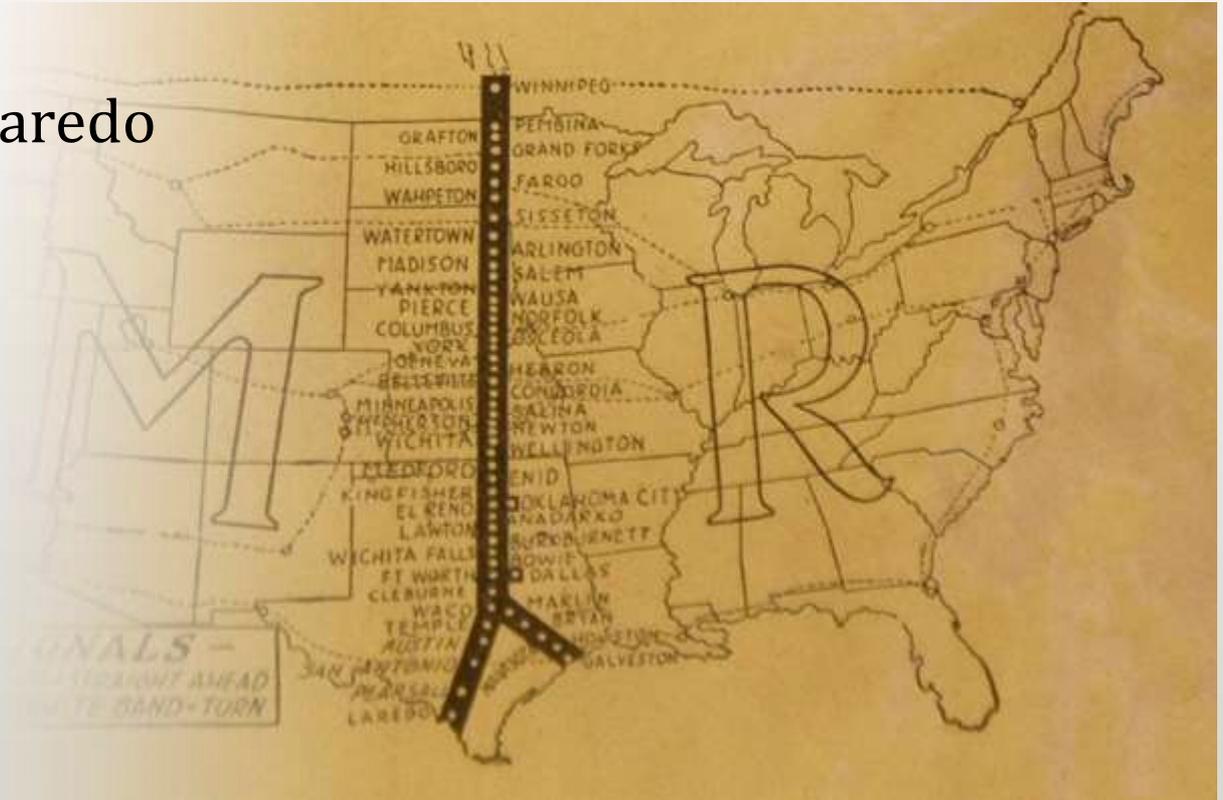


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What is the Project?

Project Path

- Oklahoma to Laredo and Galveston



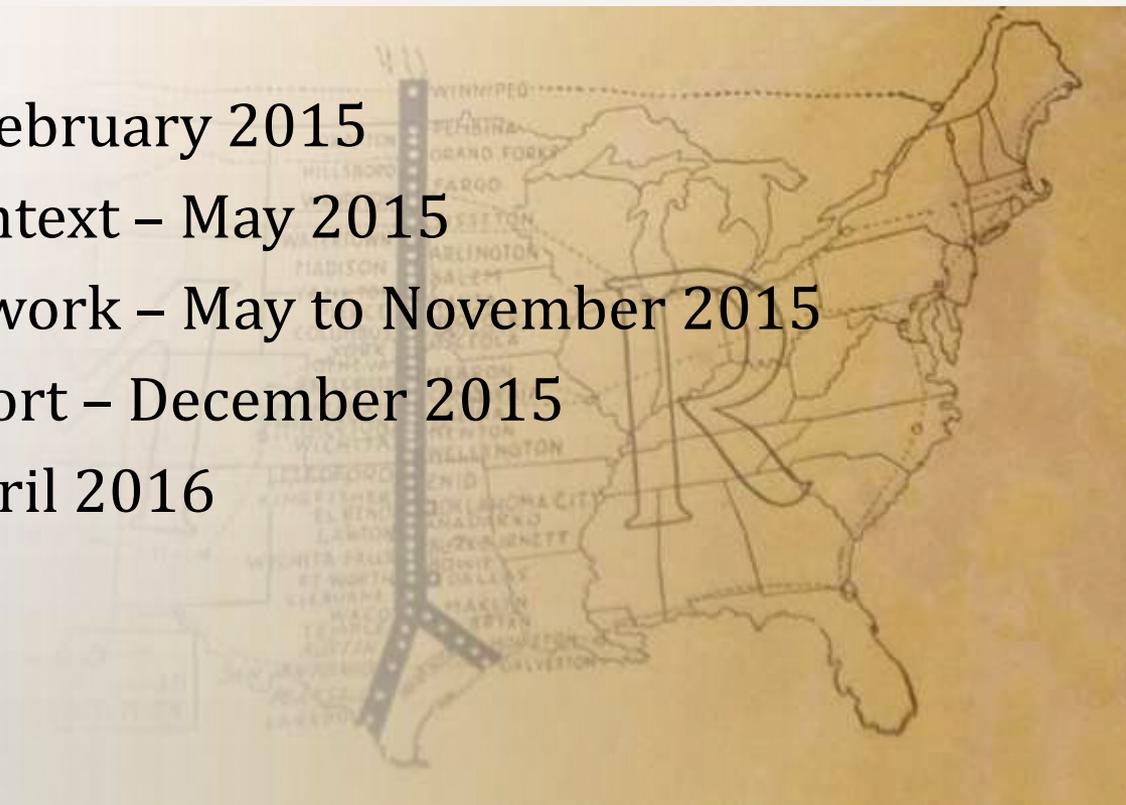
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What is the Project?

Project Schedule

- Presentations – February 2015
- Draft Historic Context – May 2015
- Survey and Fieldwork – May to November 2015
- Draft Survey Report – December 2015
- Final Report – April 2016



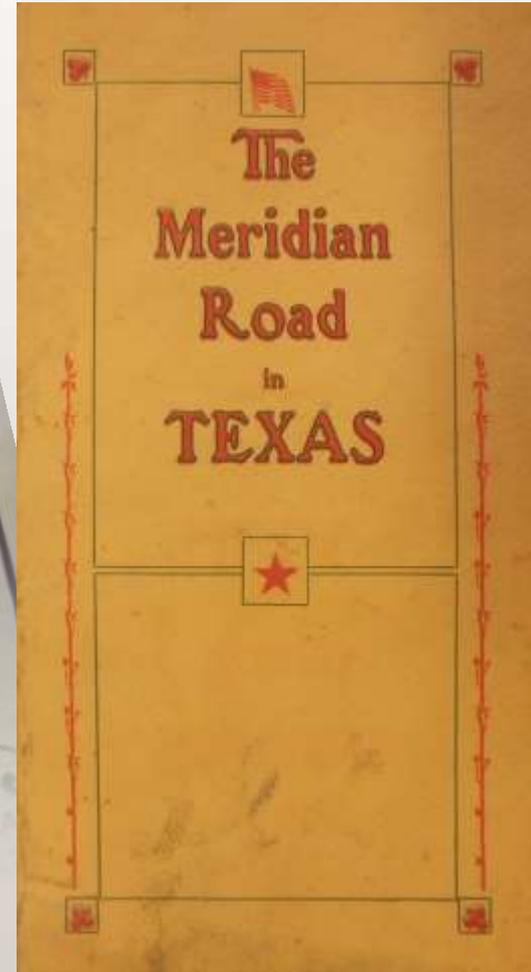
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What is the Meridian Highway?

Names Over the Years

- Meridian Road (1911)



Sources: HCM&A and CAH



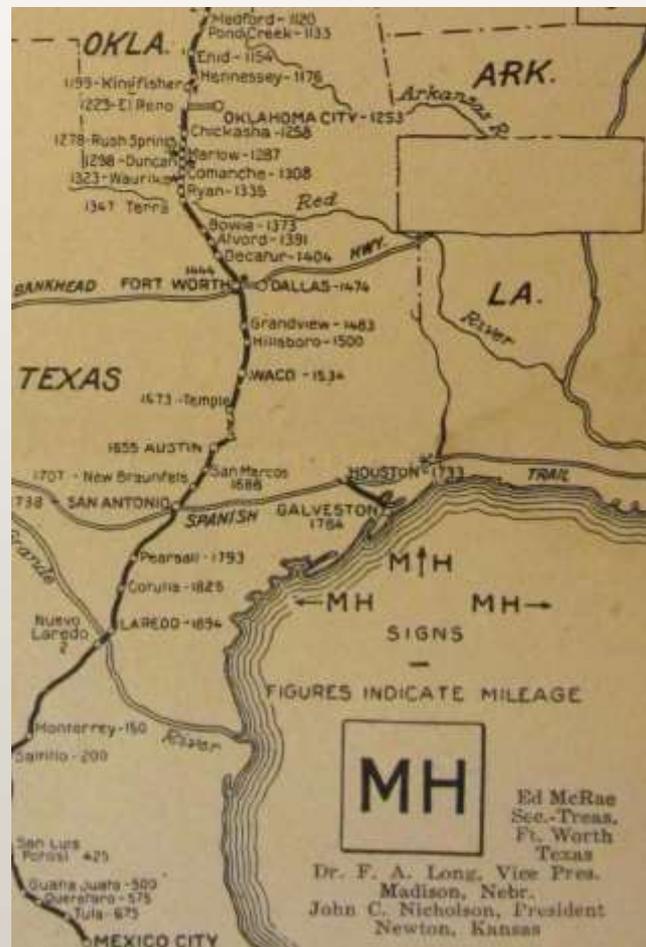
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Names Over the Years

- Meridian Highway / International Meridian Highway (1913)



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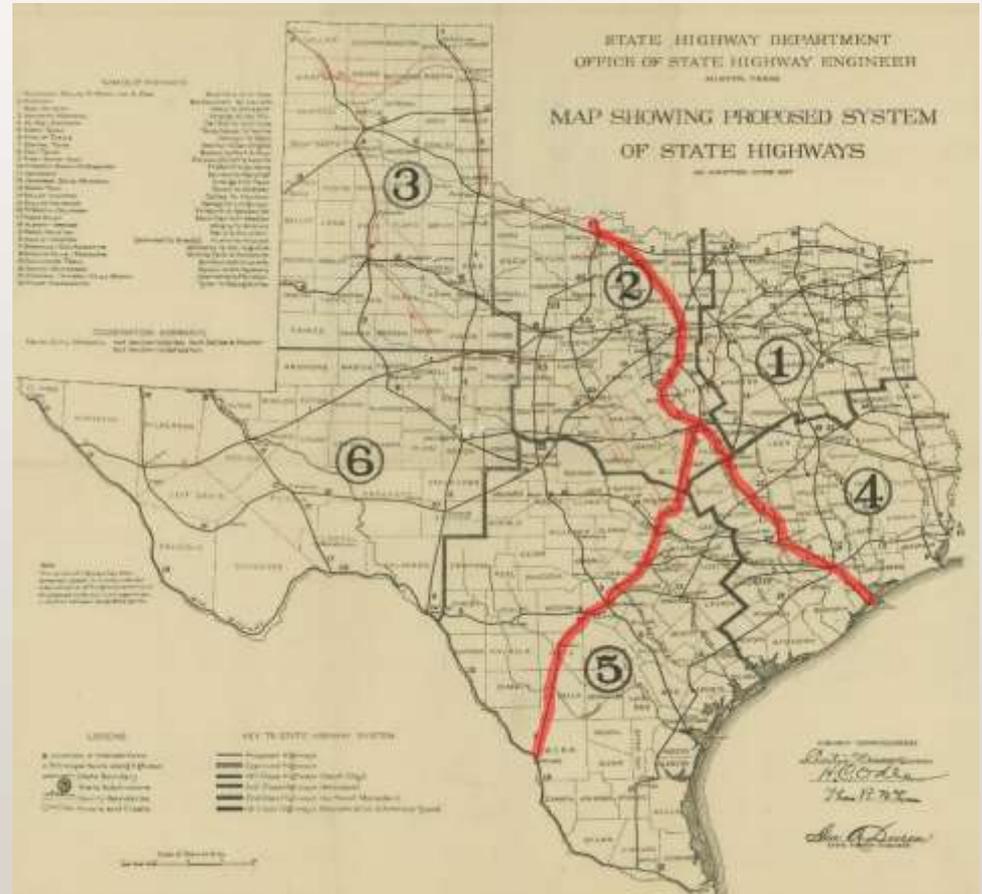
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What is the Meridian Highway?

Names Over the Years

- State Highway No. 2 (1917)



Source: TSLAC



What is the Meridian Highway?

Names Over the Years

- US 81 (1926)
- Ringgold to Laredo



Source: TSLAC



What is the Meridian Highway?

Names Over the Years

- SH 6 (1926)
- Waco to Galveston



Source: TSLAC



What is the Meridian Highway?

Names Over the Years

- SH 6 (Waco to Hempstead [Houston])
- US 277 (Red River to Wichita Falls)
- US 287 (Wichita Falls to Bowie)
- SH 95 (Temple to Elgin)
- US 290 (Hempstead to Houston)
- US 75 (Houston to Galveston)





What is the Meridian Highway?

Names Over the Years

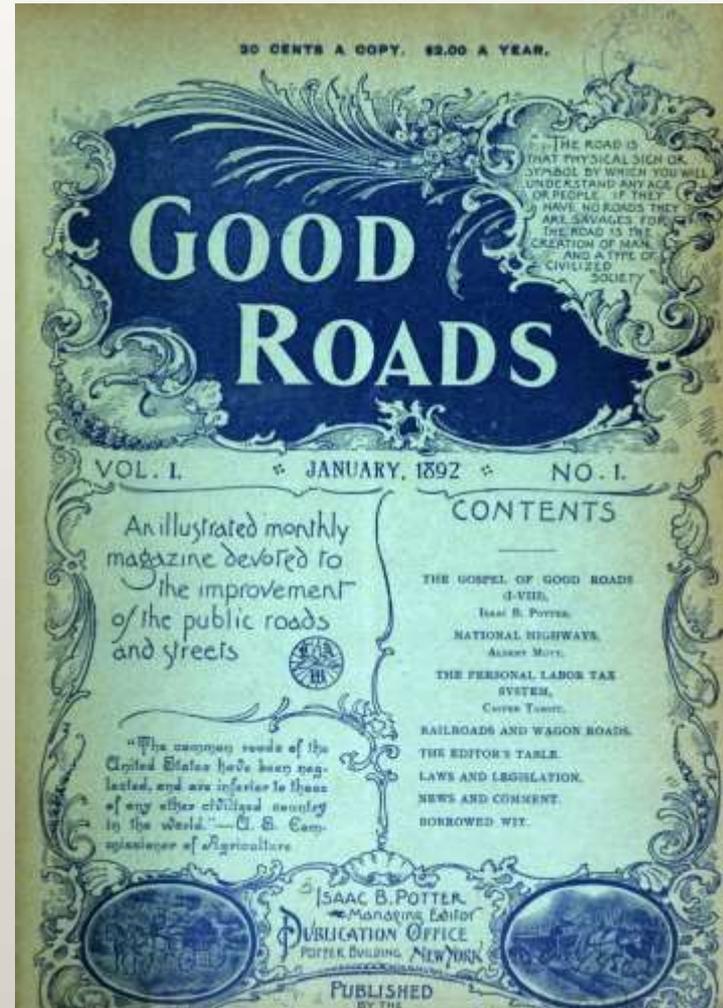
- IH 44 (Red River to Wichita Falls)
- IH 35W (Fort Worth to Hillsboro)
- IH 35 (Hillsboro to Laredo)
- IH 45 (Houston to Galveston)





Historical Influences

Good Roads Movement



Source: Google Books

Historical Influences

Good Roads Movement

- Bicycling



Source: PTH



Historical Influences

Good Roads Movement

- Road Conditions



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Historical Influences

Good Roads Movement

- Muddy Roads

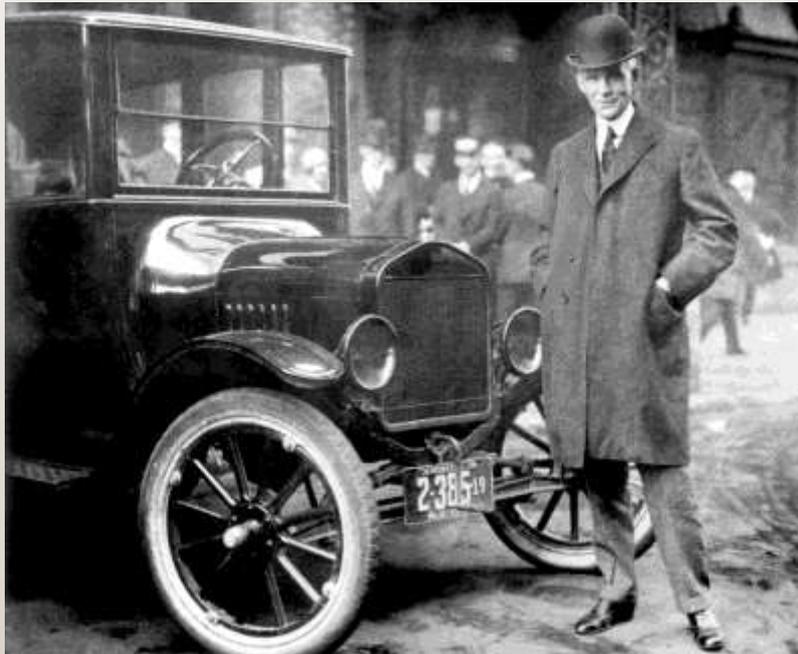


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Historical Influences

Rising Popularity of Automobile

- Introduction of Model T (1908)



Source: THF



Source: THF

Historical Influences

New Freedom and Opportunities

- The “Vagabonds”



Source: THF



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Historical Influences

New Freedom and Opportunities

- Tourism for a Growing Middle Class



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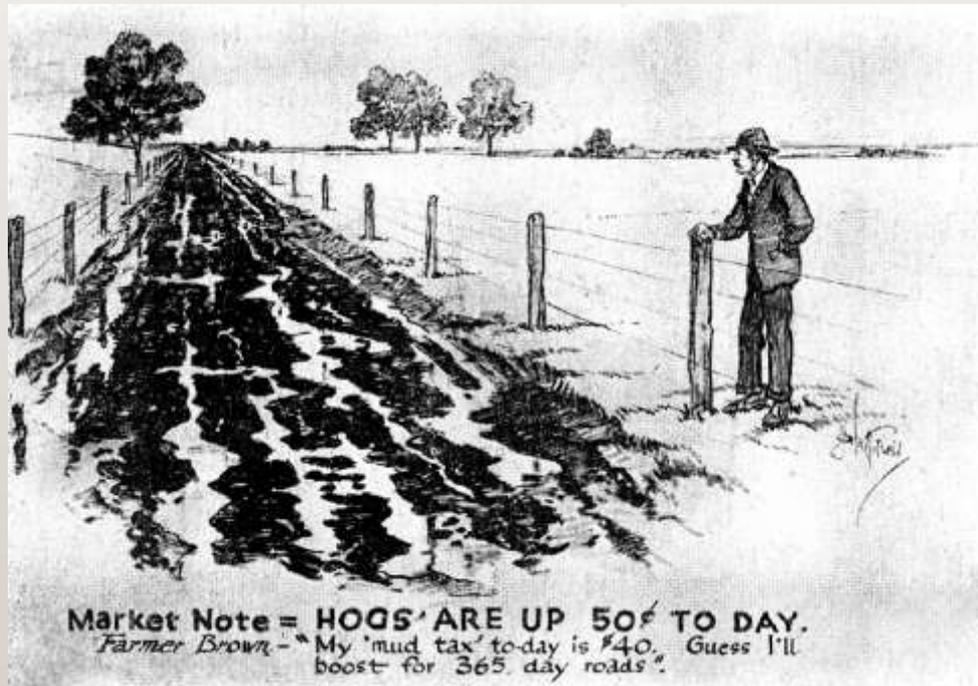


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Historical Influences

New Freedom and Opportunities

- Commerce and Trade



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Historical Influences

Military Significance



Source: FHWA

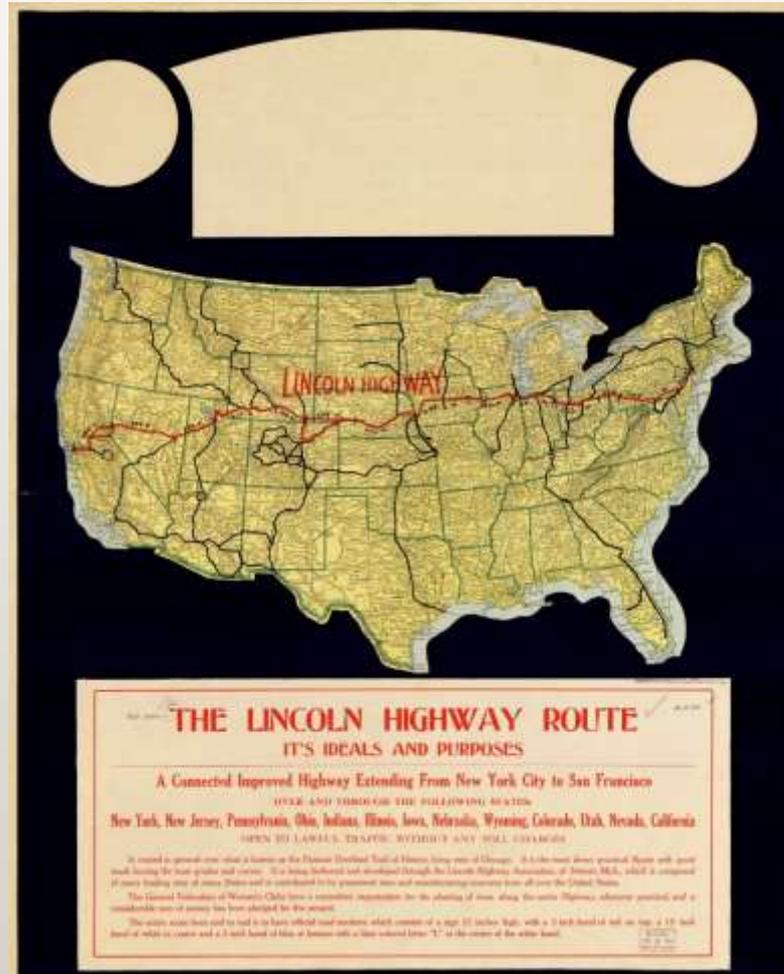


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Historical Influences

Other National Routes

- Lincoln Highway

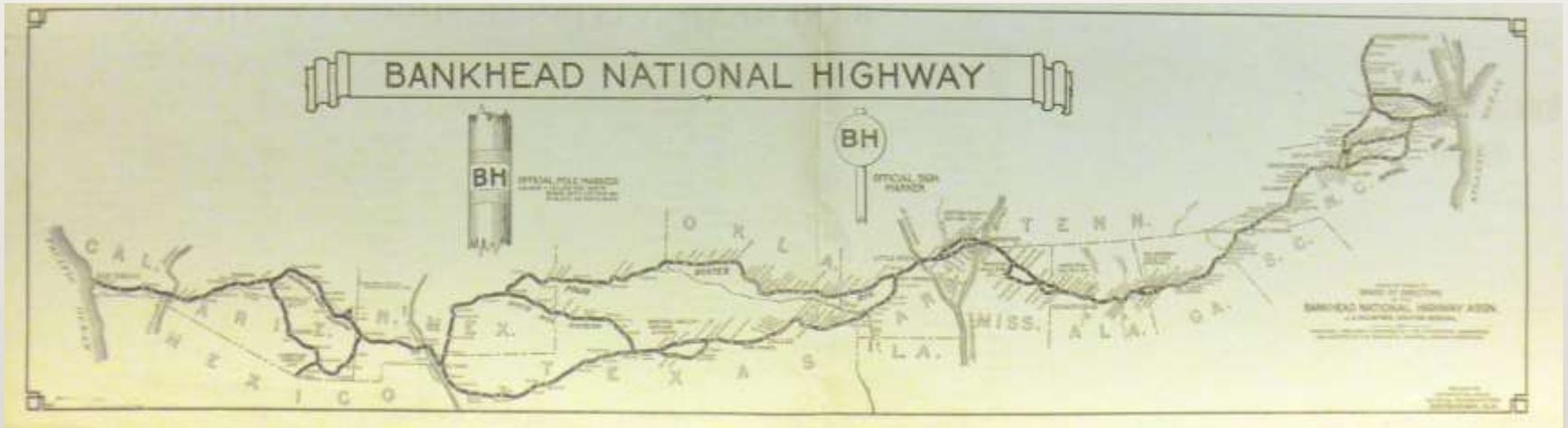


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Historical Influences

Other National Routes

- Bankhead Highway

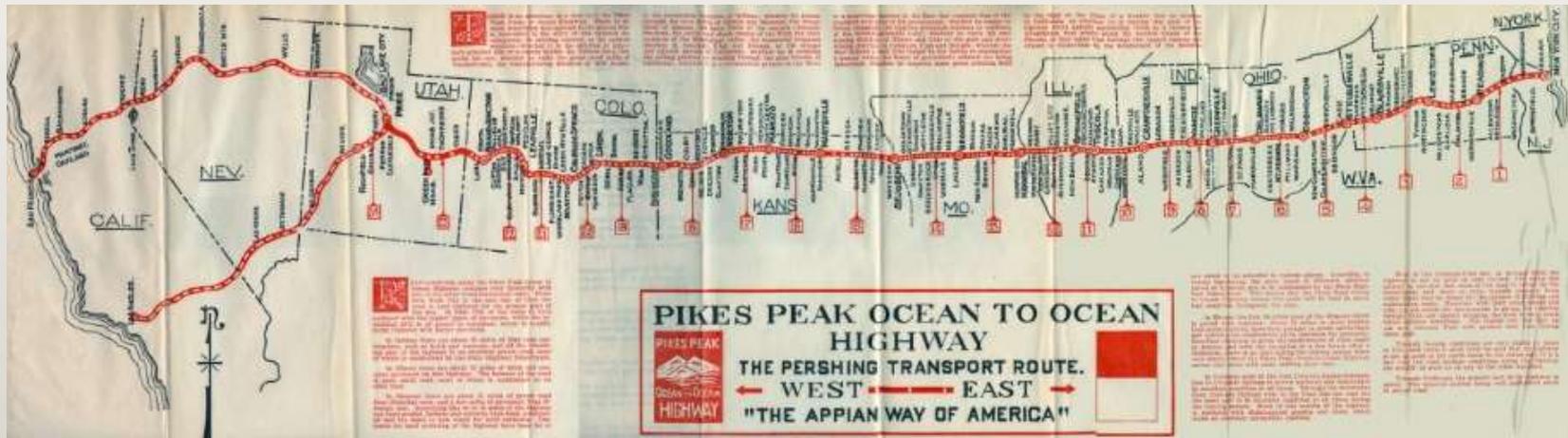


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Historical Influences

Other National Routes

- Pikes Peak Ocean to Ocean Highway

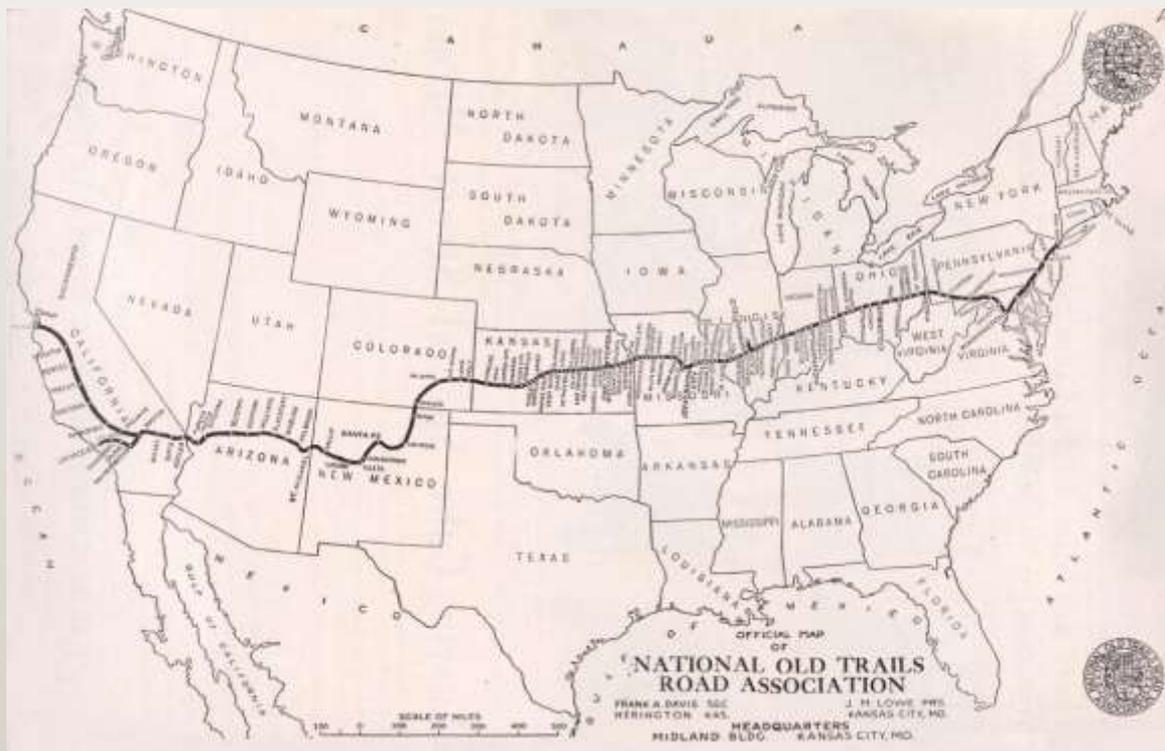


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Historical Influences

Other National Routes

- National Old Trails



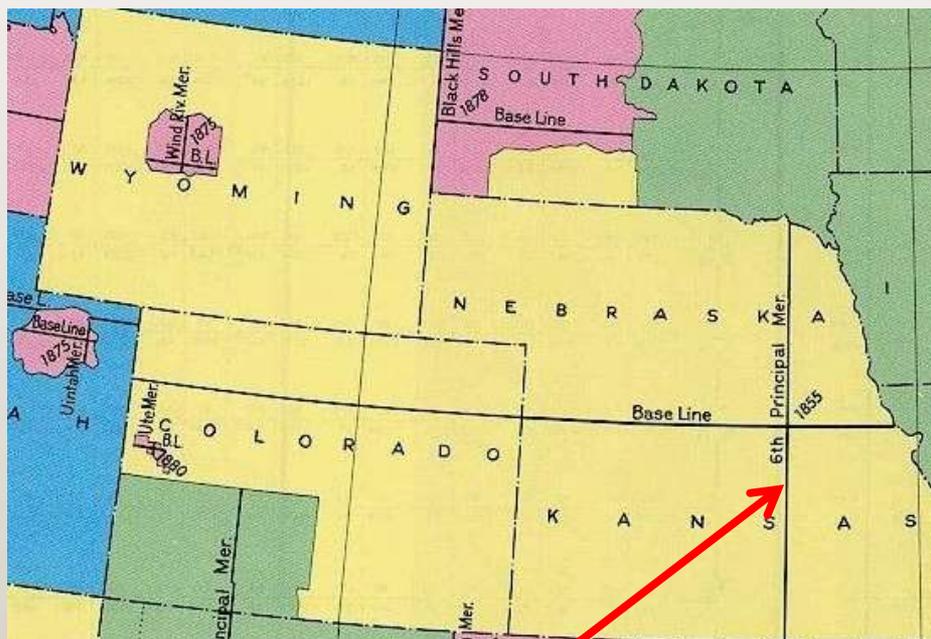
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What is the Meridian Highway?

Origin of the Name

- Named for Sixth Principal Meridian



Source: BLM

Sixth Principal Meridian

Adopted 1855. Governing Surveys - Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wyoming. Initial Point - Latitude 40-00-07, Longitude 97-22-08



What is the Meridian Highway?

The Meridian Highway in Texas

- David E. Colp
 - Texas Division of Meridian Highway
 - Texas Good Roads Association
 - Texas Highway Commission
 - Old Spanish Trail
 - Glacier to Gulf Highway
 - State Parks Board



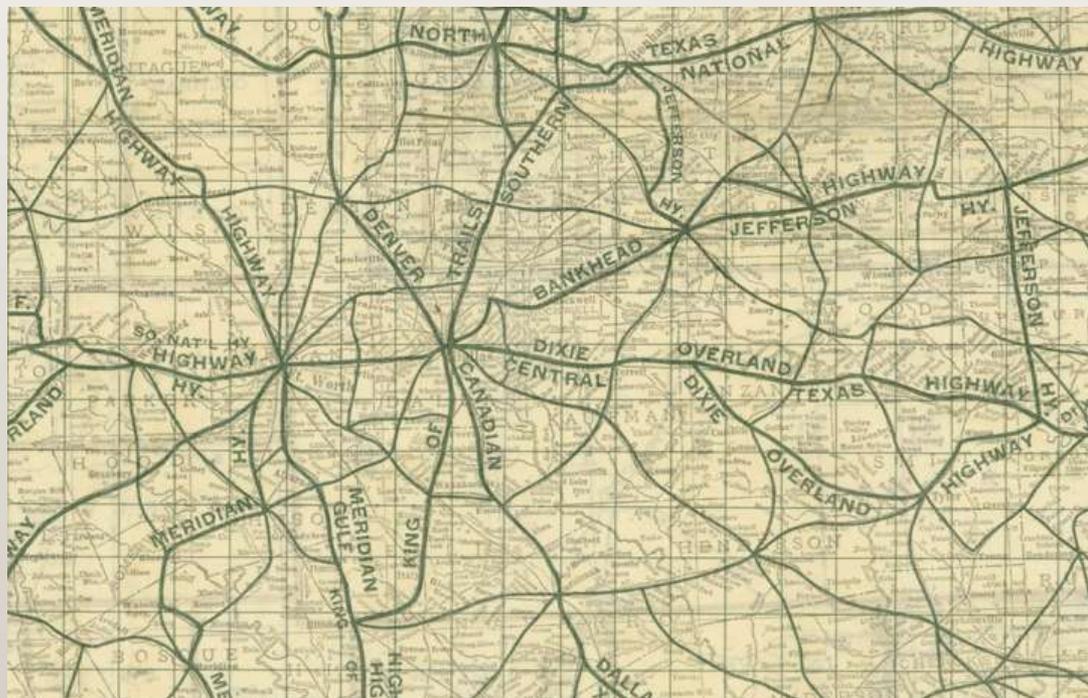
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What is the Meridian Highway?

Organization and Early History

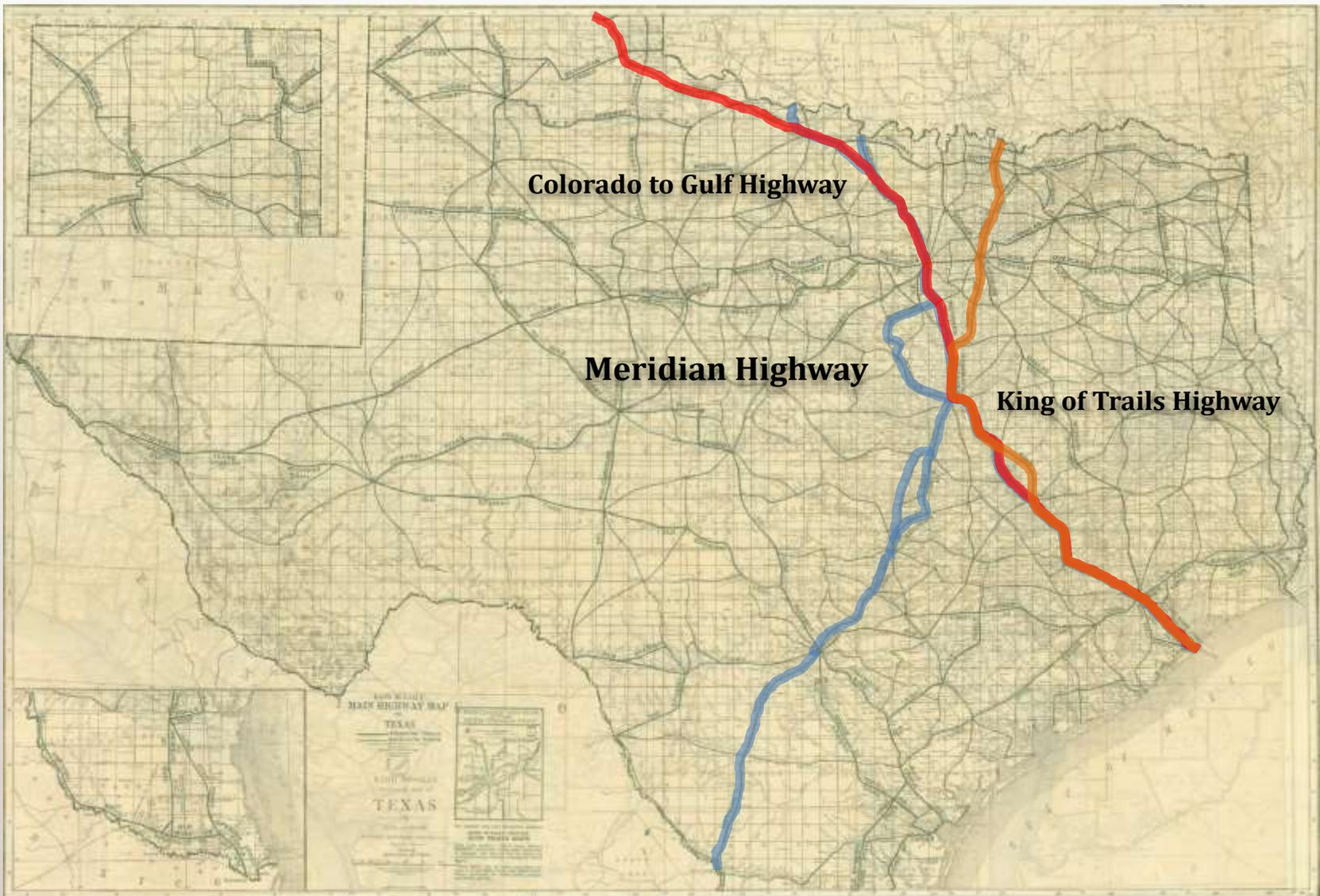
- Importance of Route and Shared History
 - Colorado to Gulf
 - King of Trails



Source: TSLAC

MERIDIAN HIGHWAY

U.S. 81 THROUGHOUT



Colorado to Gulf Highway

Meridian Highway

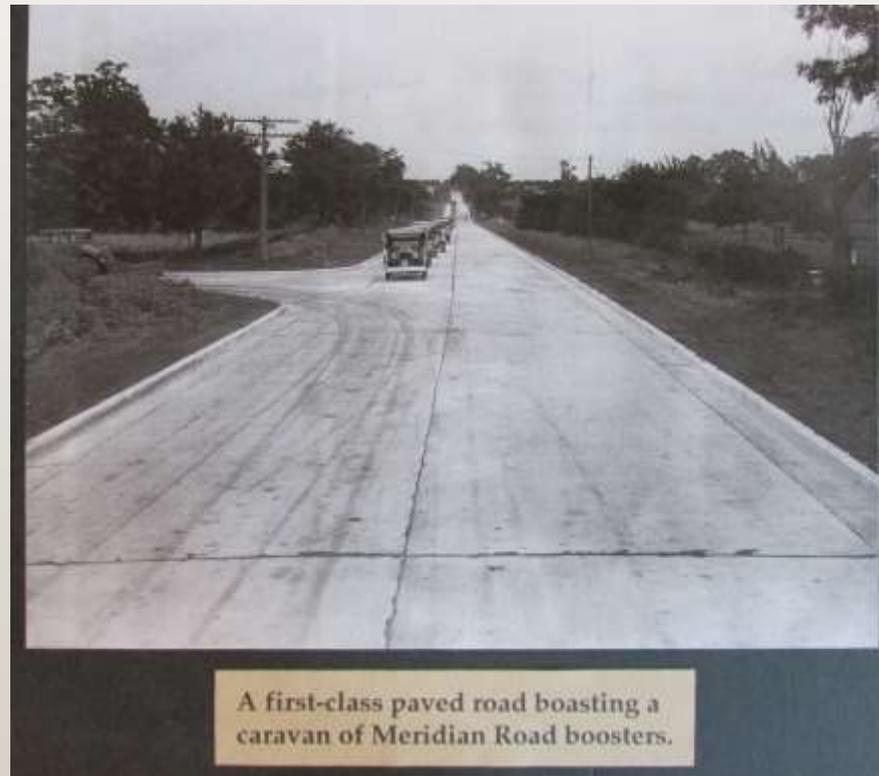
King of Trails Highway



How the Meridian Highway was Promoted

Promotions and Promoters

- Path Finders and Caravans



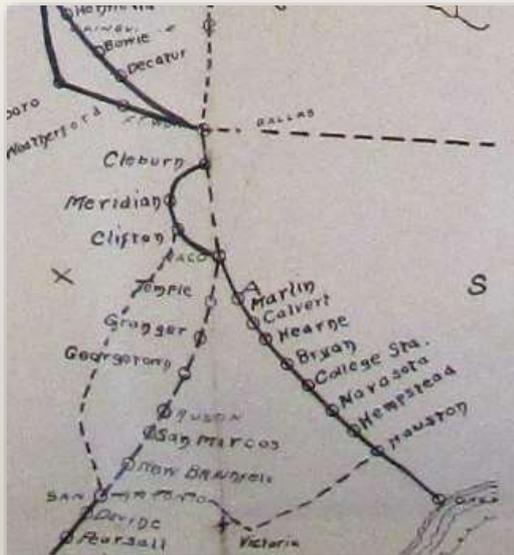
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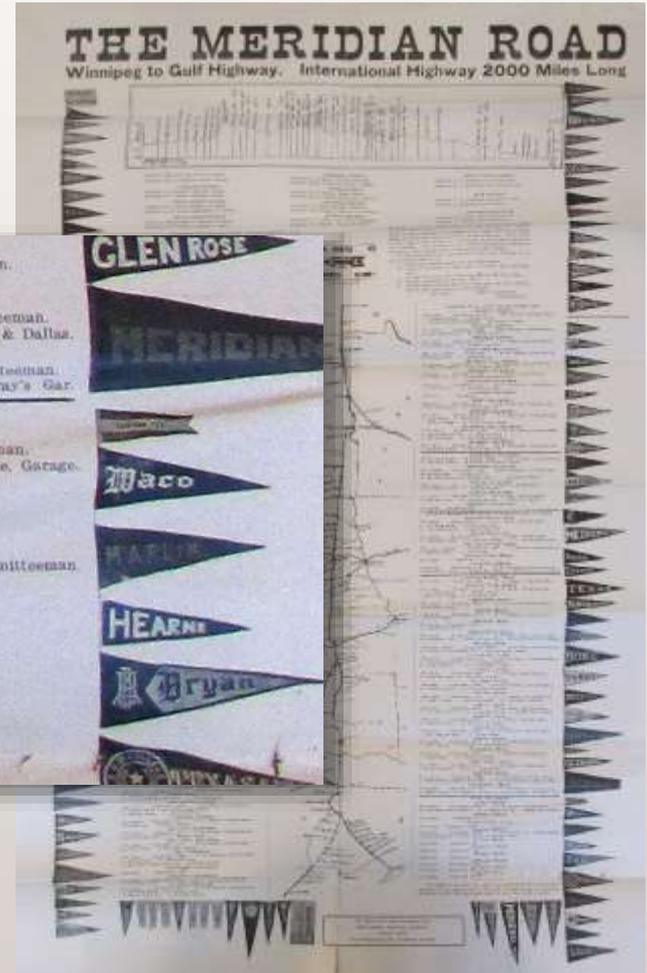
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Promotions and Promoters

- Banners



HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS		
1804 miles.	Population, 2,000.	L. D. Ameler, Committeeman.
a.—A. C. T. Hotel.	a.—W. J. Edwards & Co.	
HOUSTON, TEXAS		
1856 miles.	Population, 78,000.	G. W. Hawkins, Committeeman.
a.—Bender Hotel, Main and Walker.	a.—Hawkins-Half Gar., Main & Dallas.	
GALVESTON, TEXAS		
1908 miles.	Population, 38,981.	C. H. McMaisters, Committeeman.
a.—Hotel Galves.	b.—Tremont Hotel.	a.—Galves Garage. b.—Gray's Gar.
WACO TO LAREDO		
WACO, TEXAS		
1635 miles.	Population, 26,425.	W. W. Selby, Committeeman.
a.—New State House Hotel.	J. C. Kilgore & Co.	Austin Ave. Garage.
TEMPLE, TEXAS		
1688 miles.	Population, 10,993.	
GEORGETOWN, TEXAS		
1740 miles.	Population, 2,090.	
AUSTIN, TEXAS		
1768 miles.	Population, 29,866.	H. M. Thomson, Jr., Committeeman.
a.—Dreacoll Hotel.	a.—Anderson & Benson Garage.	
LYTLE, TEXAS		
1873 miles.	Population, 100.	
PEARSALL, TEXAS		
1903 miles.	Population, 1,795.	
DILLEY, TEXAS		
1919 miles.	Population—	
COTULLA, TEXAS		
1855 miles.	Population, 1,880.	
ARTESIA, TEXAS		
1949 miles.	Population, 100.	
LAREDO, TEXAS		
2002 miles.	Population, 14,550.	



Source: HCM&A



How the Meridian Highway was Promoted

Promotions and Promoters

- Banners



Source: HCM&A



How the Meridian Highway was Promoted

Promotions and Promoters

- Meridian Road Magazine



Source: HCM&A

MERIDIAN ROAD OFFICIAL GARAGES		MERIDIAN ROAD OFFICIAL HOTELS	
Winnipeg	City	Winnipeg	The Queens Hotel
Peachina	Pala	Peachina	McLaren Hotel
Grand Forks	C. G.	Grand Forks	Hotel Peachina
Hillsboro	Sino	Hillsboro	Hotel Dunstah
Fargo	Dak	Fargo	Friedrich Hotel
Walpole	Murph	Walpole	Western Hotel
Siastot	Wm	Siastot	Gardner Hotel
White Rock	G. B	White Rock	Hotel Annex
Watertown	The B	Watertown	City Hotel
	Wol	Watertown	Merchants Hotel
	Han	Watertown	La Grande Hotel
Arlington	Arbig	Watertown	Commercial Hotel
Madison	Merid	Madison	The Kamposka Hotel
Suton	Jokas	Madison	Lincoln Hotel
Bridgewater	Bever	Madison	Lake Park Hotel
Yankton	L. L.	Madison	Lewis Hotel
Wausa	Sam J	Madison	Hotel Dewey
Pierre	Idan	Yankton	Fortard Hotel
Norfolk	E. G.	Wausa	Midway Hotel
Madison	Schul	Pierre	Fierce Hotel
Platte Centre	Platis	Norfolk	Pacific Hotel
Columbus	John	Madison	Prince Hotel
Ossola	Ossol	Platte Centre	Clotier Hotel
Stronsburg	Strom	Columbus	The Evans Hotel
York	York	Stronsburg	Park Hotel
Fairmont	Brown	York	Le Grande Hotel
Geneva	Reink	Fairmont	Clarendon Hotel
Hobou	Merid	Geneva	Jameson Hotel
Belleville	Merid	Hobou	Central Hotel
Concordia	Conco	Belleville	Hotel Hospital
Minneapolis	Oggo	Concordia	Yankee Inn
Sulina	Olla	Concordia	Parson House
Lindberg	Sull	Minneapolis	Parlor House
McPherson	Klis	Minneapolis	New Clayton Hotel
Maand Ridge	Nort	Maand Ridge	National Hotel
Newton	C. C. J	Lindberg	Brunswick Hotel
	Maw	McPherson	New Merchants Hotel
	Ken	Maand Ridge	St. Clair Hotel
Wichita	Zane	Newton	Fred Harvey Hotel
	Wol	Newton	Merrily Hotel
Wellington	Ran	Wellington	Antlers Hotel
	Fett	Wellington	Harvey Kating House
Caldwell	Bever	Caldwell	Dad's Cafe
		Madford	Commercial Hotel
		Pood Creek	Tom Hotel
		Elid	Oxford Hotel
			American Hotel
		Kingfisher	Rockaday Hotel
		El Reno	Southern Hotel
			Anadine Hotel
		Wichita	Hamilton Hotel
			Fulton Hotel
		Mulvino	New Union Hotel
		Winfield	Boston Hotel
		Ossola Springs	Luoma Hotel
		Arkansas City	Fifth Ave. Hotel
		Newkirk	Kentucky Home Hotel
		Yosca City	Arcade Hotel
		Perry	St. Louis Hotel
		Guthrie	Time Hotel
			Royal Hotel
			Low-Buckins Hotel
		Oklahoma City	Skirrin Hotel
		El Reno	Southern Hotel
		Chickasha	The Early Hotel
			Dryan Hotel
		Ada	Royal Hotel
		Agache	Blackwell Hotel
		Lawton	Midland Hotel
		Wichita Falls	St. James Hotel
			Westland Hotel
		Jacksboro	Jacksboro Hotel
			Westbrook Hotel
		Ft. Worth	Metropolitan Hotel
			St. Elmo Hotel
		Henrietta	Barron House
			International Hotel
		Denton	Adolphus & Scotland
			New Hotel Raymond
		Dallas	Hotel Cleburne
			Campbell Hotel
		Cleburne	Emerson Hotel
		Georgetown	Nelson House
		Meridian	New State House
		Cifton	Majestic Hotel
		Ware	The Oriental Hotel
		Martin	Hotel Bryan
		Boerne	Camp Hotel
		Bryon	A. C. T. Hotel
		Sevynot	Bender Hotel
		Hempstead	Hotel Dallas
			Fremont Hotel
		Houston	Dressed Hotel
		Galveston	
		Austin	

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Promotions and Promoters

- Caravans and Tours



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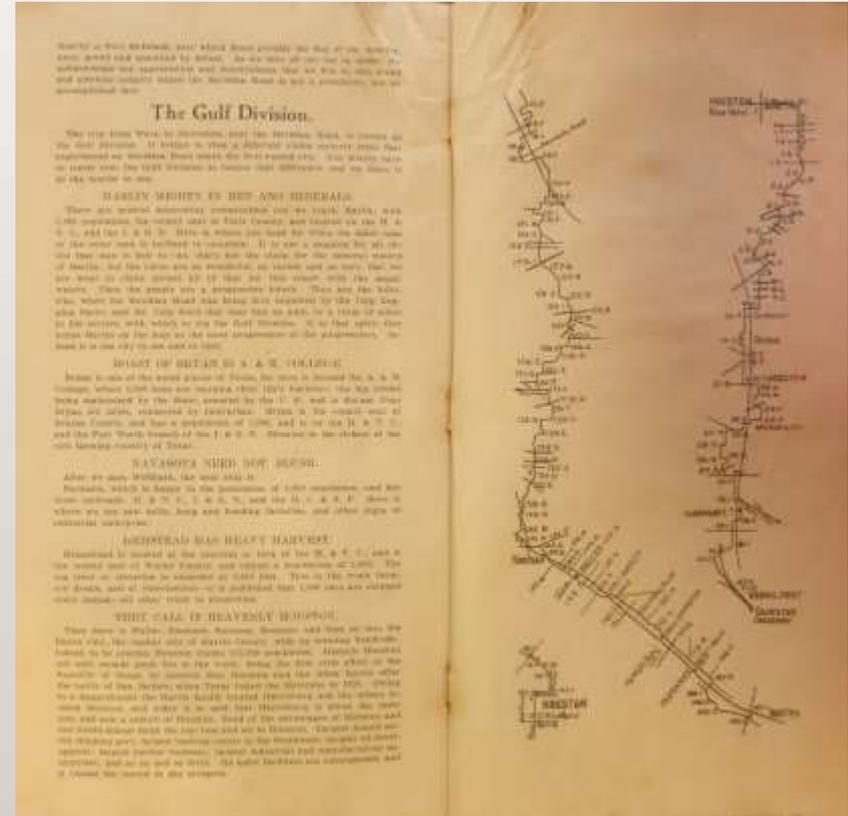
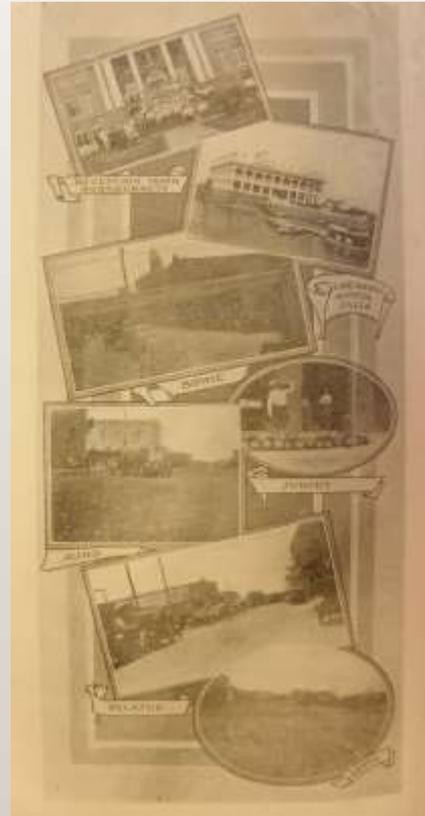
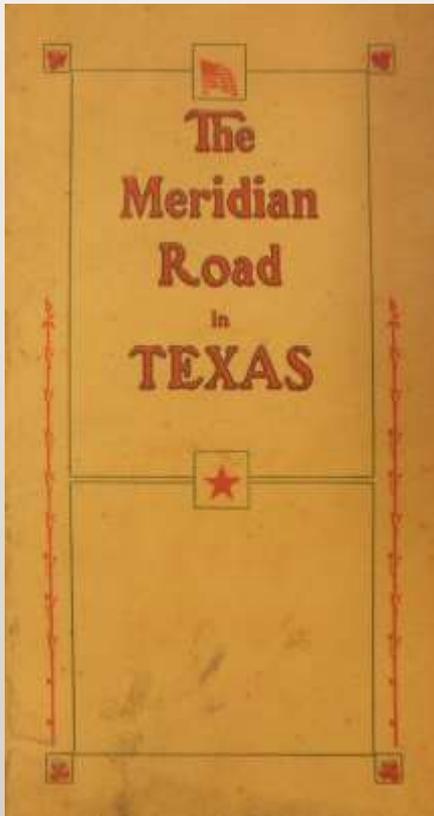
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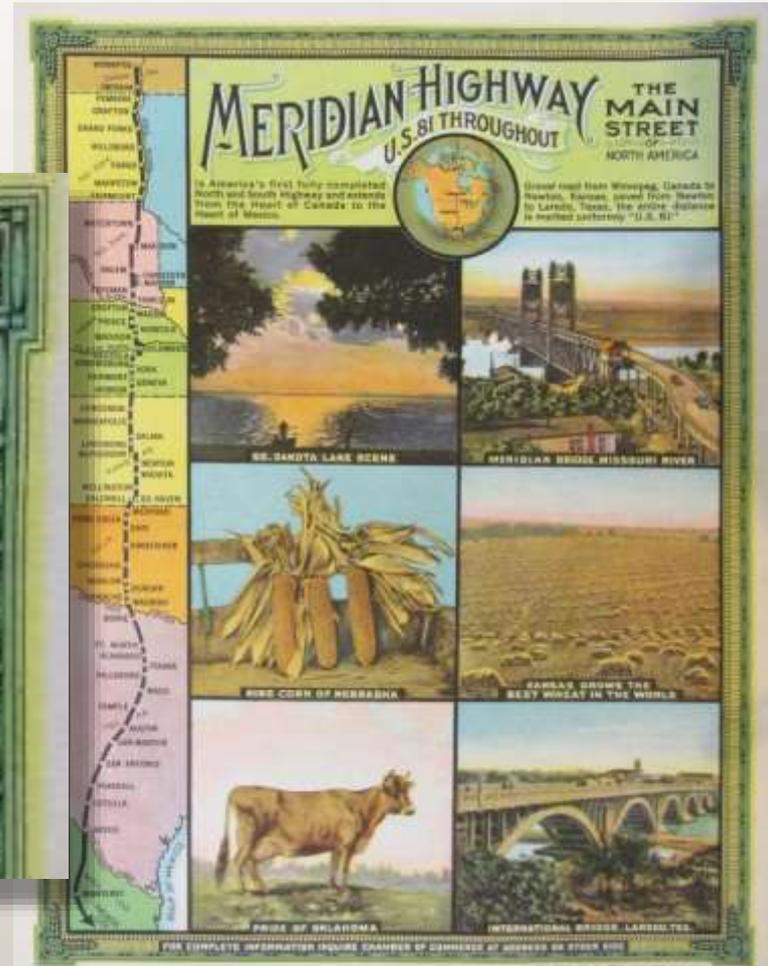
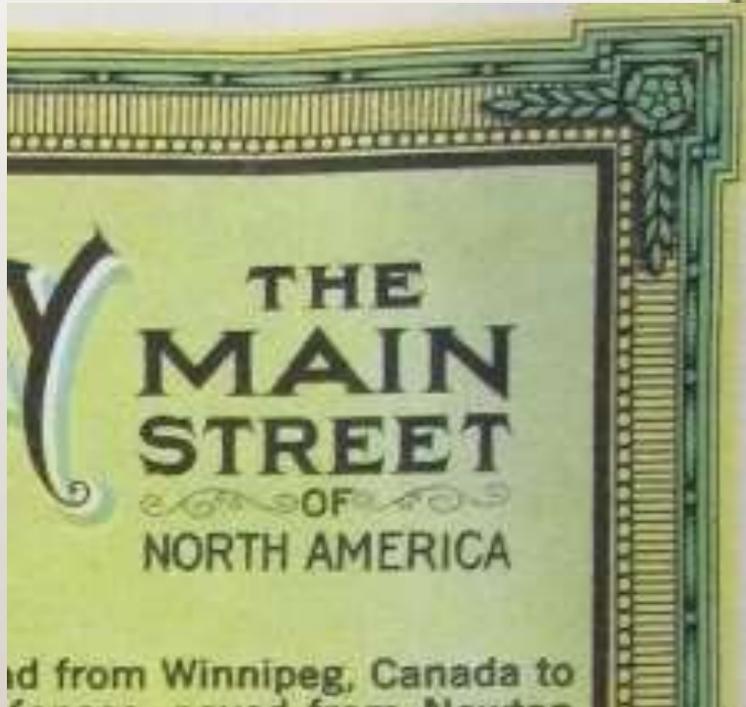
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- The Meridian Road In Texas (1916)





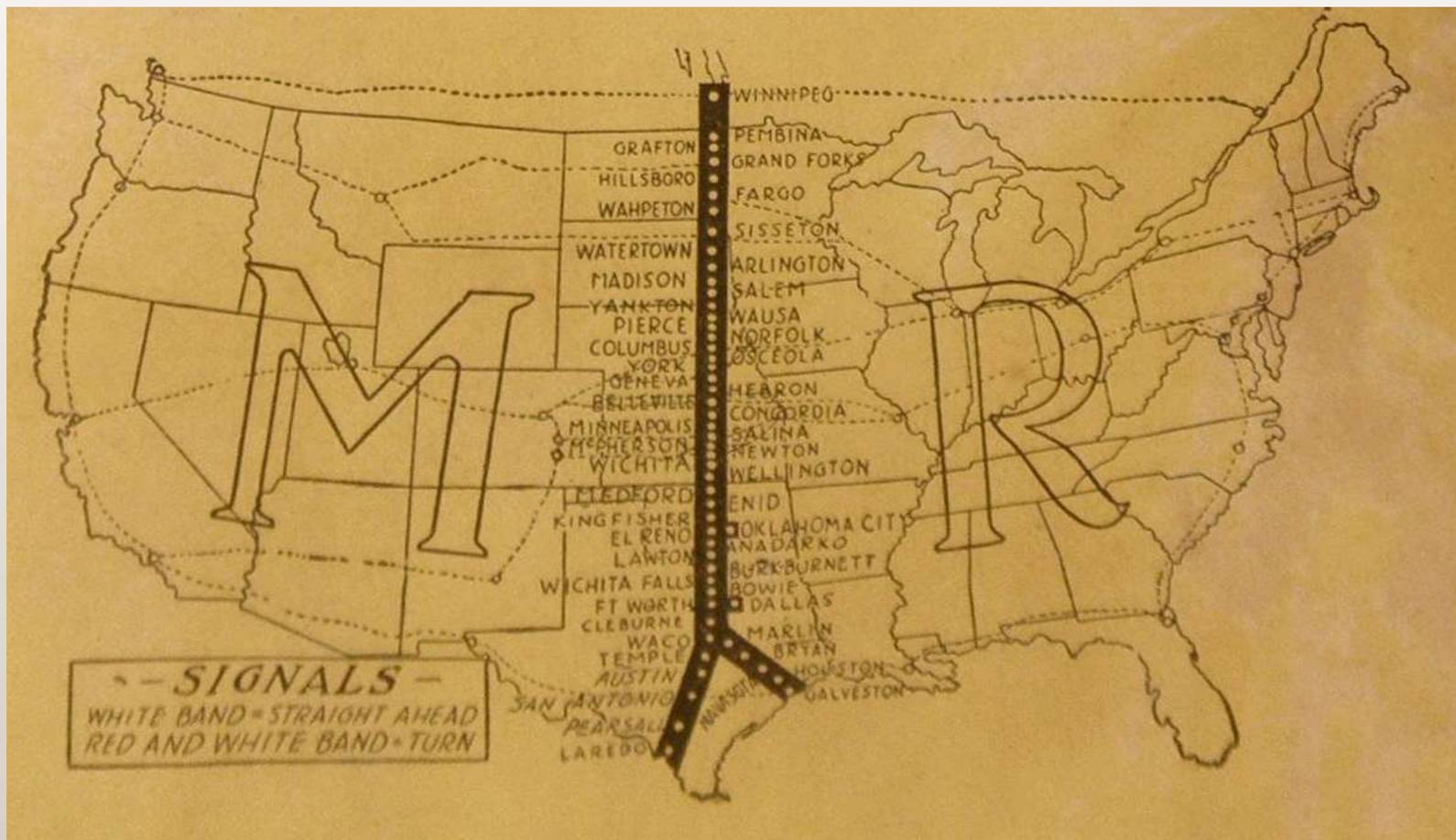
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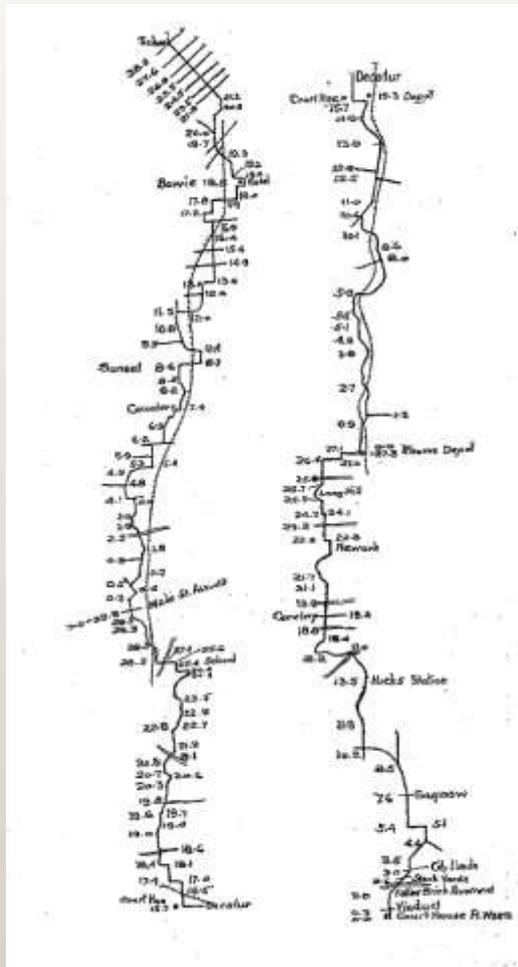
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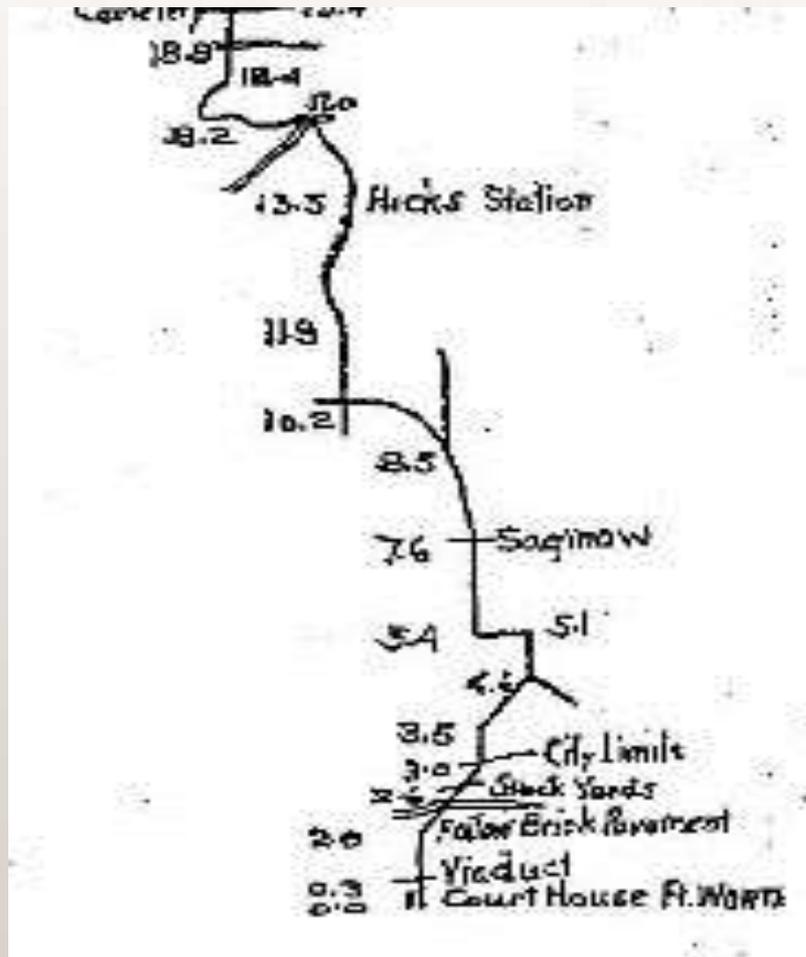


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Early Maps



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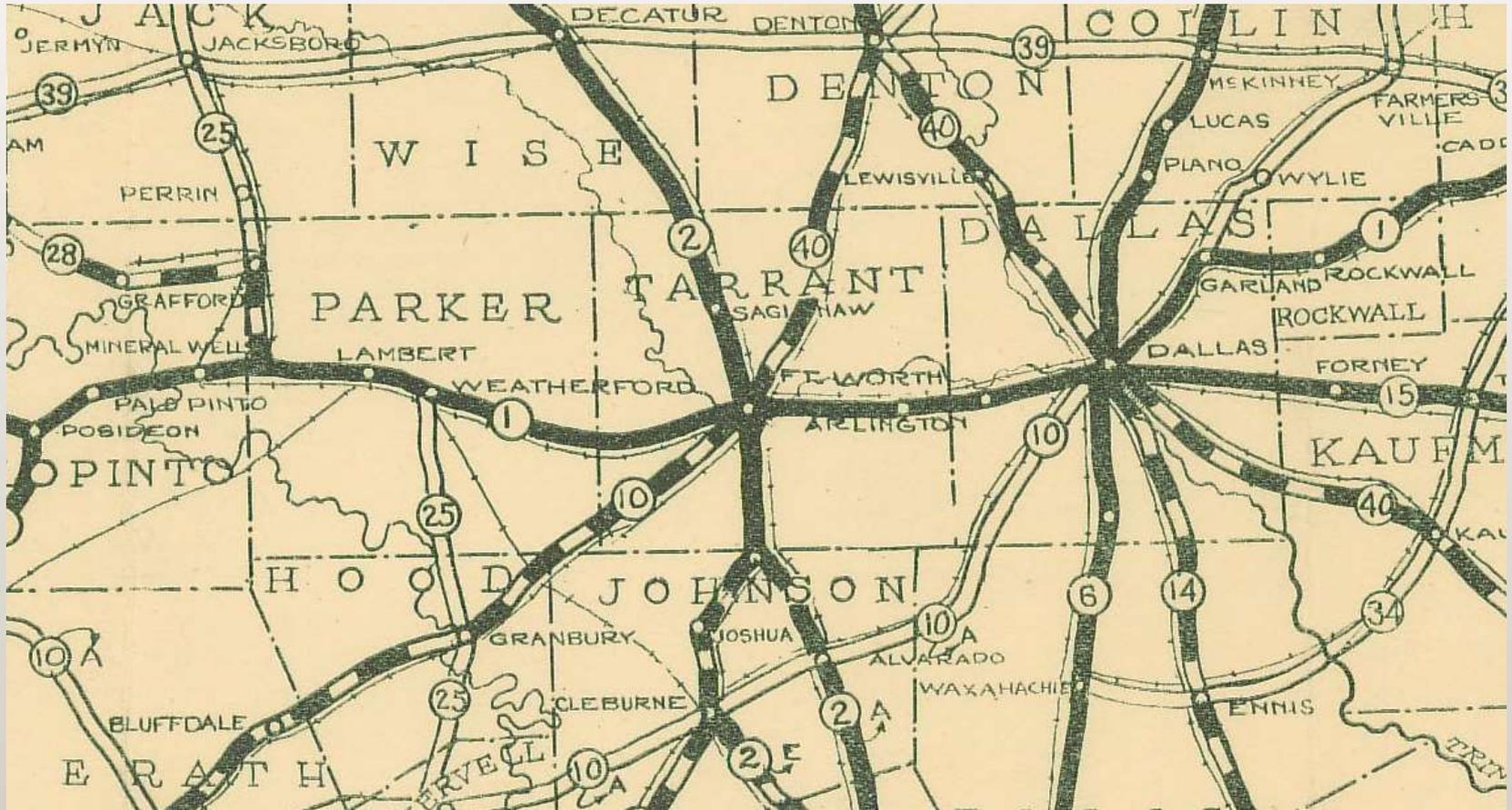


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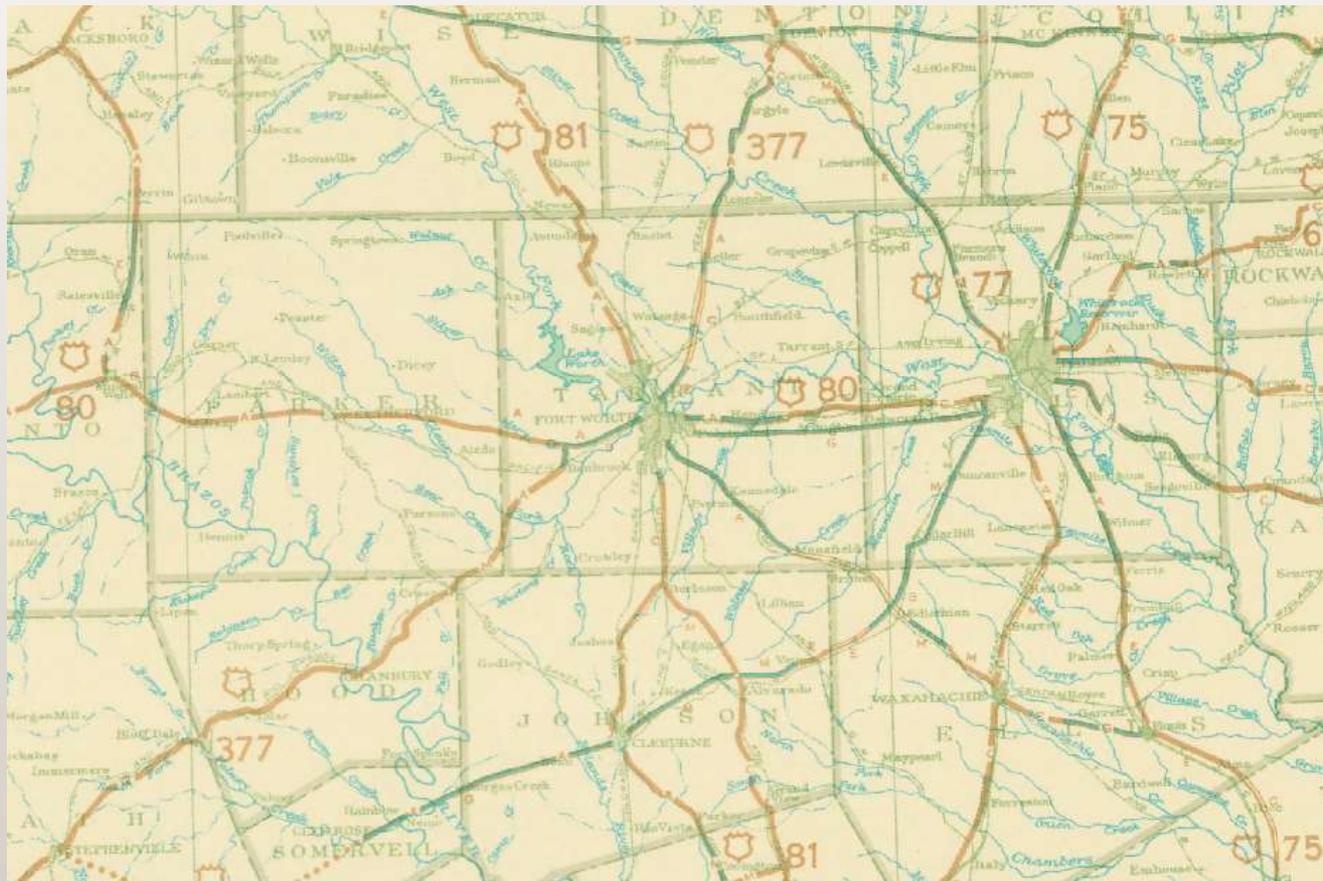
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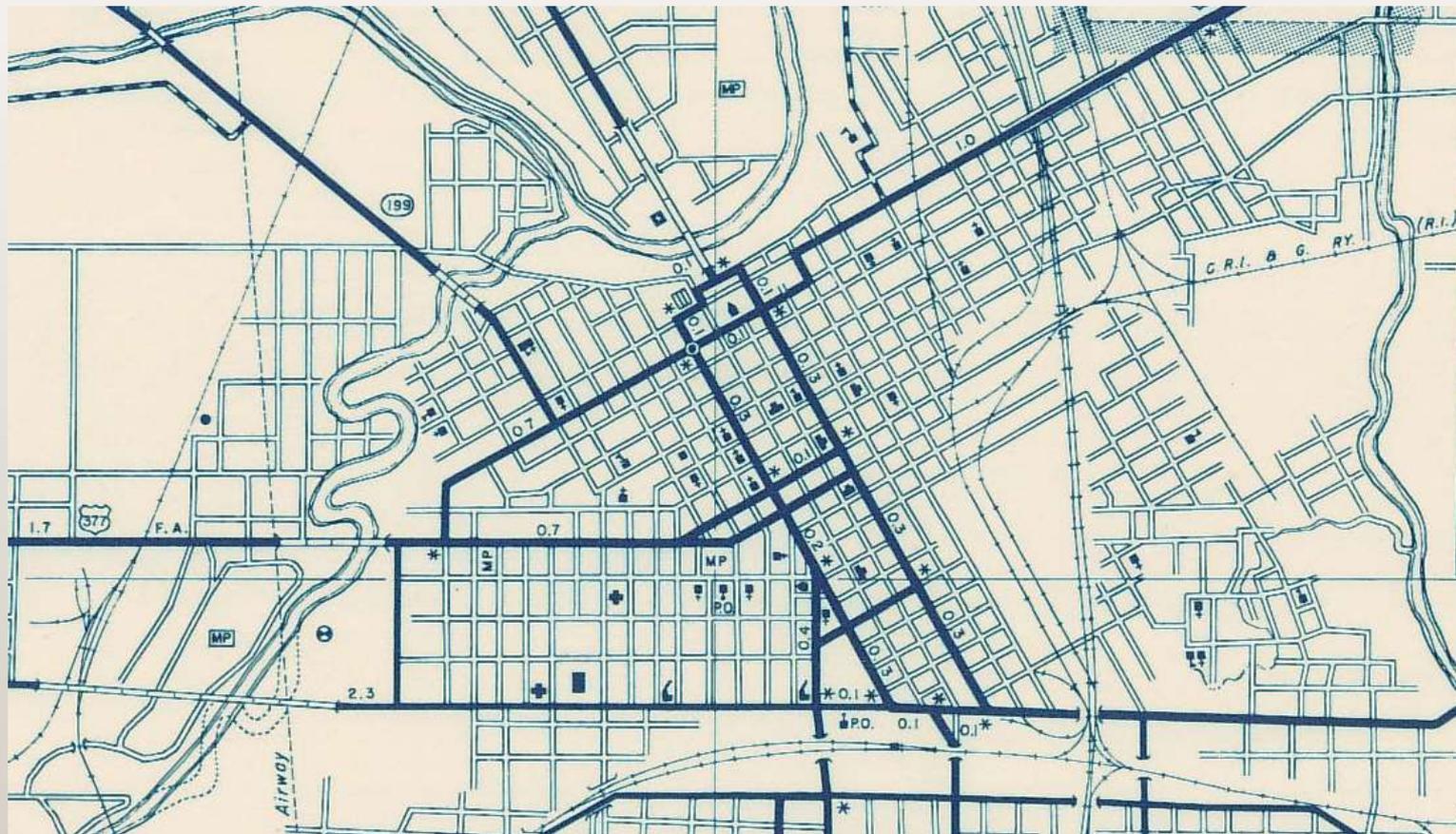
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Texas Highway Department – County Highway Maps



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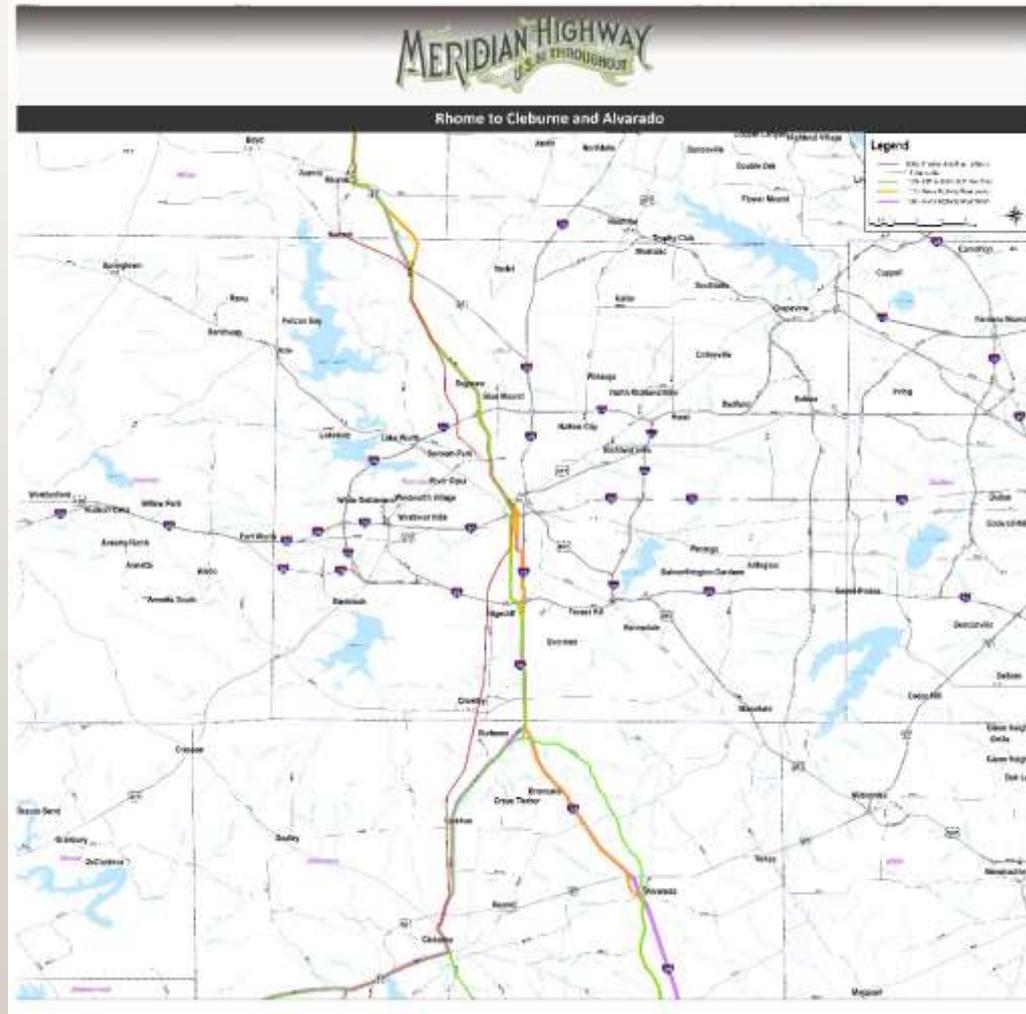
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Composite Map Showing Alignments Over Time





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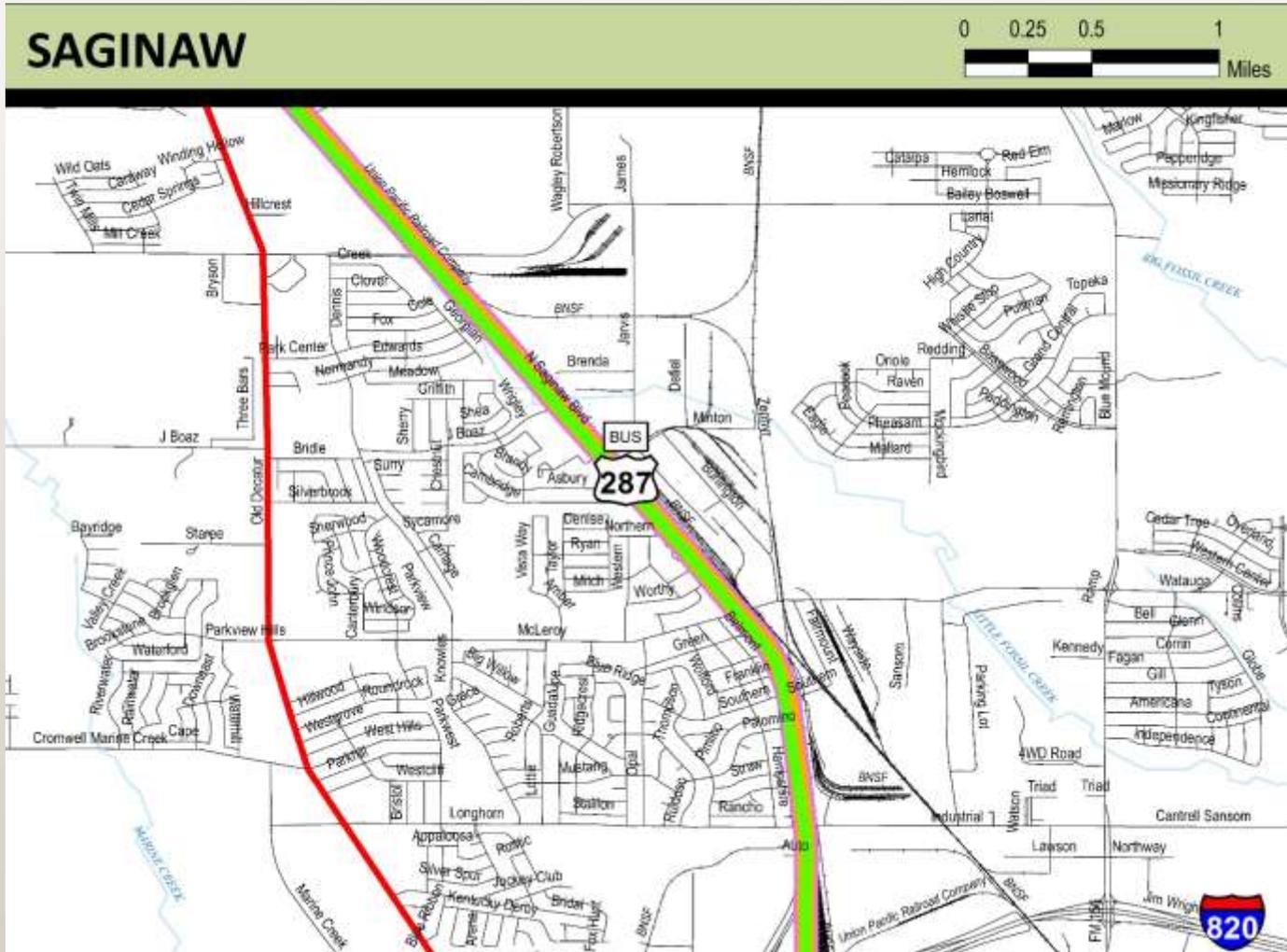


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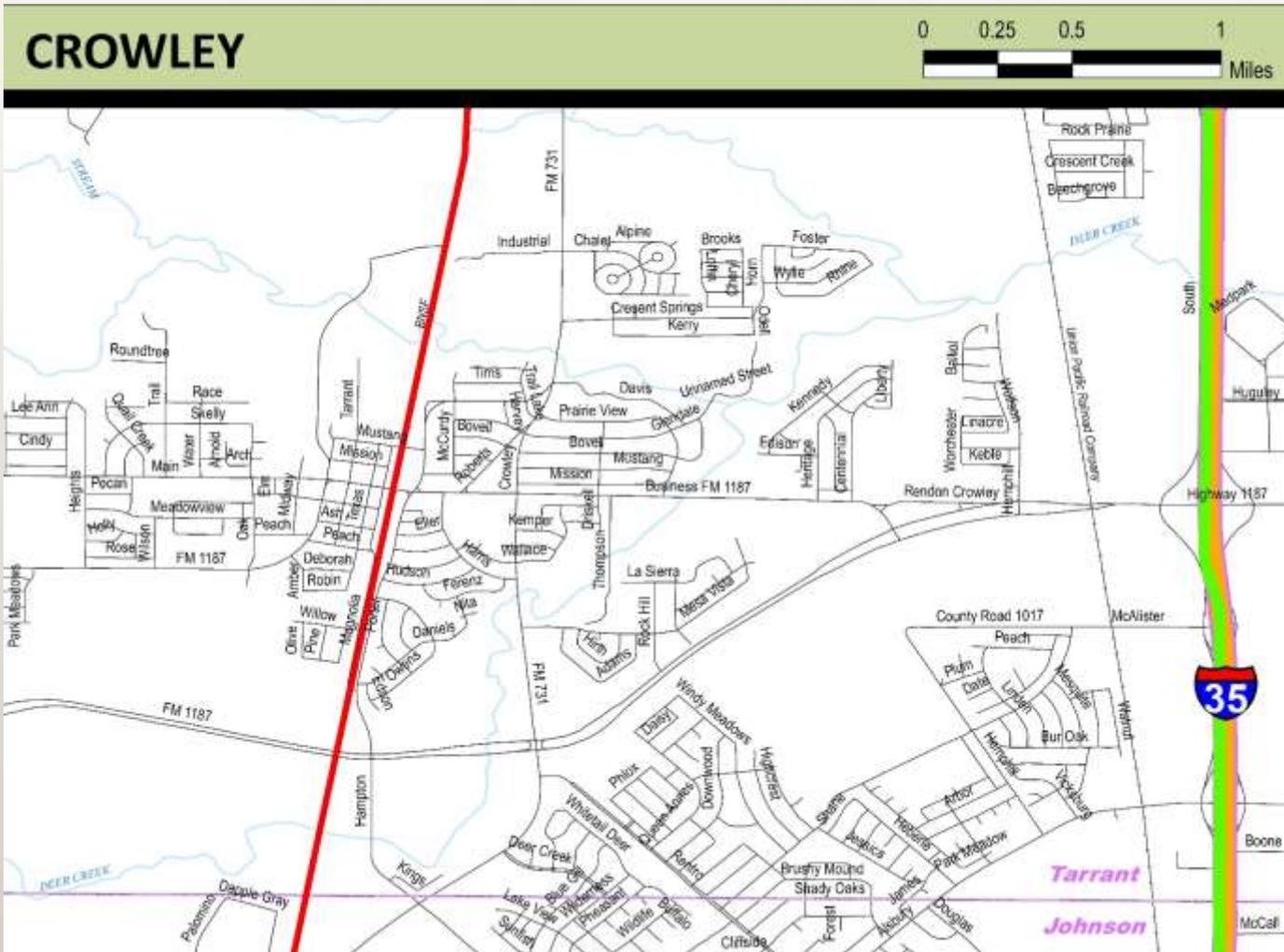


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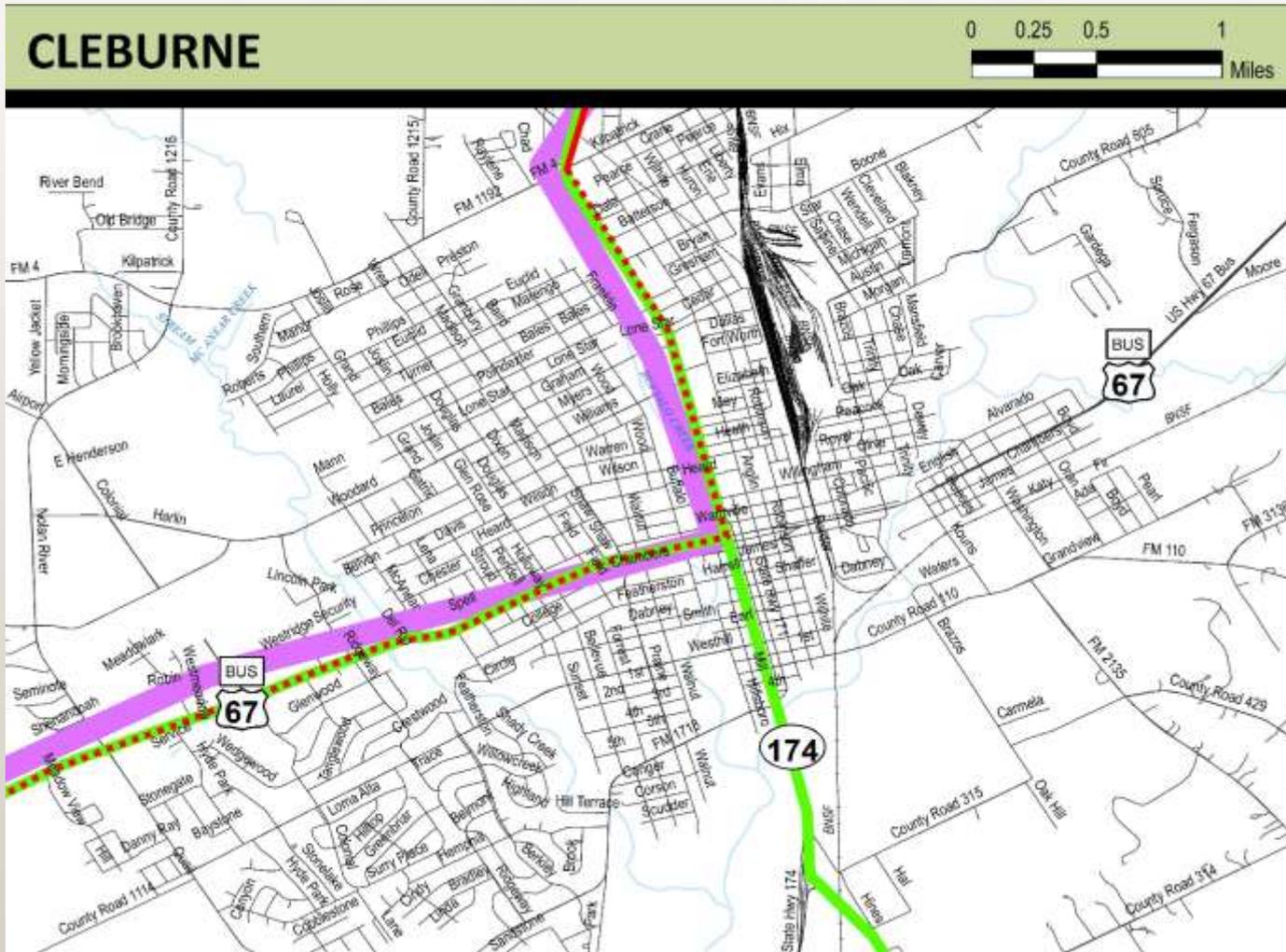


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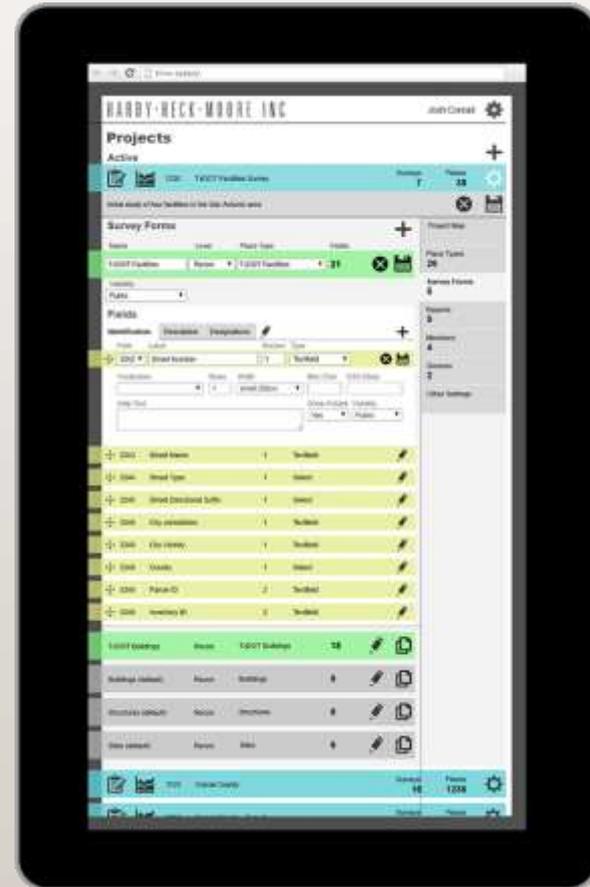
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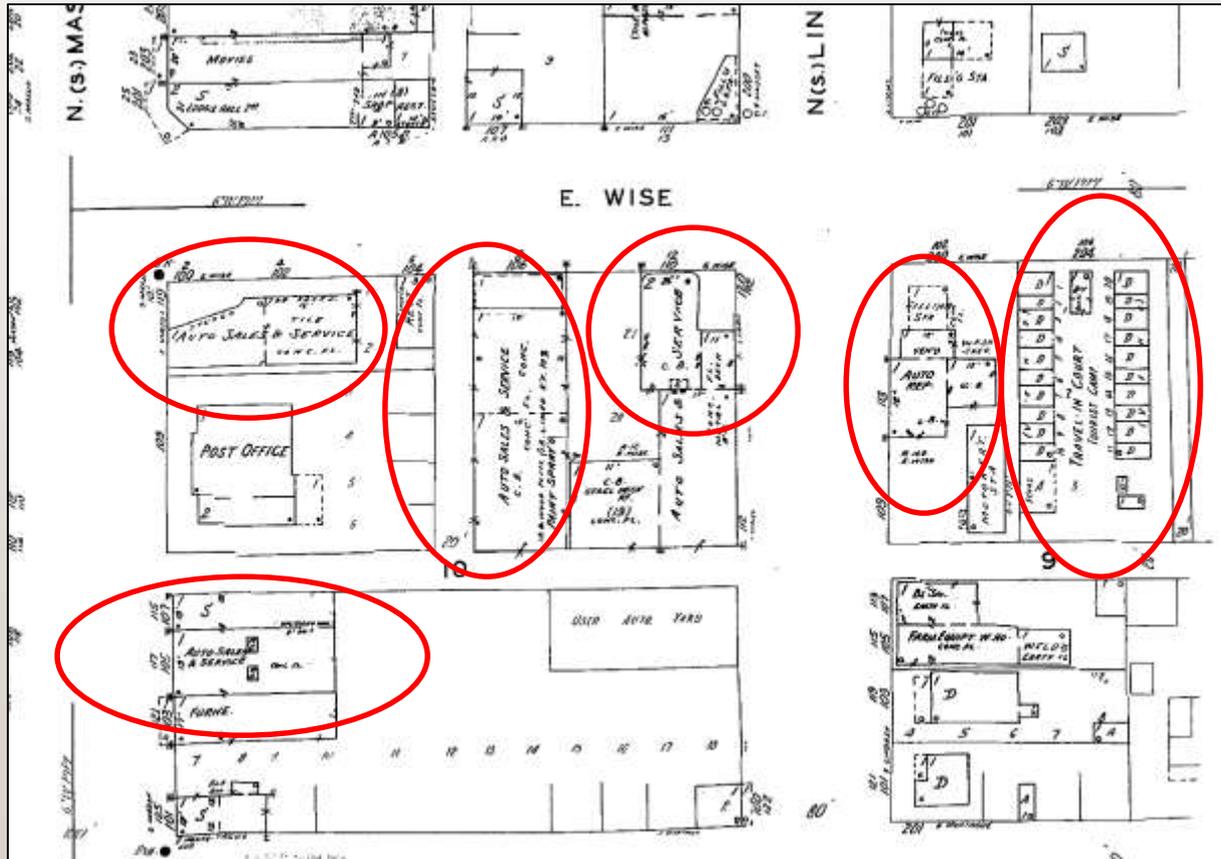
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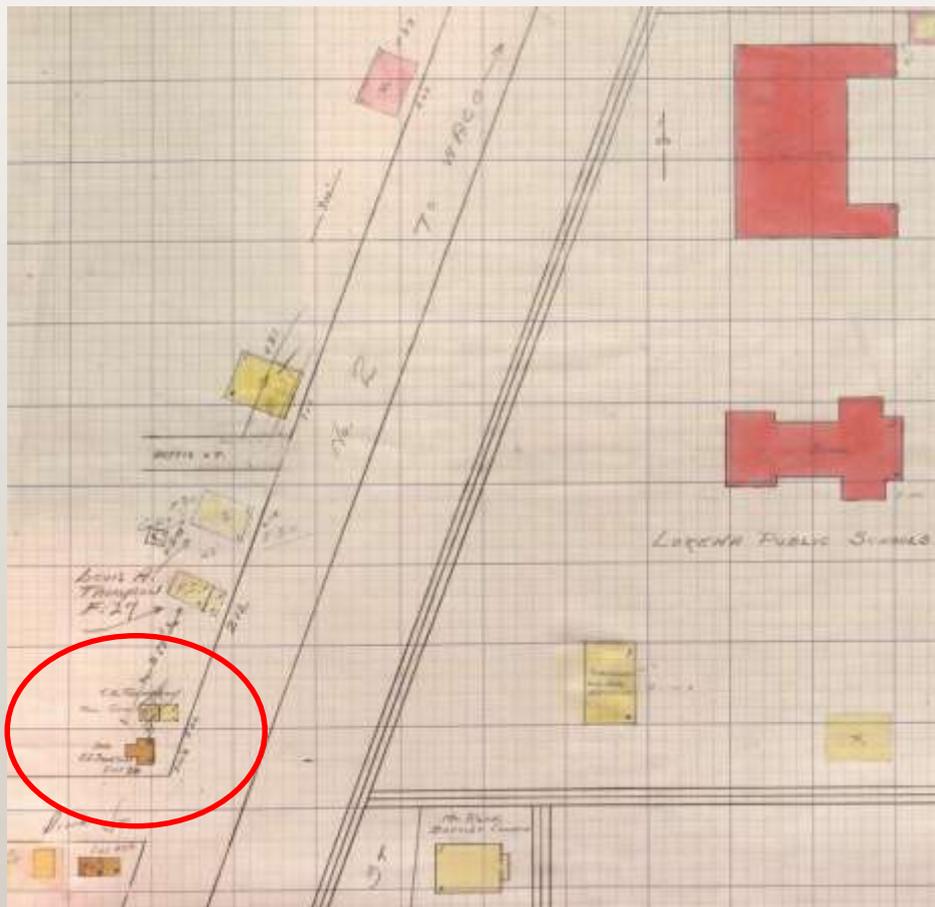
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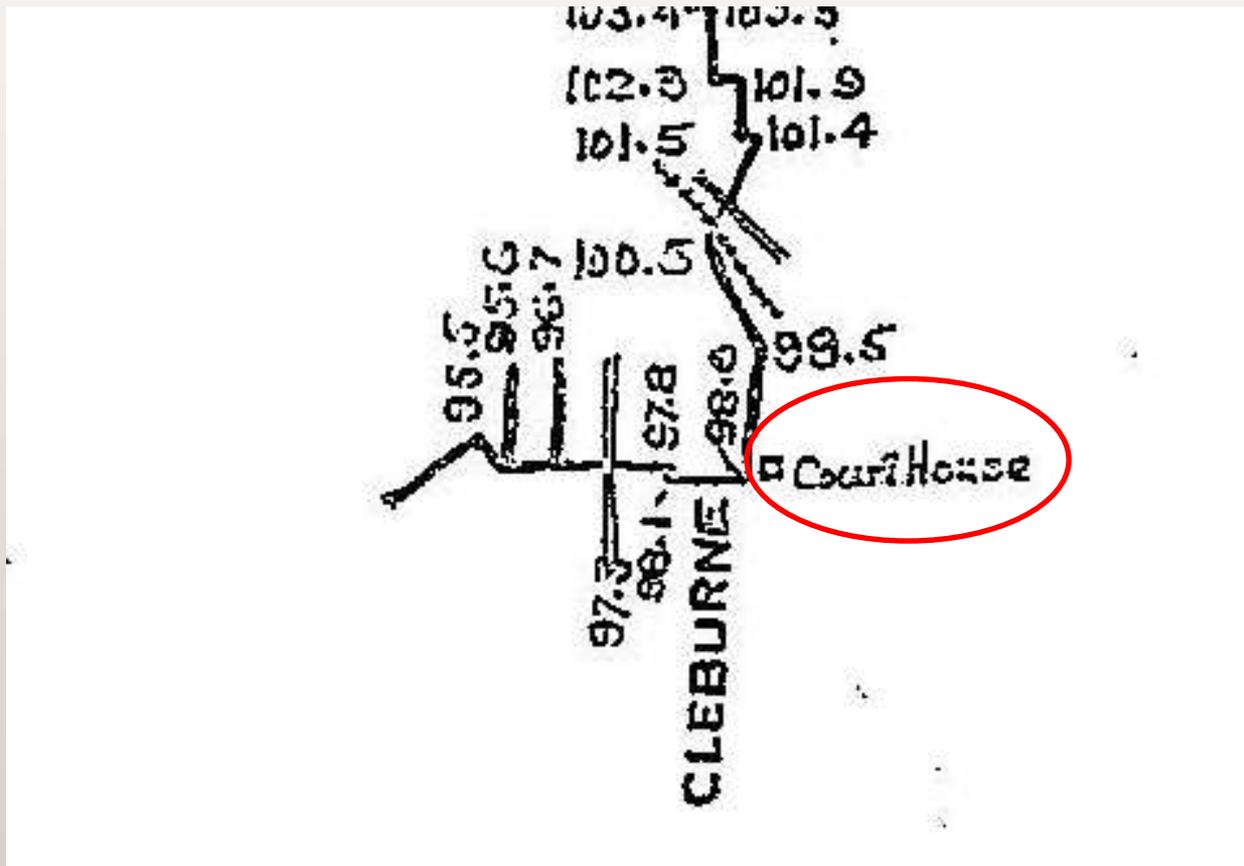
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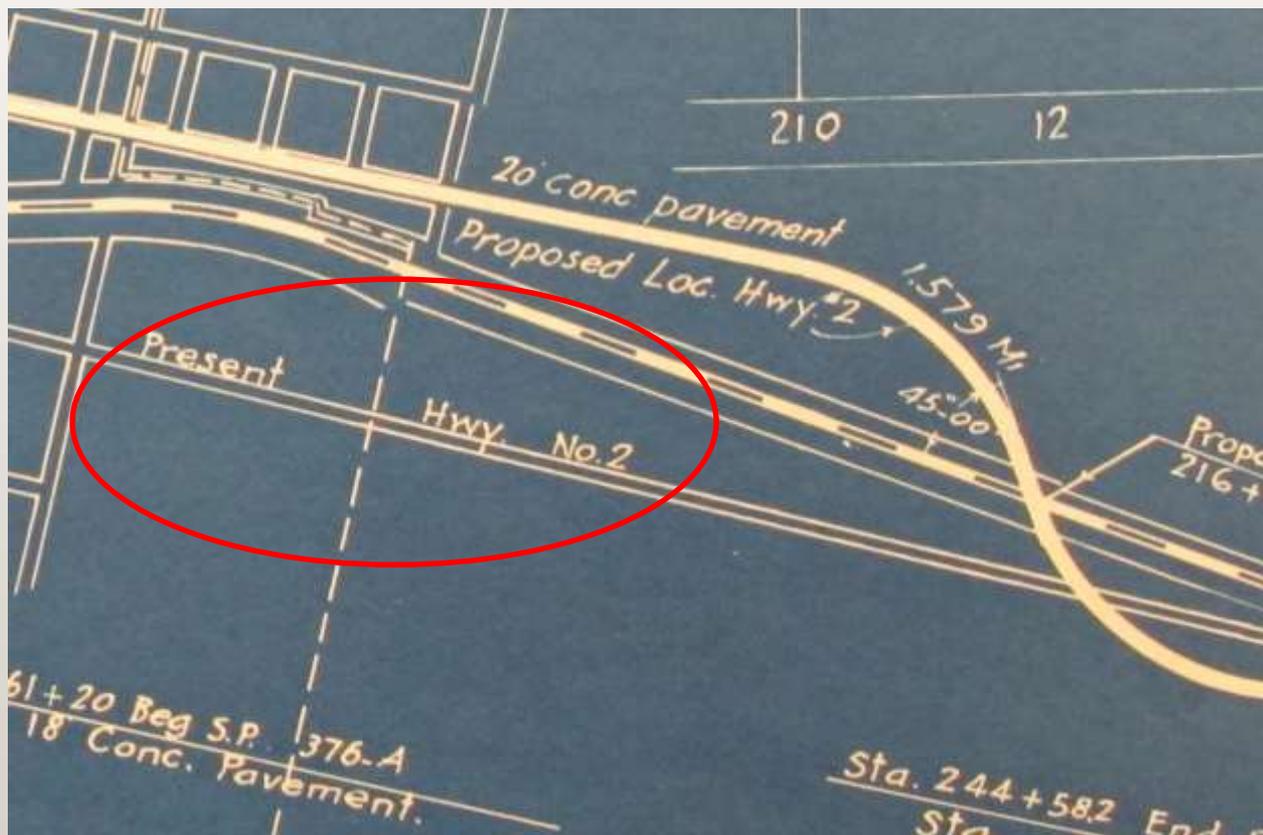


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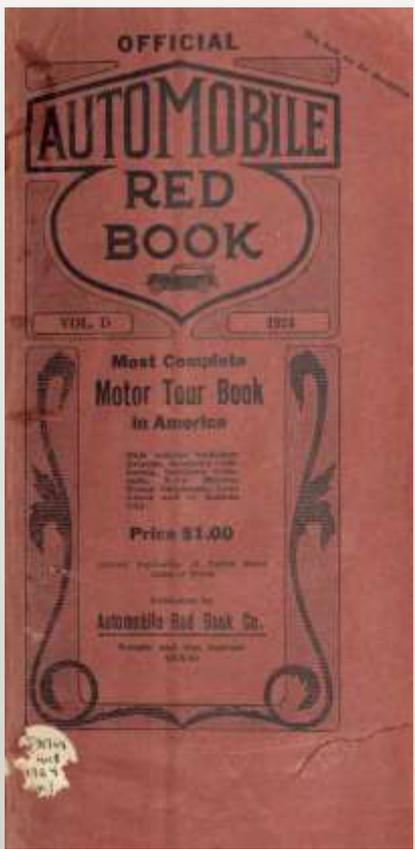


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What We Are Doing

Research



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tuning, Accessories. Clean Heat-
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tenance. Class in All Hotels, Theaters.
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used in many cities. Be on the
out for them and observe them
when you hit old San Antonio, if
you want something good to eat at
a reasonable price, look
for this sign on Houston
Street.

Camping Space, \$2.50 Per Month.
Plenty of Open Camping Spaces.
Cottages, Rates \$1.19 Per Week.

ROUTE No. 173
(STATE HIGHWAY No. 173)
**San Antonio to Aus-
tin**
82.6 MILES
(Reverse Route No. 182
(Meridian Highway) Via
Braunfels, Hauer, San M
Kyle and Buda. Does
Pass to Hunter, worn-out
and paved road through
county, balance paved.

8.0 Postoffice, Houston,
and Avenue D. Go S.
west on Houston and
right into Broadway.
Join Broadway north.
1.5 Turn right into Grayson
at filling station.
2.0 Fort Sam Houston gro
left.
2.4 Turn left into New B
fels avenue.
1.2 Turn right. 2.4 Turn
2.6 Camp Travis Rerervall
2.8 Turn right. 3.2 Ahead
3.4 Cross R. R.
14.7 SELMA.
28.3 Guadalupe-Comal county
22.9 Left and right across R. R.
23.2 Cross R. R.
23.5 COMAL. 23.9 Cross R.
27.0 Store on right.
28.2 Turn left. 28.5 Turn
28.7 Cross R. R. Depot
28.9 NEW BRAUNFELS. P
Turn right and left ar
place and take first s
turning to right. 30
street. Follow street al

NOTE—When you reach
Braunfels, stop at the Plaza
turn to the foot part of the T
section, where you will find a
good write-up and illustration
garding beautiful LANDA. IS
located in the city.

BAUTGE MOTOR SALES
Overland, Willys-Knight, Buick
Make Sales and Service.
General Repairing, Accessories.

1.5 Turn right into Grayson St.
at filling station.
2.0 Fort Sam Houston grounds,
left.
2.4 Turn left into New Braun-
fels avenue.
3.2 Turn right. 3.4 Turn left.
3.6 Camp Travis Rerervation.
3.8 Turn right. 5.2 Ahead.
9.6 Cross R. R.
16.7 SELMA.
20.2 Guadalupe-Comal county line
22.9 Left and right across R. R.
23.3 Cross R. R.
23.5 COMAL. 25.0 Cross R. R.
27.0 Store on right.
28.2 Turn left. 28.5 Turn right.
30.7 Cross R. R. Depot left.
31.0 NEW BRAUNFELS. Plaza.
Turn right and left around

Source: TSLAC



What We are Doing

Research

For the information of house-
wives who wish accurate informa-
tion on relative costs in planning
nutritional and at the same time
delicious meals, the food adminis-
tration has issued a table showing
comparative cost and food value
of fifty foods.

Each is taken as the standard
for comparison, and the most per-
cent and the relative cost per
hundred calories of the other ma-
terials is shown. The prices given
are averages of those in 25 places
throughout the country on August
1. The table shows that 12 arti-
cles are cheaper than bread on the
basis of calories obtained for the
money, two are of equal value, and
eight are higher. Corn meal, notwith-
standing its present high prices,
is found to give the most food
value for the money. Broiler
chickens stand at the foot of the

Food experts of the food adminis-
tration think that an intelligent
use of this table will help house-
wives. They point out that it
would be impossible for a family
to keep in health if it were fed
entirely on the foods in the low-
est part of the table. Their ad-
vice is that the housewife continue
to prepare the usual meal of ven-
ison, and utilize this table as a
guide in making combinations
which will save money and at the
same time be nutritious. For in-
stance, canned tomatoes, compared
with bread, are a very expensive
item.

This should not lead to the
omission of tomatoes, but

on August 1.

PLAN HIGHWAY FROM RED RIVER TO BORDER

First Step Is to Organize Units of the Meridian Road in Texas.

SAN MARCOS, Tex., Sept. 8.—

With the making of a 365-day road
between the different army posts
in Texas, the question of military
transportation is solved, and that's
why, with the designation of the
Meridian Road as State Highway
No. 2, the Texas Highway Depart-
ment is ready and anxious to aid
in the campaign just launched to
give the Meridian Road a hard
surface from the Red River to the
Rio Grande and the Gulf. The
very first consideration is to get
every unit of the Texas Meridian
Road Association lined up, and
started in the good work. It has
been demonstrated so many times
in the past that all that is needed
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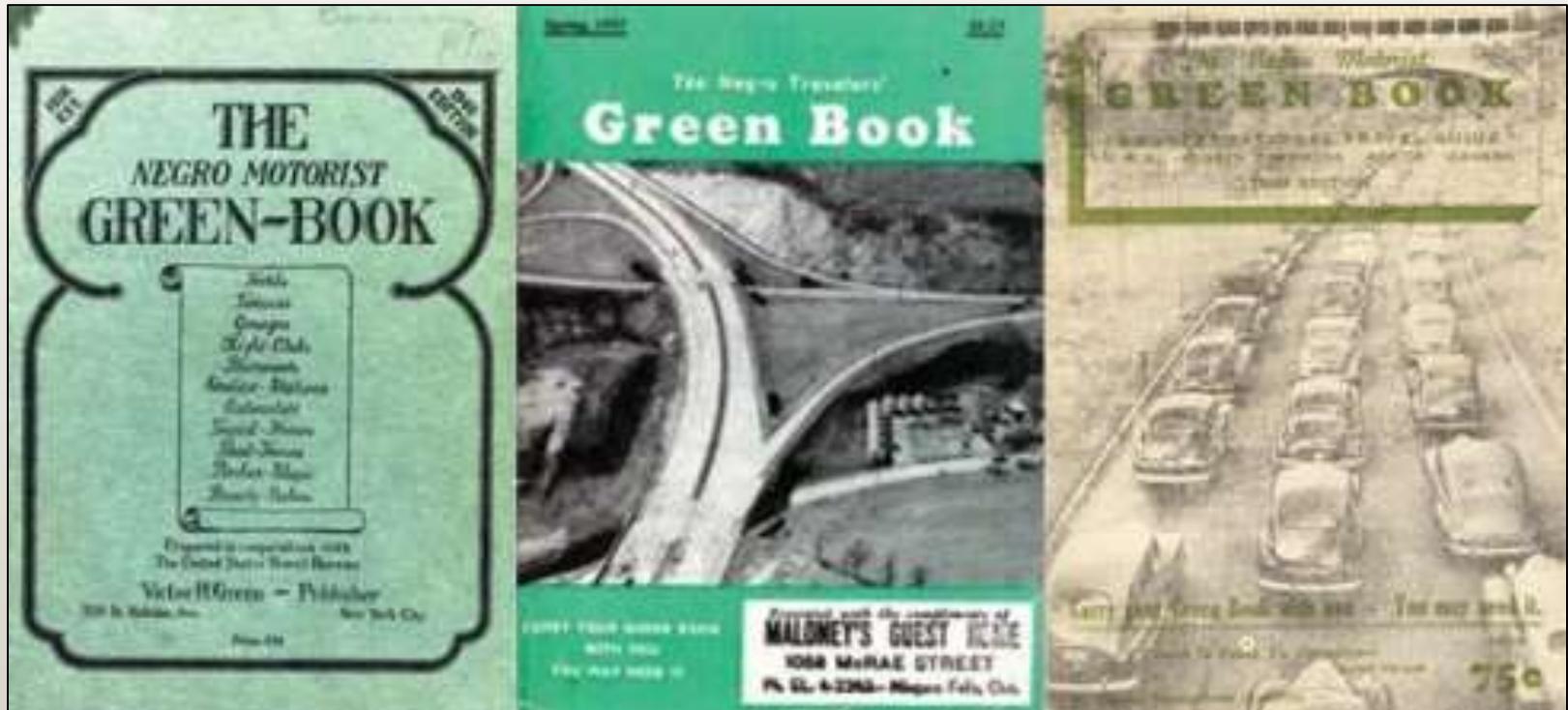
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the Bureau of Animal Industry.

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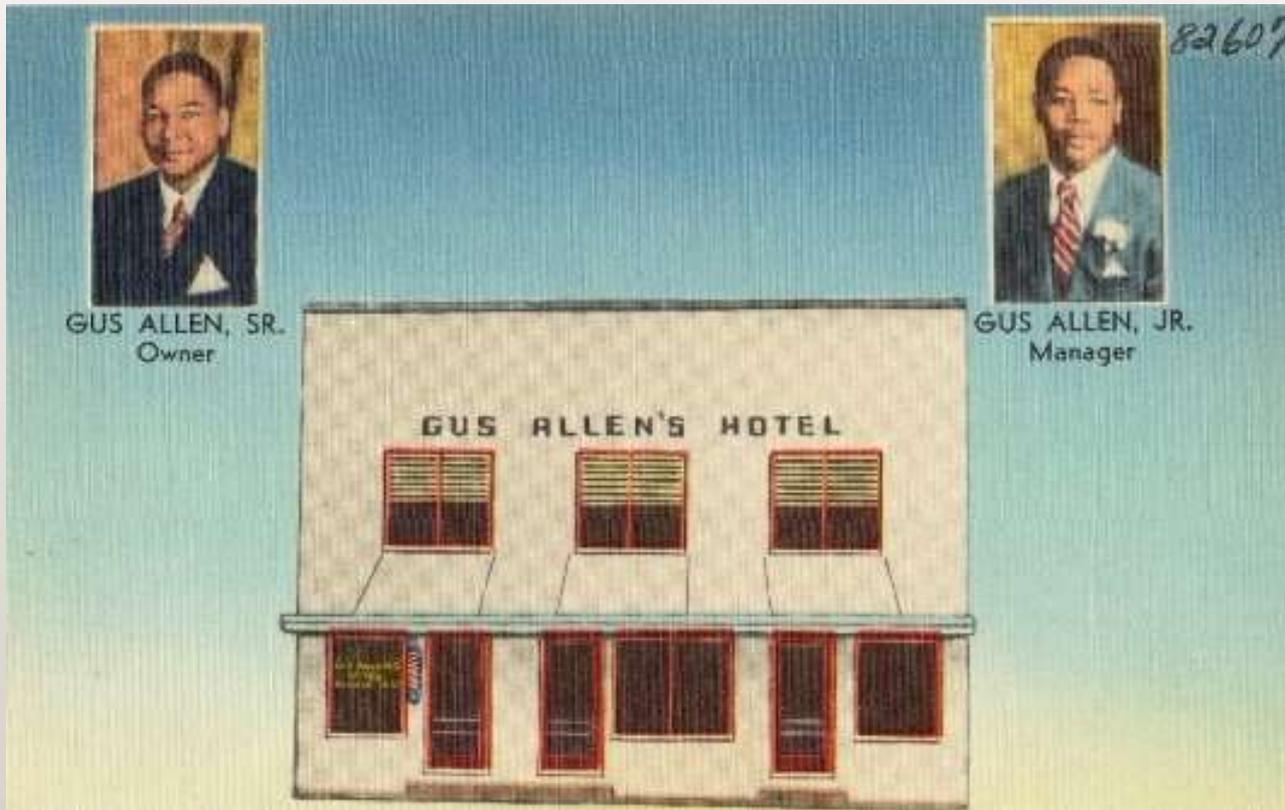
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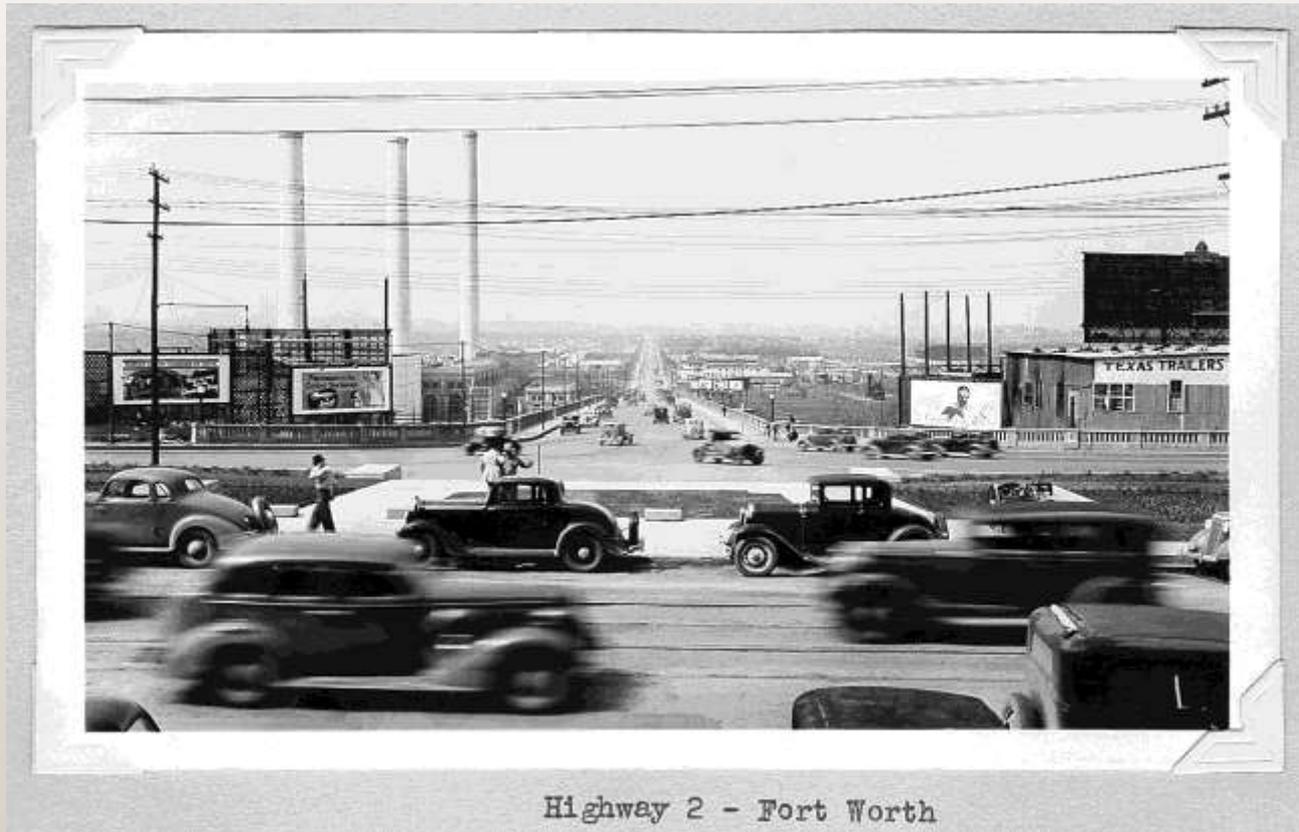


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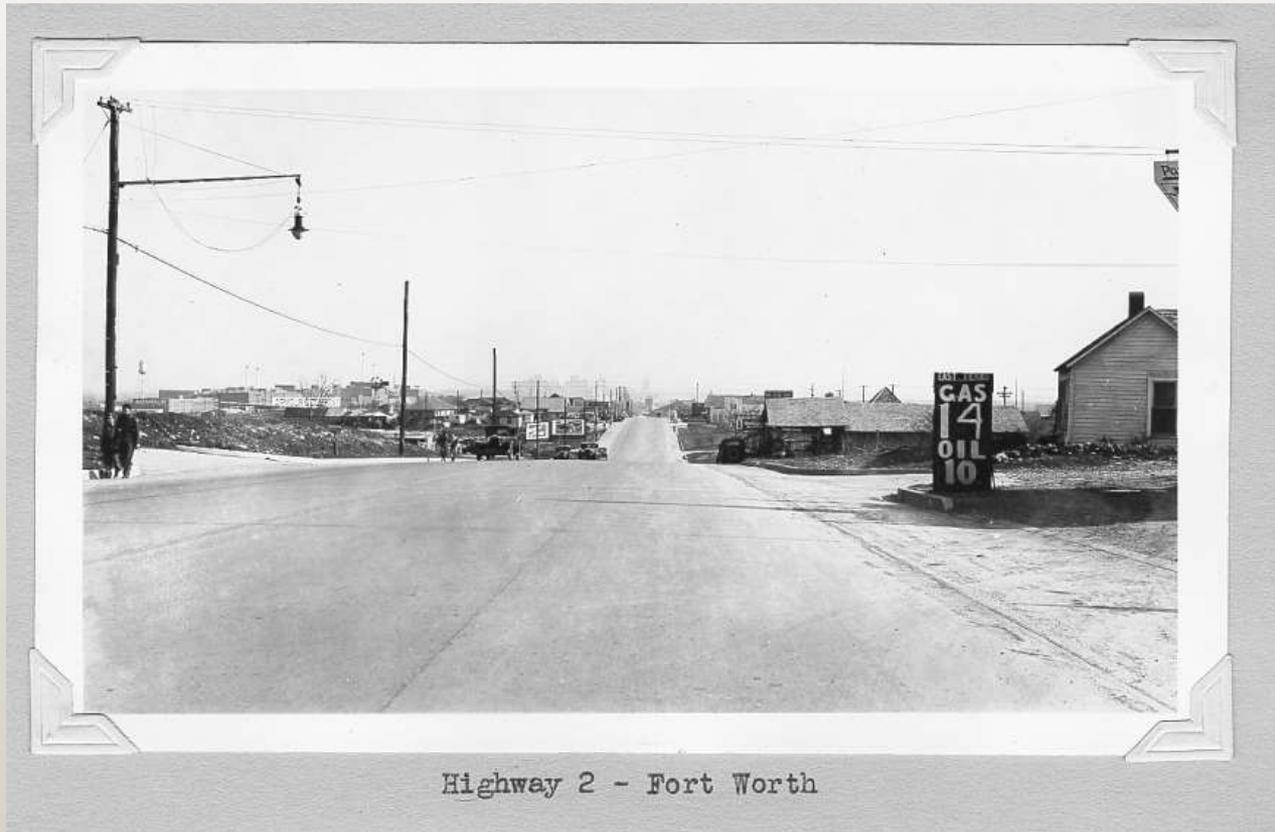
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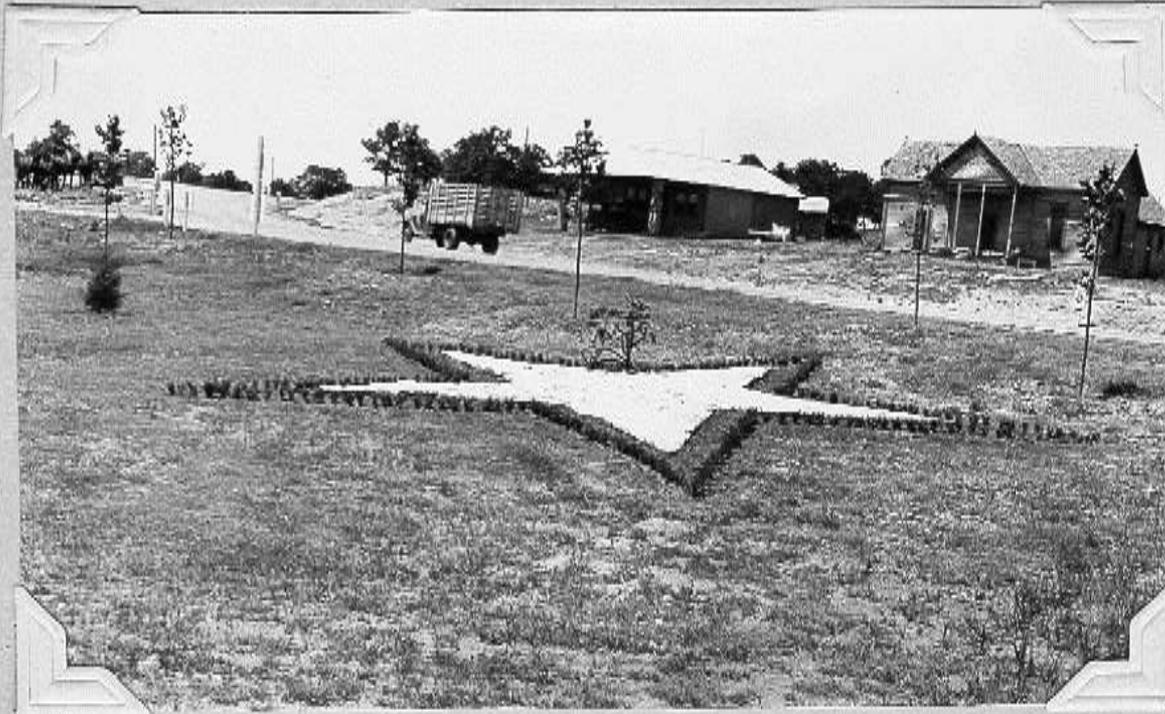
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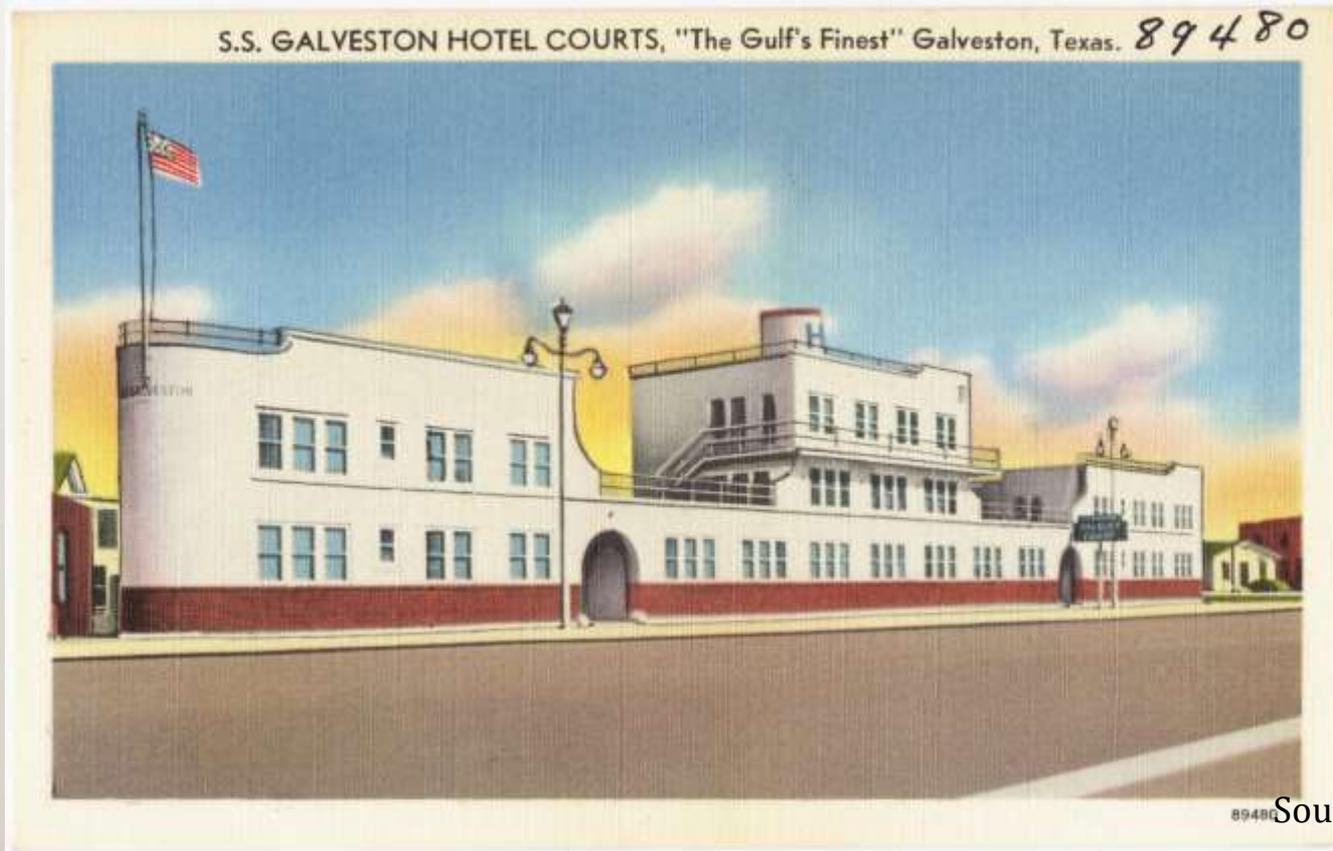
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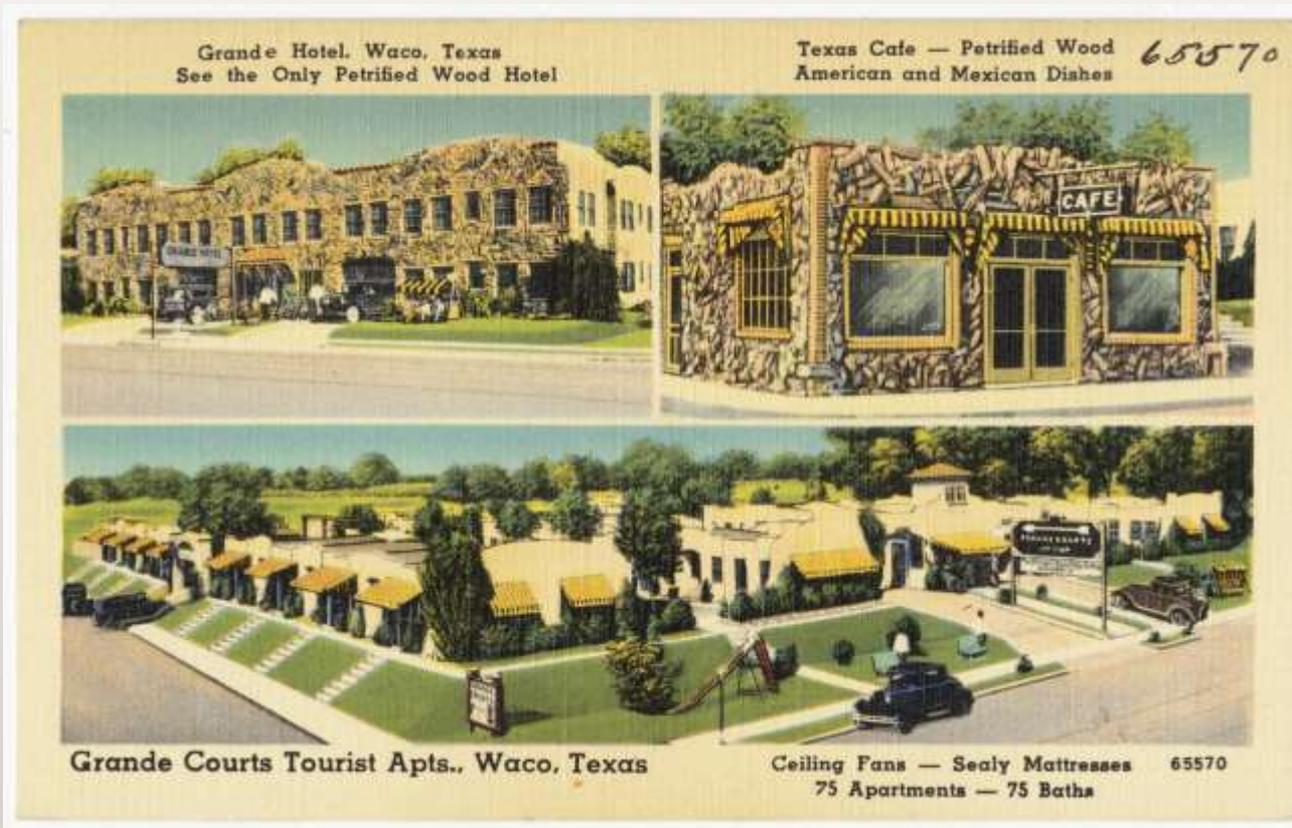
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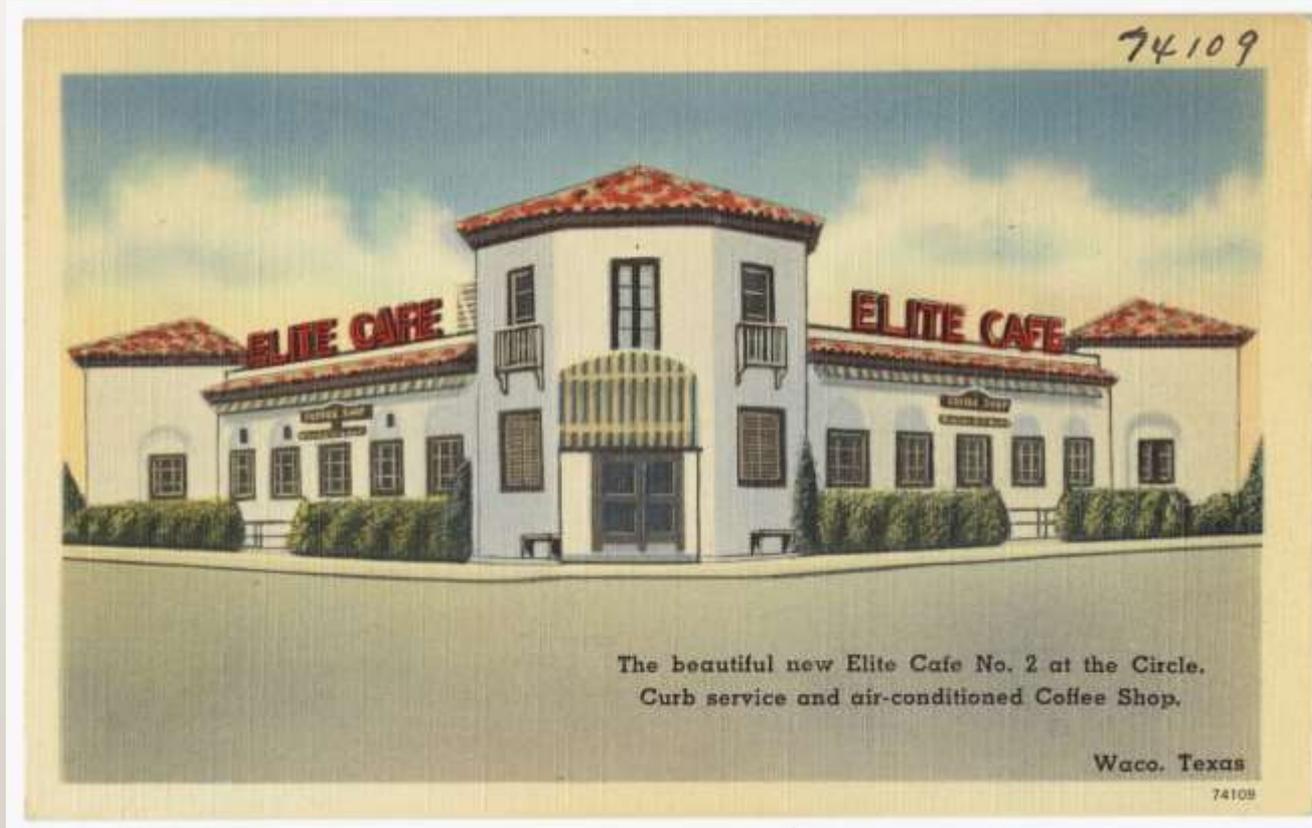


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Service Stations in Texas

City	State High-way	U.S. High-way
ABILENE: No. 5th & Hickory Sts.	1-30	50
No. 1st & Hurstman Sts.	1-30	50
No. 1st & Hickory Sts.	1-30	50
No. 5th & 8th Sts.	1-30	50
No. 11th & Oak Sts.	1-30	50
5th & Heath Sts.	1-30	50
Walnut & No. 2nd Sts.	1-30	50
No. 1st & Vine Sts.	1-30	50
14th & Hurstman Sts.	1-30	50
No. 4th & Chestnut.	1-30	50
AGUA DULCE: Main & 2nd Sts.	12A	
ALAMO (Pecos): Alamo Road & Highway 12.	12	96
ALBANY: Main & No. 1st Sts.	1A	
ALICE: Almond & Main Sts.	90	
ALVARADO (Cleburne): Sparks & Weaver Sts.	2	81
ALYDOR (Deerfoot): Elm & Wigham Sts.	2	81
AMARILLO: 5th & Harrison Sts.	9-12	185-266
10th & Park Sts.	33	166-163
5th & Manning Sts.	13	166
No. Fillmore & 8th Sts.	9	163
1st & Buchanan Sts.	13	166
ANSON: Commercial Ave. & Taylor St.	30	277
ARLINGTON: 1st West-Dallas Highway	1	90
Division & Cooper Sts.		
ASHERTON: Carter Ave. & 7th St.	7th St.	55
ASHPERMENT: Washington Ave. & 7th St.	18	
ATHENS: Palestine & College Sts.	19-40	
ATLANTA: Main & Louisa Sts.	47-48	
AUBITE: 400 W. 6th St.	107	81
107 Congress Ave.		
17th Street.		
19th & Congress Ave.		
S. 5th & Rock River Sts.	2-20	81
S. Congress Ave. & Barton Springs Road.	2-20	81
Quadrangle & W. 24th.	2-20	81
BAIRD (Clyde): 4th & Walnut	1	90
BALLINGER: 1905 Hitchcock Ave.	30	98
BEAUMONT: Magnolia & Caldeso Ave.	8-3	90
Anglin & Collins Sts.	30	98
Caldor & Malpoux Sts.	3	90
Beving & Lyle Sts.	3	90
Time & Ash Sts.	3	90
BEVELLYE: Corpus Christi Rd. & St. Mary.		
BELEVUE: Cole & 4th Sts.		
BIG LAKE: Main St. & N. Railroad Ave.		
BELTON (Temple): Central Ave. & Denelope St.	1	90
BIG SPRING: 1st & Lamar Ave. Sts.	1	90
3rd & Austin Sts.	1	90
BLANCKET (Brownwood): So. Broadway & Main Sts.	10	
BLOSSOM (Petal): Paris-Texasiana Highway.	78	in future
BONHAM: No. Center & 8th Sts.		
BORNER: No. Main St. & Fredericksburg Rd.	27-9	
San Antonio Rd. & 1st St.	27-9	
BOWIE: E. Wise & S. Lindsey Sts.	2	81
BRADY: 417 No. Bridges St.	10	
San Antonio Road	9	385
BRACKENRIDGE: Baylor Ave. & Walker St.	9	
Elm St. & Brockmanga Ave.	67A	
Walnut St. & Cambridge Ave.	67A	
Highway 1	10	
BREITMAM: Alamo Ave. & Malver St.	10	
BROWNWOOD: Center Ave. & W. Adams St.	10	
Anglin & Texas Sts.	10	
BRAY: 29th & College Ave.	6-21	
College Road	6	
7th & Main Sts.	6-21	
BILLARD (Lubbockville): Highway 37	37	
BURTON: Brennan: Washington & Main Sts.	20	
BROOKLAND: Main & Highway 8	20	
CADDO MILLS: Greenwood: Main St. & Greenwood-Helway	1	97
CAMERON: 8th & Hodge Sts.		
CAMPBELL (Greenville): Broadway & America Highway & Brazier Ave.	1	67
CARBOLLTON (Dallas): Broadway & 4th Sts.	97-60	
CARTHAGE: W. Penna St.	94	
CELESTE: Main & 1st Sts.	42	
CENTER: Southbridge & Sanders Sts.	8	
CHILDESS: Commerce & No. W. Ave. F		
CHIEF OF HEAVEN: Main & Alton Sts.		
CISCO: 9th St. & Ave. D.	1-23	80
4th & Ave. S.	1-23	80
3rd & Ave. S.	1-23	80
CLARENDON: 1st & Carhart Sts.	3	
CLARKSVILLE: W. Main & So. Cedar Sts.	3	
CLUBBERNE: No. Main & Willingham Sts.	2A	

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City	State High-way	U.S. High-way
CLIFTON: Ave. E & 5th St.		67
CLYDE: So. 1st & Heat Sts.		1
4th St. & Walnut St.		1
COLEMAN: College & Colorado		80
COLEBRO: 2nd Ave. & Locust St.		1
Highway 1		80
COLUMBIA: Brazos St. & Bay City Highway	58	78
COLUMBUS: Walnut & Travis Sts.	3	90
COMBS (Hartings): Highway 96		90
COMMERCE: Main: Alamo & Park Sts.	11-36	
CONROE: Traylor & Chambers Sts.	19	73
COOLIDGE: 5th & Bell Sts.		80
COOPER: 2nd St. & Dallas Ave.		
COPPERAS COVE: 3rd St. & Ave. D		
CORPUS CHRISTI: Williams & Mesquite Sts.		
Chaparral & Twig Sts.		
Agnes & Cooper Sts.	16	
Dora & Leonard Sts.	16	
Rosam & Chaparral Sts.	16	
First Ave. & Park St. 1st - Patrick Road.		
CROCKETT: No. Ave. & S. 2nd St.	53	
CROSBYTON: 5th & Crosby Sts.	53	
CRYSTAL CITY: E. Davis & Edwards Sts.	53	
DALLAS: Akard & Ballington Sts.	46-77	
Cedar Springs Rd. & Maple Ave.	75-6	
McKinney & Lemmon Sts.	10-15-6	
Commerce St. & 2nd Ave.	45	
2nd & Forest Ave.	45	
Greenway Ave. & Prospect St.	45	
Zang Ave. & Bradley Ave.	45	
E. Grand & Fitzhugh Ave.	45	
Miller & Henderson Sts.	73	
Main & Shaskell Sts.	73	
Forest & Ervey Sts.	73	
9th Ave. & Lancaster St.	6-6	
Houston & Adairton Sts.	6-6	
Oak Lawn Ave. & Heald St.	116	
7077 Ross Ave.	72	
4th - & W. Jefferson Sts.	77-40	
21st & Orange Sts.	77-40	
Cedar Springs Road & Throckmorton Sts.	14	
S. Lewis & Gardner Sts.	80-1	
East Highway & Davis Sts.		
Carroll & Ross Sts.		
Greenwood Ave. & Longview St.		
Live Oak & Hawley Sts.		
Boyer Park - & Laid St.		
Swain Ave. - & Hawkins St.	1	
W. Dallas Pike & N. Rockfield St.		
Emmett St. - & Hampton Road.	08	
Baltimore & Fitzhugh Sts.		
8th St. & Forest Ave.	3	90
DARTON: Highway 2		
DEATON: E. Main St.	30-2	81
DELEON: Houston & Reynolds Sts.	22	
DELRIO: Giles & Lopez Sts.		
DENISON (Sherman): S. Bank Ave. & W. Chestnut St.	10	78
DENTON: McKinney & No. Locust Sts.	10	
Elm & Congress Sts.	40	77
DETROIT: S. Front & Memphis Sts.	5	
DEVINE: Highway 2 & Adams.	2	
DULY: White & Commerce Sts.	5	
DONNA: Hooks Ave. & 8th St.	12	96
DUREIN: Patrick & Live Oak Sts.	3	
EAGLE LAKE: Lake Ave. & Main St.	3	90
Walton & Main Sts.		
EAGLE PASS: Main & Ceylan Sts.	83	
EASTLAND: W. Commerce & Mulberry Sts.		
Bank Highway 1 & Broadway of America		
Seaman & Patterson Sts.	67	
EDCOUCH: Lasso Grande St. & Santa Rosa Road.		
EDWARDS: Cleaver Sts. & Peters St.	12	96
Center Ave. & Sprague Sts.		
EL CAMPO: Jackson & Mechanic Sts.	12-71	96
ELCTRIA: Cleveland Ave. & Electric Sts.	5	170-72
Emmett St. & Cleveland Ave.	5	170-72
ENNIS: McKinney St. & W. Rensselaer St.	34-72	
W. Rensselaer St. - Sherman St.		
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EUSTACE: Malabar: No. Main & Arbor Sts.	7	
FAIRFIELD (Texas): Commerce & Hall Sts.	18	
FAIRFORDS: Highway 16	16	
FLORENCE: Main & Patterson Sts.	10	
FLORENCEVILLE: 1st & D Sts.	16	
FRANKLIN: Highway & Brennan Sts.	6	382
FREDERICKSBURG: Main St.	6	385
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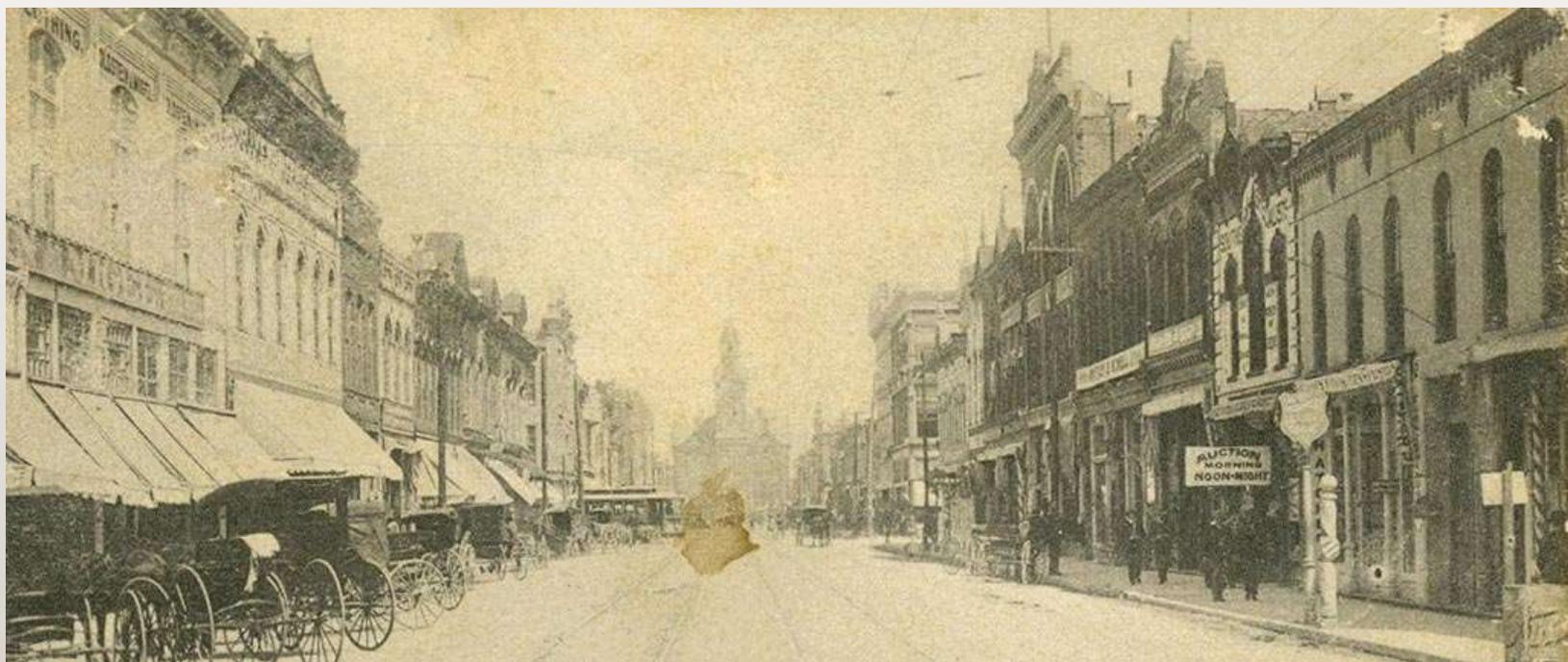
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Historic Texas Highways



Today, the Lone Star State is crisscrossed with a jumbled tangle of high-speed highways and byways. It was not always this way. In the late 1800s and into early 1900s, the traveler had only dirt, gravel, and occasionally paved roadways from which to choose. As automobiles became more popular, the demand for better and safer roads increased, leading to the Good Roads movement. This in turn led to the improvement and expansion of the roadway network across Texas and across the nation. The development of communities was closely linked to transportation, whether waterways, roadways, or railways. As auto travel increased in the 1920s and '30s, towns connected by roads prospered due to the ability to sell and trade goods, and by providing places for travelers to stop for food, lodging, and vehicle care.

A rich architectural legacy from this early time period still remains along these early roadways, including gas stations, motels and hotels, diners and cafes, auto dealerships and repair shops, parks, signage, bridges, and tourist attractions. To learn and see more about these resources, please explore our various highway

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Meridian Highway



The Meridian Highway historically has been the major north-south named highway in Texas since the early 1910s. As originally conceived by the International Meridian Association in 1911, it stretched from Canada to Mexico, extending through the nation's mid-section and the expansive Great Plains region. Its path cross approximately 800 miles of Texas, passing through Burkburnett, Wichita Falls, Fort Worth, Cleburne, Waco, Taylor, Georgetown, Austin, New Braunfels, San Antonio, Cotulla, Laredo, Bryan, Hempstead, Houston, and Galveston, among other communities, and roughly followed IH-35W with a major lateral from Waco to Galveston following SH6/US 290.

The Texas Historical Commission is undertaking a two-year study to document the history of the Meridian Highway. The project will result in a written history of the Texas section of the Meridian Highway and a survey of the Texas Meridian route, including associated historic resources: auto repair garages, gas stations, diners, tourist camps, auto courts, motels, road markers, paving, and traffic signs. This effort is funded by the Texas Legislature and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)

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Auto Parts Store, 102 7th St. Teasdale	Gas Station, 412 W 3rd St. Teasdale	Gas Station, 404 W 7th St. Teasdale	Bridge-Class Culvert, W 7th St. Teasdale
Grade Separation (Overlook Pass), W 7th St. Teasdale	Motel/Tourist Court, 3502 W 7th St. Teasdale	Roadside Signment, Pace St. Redwater	Bridge, CR 5225, Redwater
Culvert, Pace St. Redwater	Bridge-Class Culvert, Pace St. Redwater	Culvert, Pace St. Redwater	Cemetary Marker, US 97, Redwater
Gas Station, 432 Broadway Ave. Maud	Gas Station, 411 Broadway Ave. Maud	Bridge, CR 2490, Doxatocville	Roadside Signment, CR 2450, Doxatocville
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Other Ways to Explore the Bankhead Highway

To see all of the historical sites surveyed along the Bankhead, not just the National Register Listed, National Register Eligible, and Contributing to a District sites, click on the link below.

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QUESTIONNAIRE: HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY OF THE MERIDIAN HIGHWAY

Project contact: Leslie Wolfenden, 512.463.3386, leslie.wolfenden@thc.state.tx.us

Participant Contact Information

Name _____

Street _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Email Address _____

Activities along the Meridian Highway

Did you, your family, or friends travel on the Meridian Highway? If so, when, how often and for what reason?

Did new businesses open when the highway was built? If so, what kind of businesses were they and when were they in use?

Did the highway pass through the downtown area? If so, did any events take place on the downtown section of the highway, and what were they...fairs, parades, community celebrations?

What impact did paving the highway have on local business and movement from town to town? Did tourism increase?

What happened to businesses in your community when the interstate was built?



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Buildings and Structures along the Meridian Highway

Do you remember any buildings or places that highway travelers used, such as tourist camps, tourist courts, motels, gas stations, repair garages? If so, what and where were they, and when were they used? Do they still exist?

Do you remember any old bridges, parks or rest areas built along or near the highway? If so, where were they and do they still exist? When were they built and when did people stop using them?

Are there any old sections of road that are no longer used? If so, where are they?

Historical Information

Do you have any photographs, postcards or written materials showing places on or near the Bankhead? Are you willing to have them scanned or photographed for use in this project?

Do you know anyone else who might have materials to share? If so, please provide contact information.

I have photos, post cards or other materials to share with the project but did not bring them to this meeting. The survey crew will contact you to arrange an opportunity for you to share your materials. Please complete the section at the top of the Questionnaire so you can be contacted.

Project Feedback

Please record any comments you have on this meeting, or the project.

Thank you for your participation.



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Questions

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