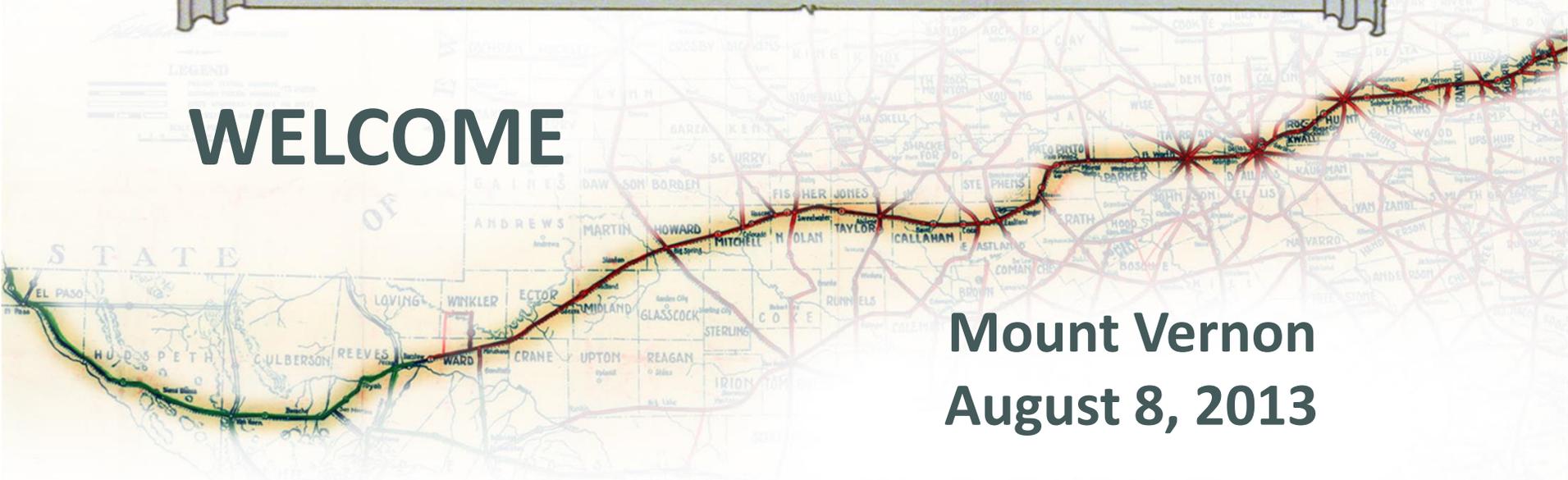




# BANKHEAD NATIONAL HIGHWAY

# WELCOME



## Mount Vernon August 8, 2013

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## What is the Project?

- “ Joint Effort
  - . Texas Historical Commission
  - . Texas Department of Transportation
- “ Grant from Federal Highways Administration
- “ Commemorate Historic Highways
- “ Heritage Tourism



Source: National Archives and Records Administration

## What is the Project?

### ” Goals

- . Develop Historic Context
- . Document Historic Buildings and Structures Along Bankhead Highway
- . Make Information Available to Public
- . Promote Tourism



Source: TxDOT Photo Library

## What is the Project?

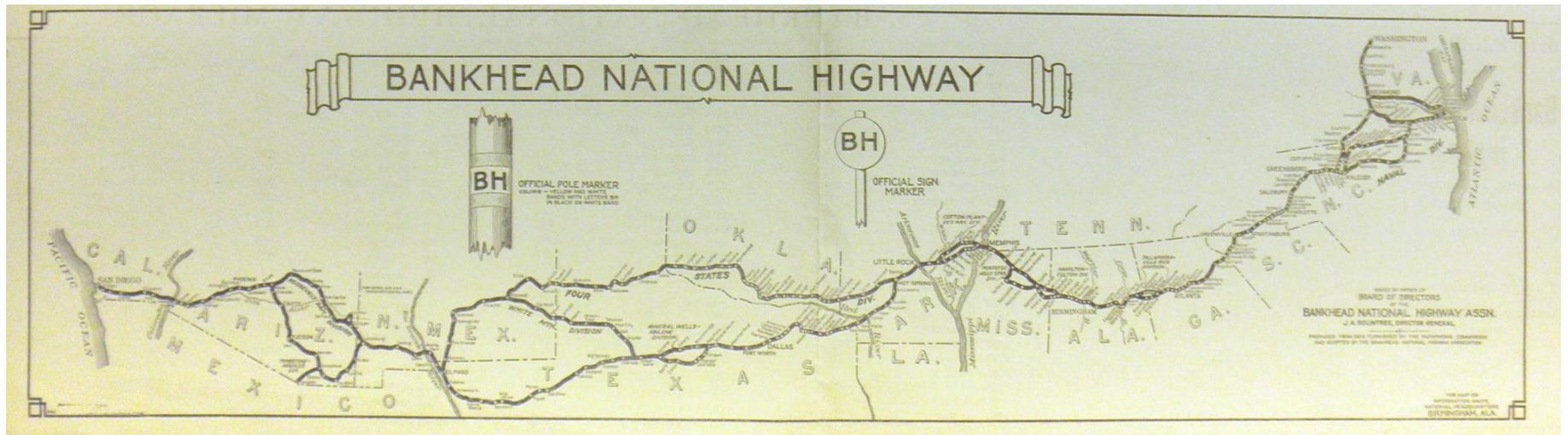
- “ Survey all alignments of Bankhead Highway
  - State Highway 1
  - US 80 and US 67
- “ Please help us identify historic resources along highway



Source: TxDOT Photo Library

## BANKHEAD NATIONAL HIGHWAY

# What is the Bankhead Highway?



Source: Birmingham Public Library

- ” Transcontinental Highway from Washington DC to San Diego CA by way of Alabama
- ” Idea dates to 1916 by John Asa Rountree and Senator John H. Bankhead

# BANKHEAD NATIONAL HIGHWAY

## What is the Bankhead Highway?



- “ Lincoln Highway from New York NY to San Francisco CA
- “ Other Highway Associations formed in 1910s



## Who is Bankhead?

- ” Senator John Hollis  
Bankhead (1842-1920)
- . U.S. Senator 1907-1920
  - . Promoted Good Roads
  - . Sponsored Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1916

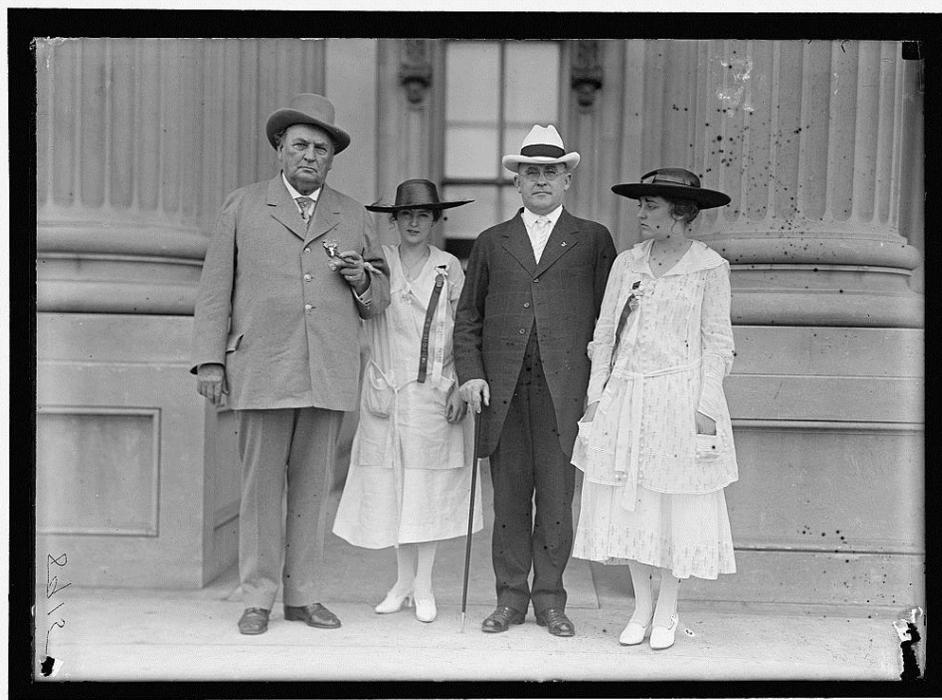


Source: Library of Congress

## BANKHEAD NATIONAL HIGHWAY

# Who is Bankhead?

Yes, he is related to Tallulah Bankhead



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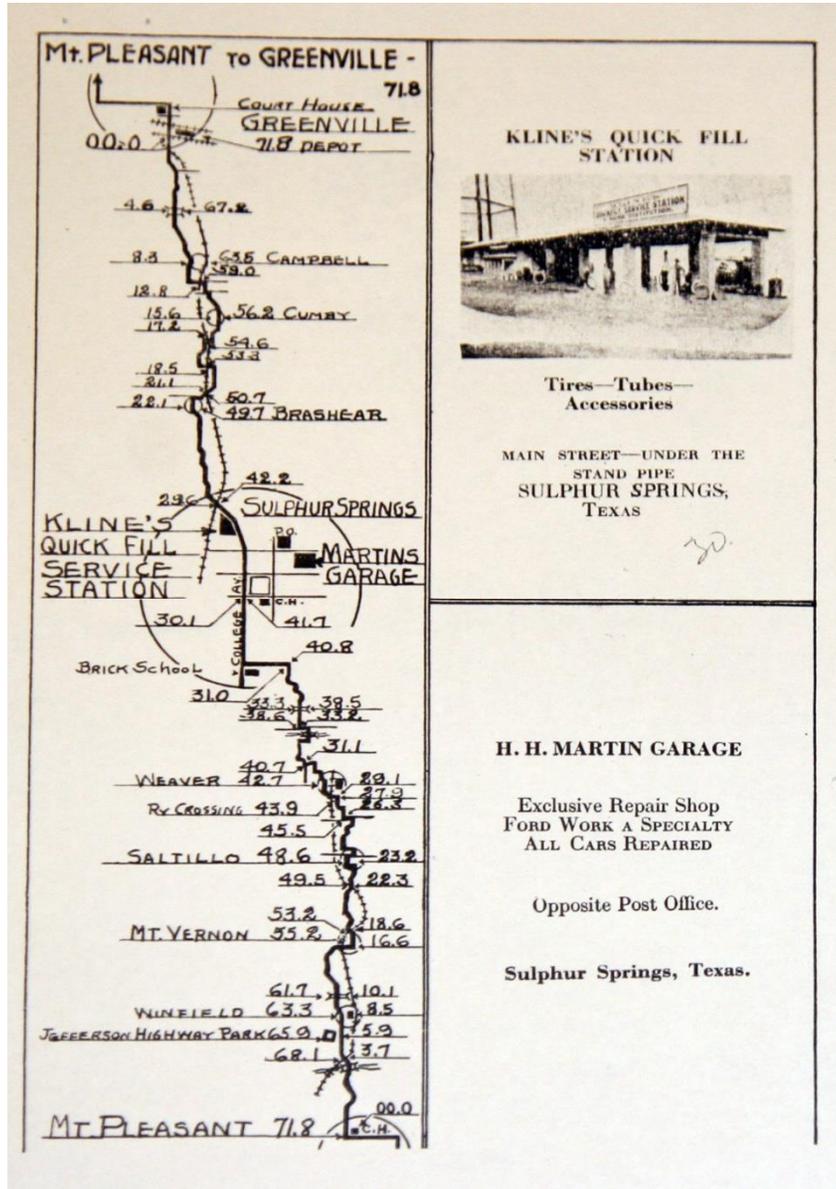
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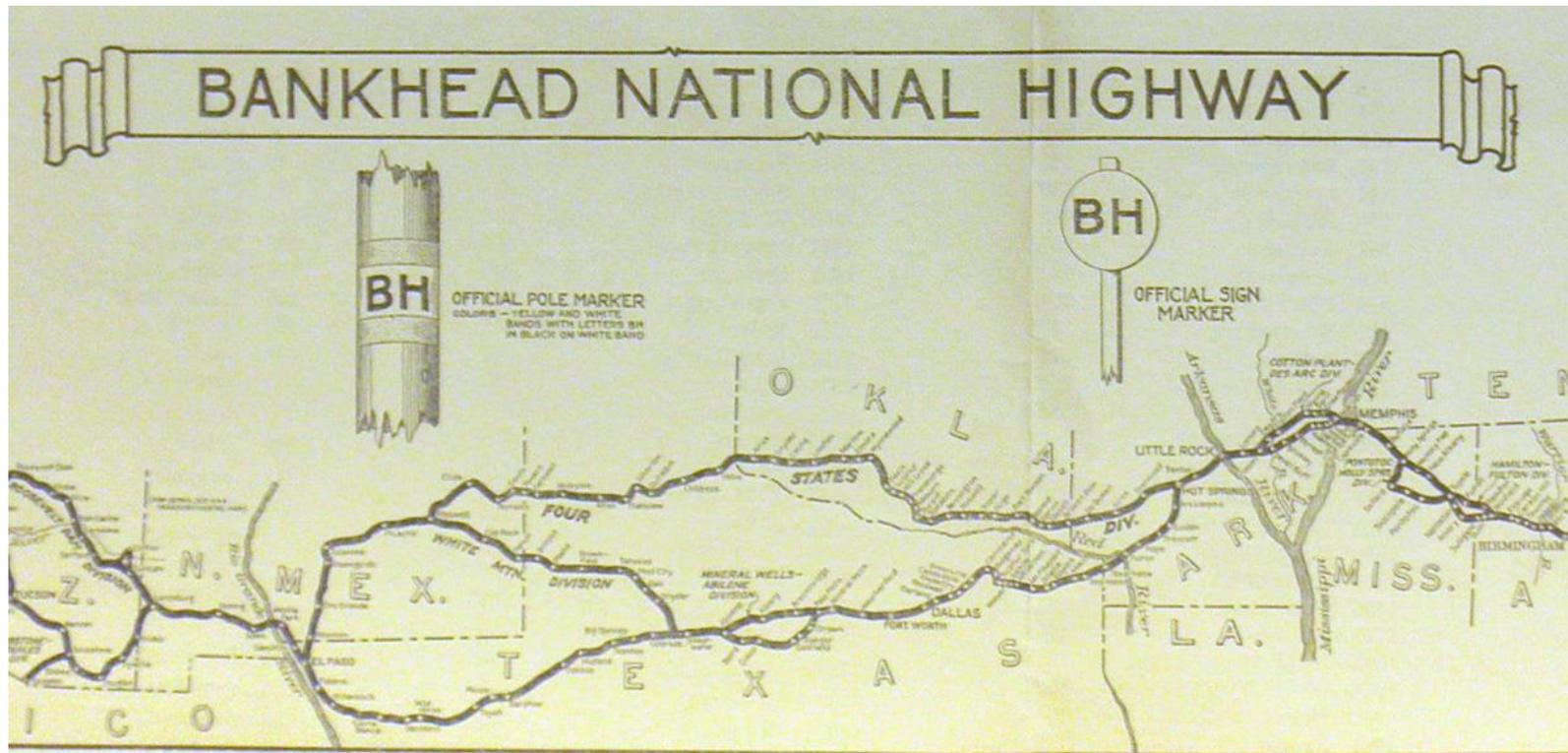


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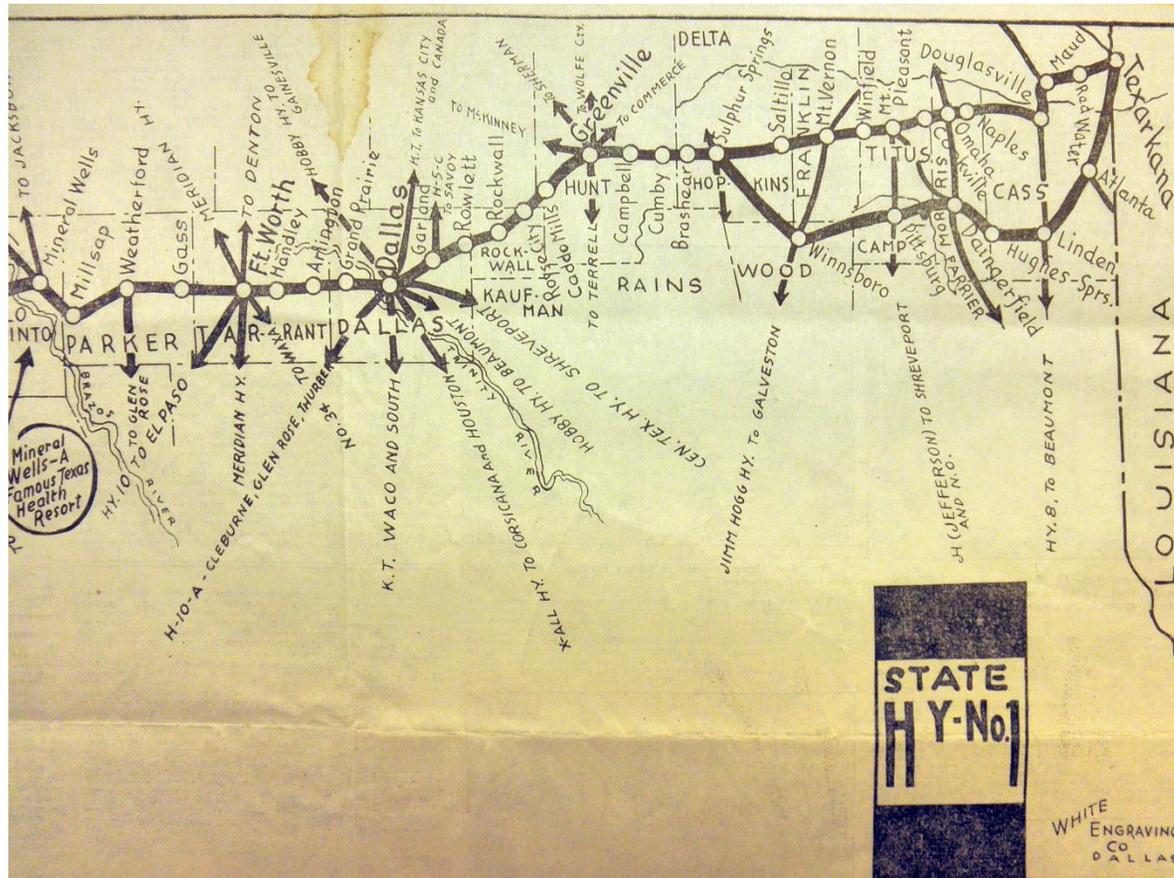


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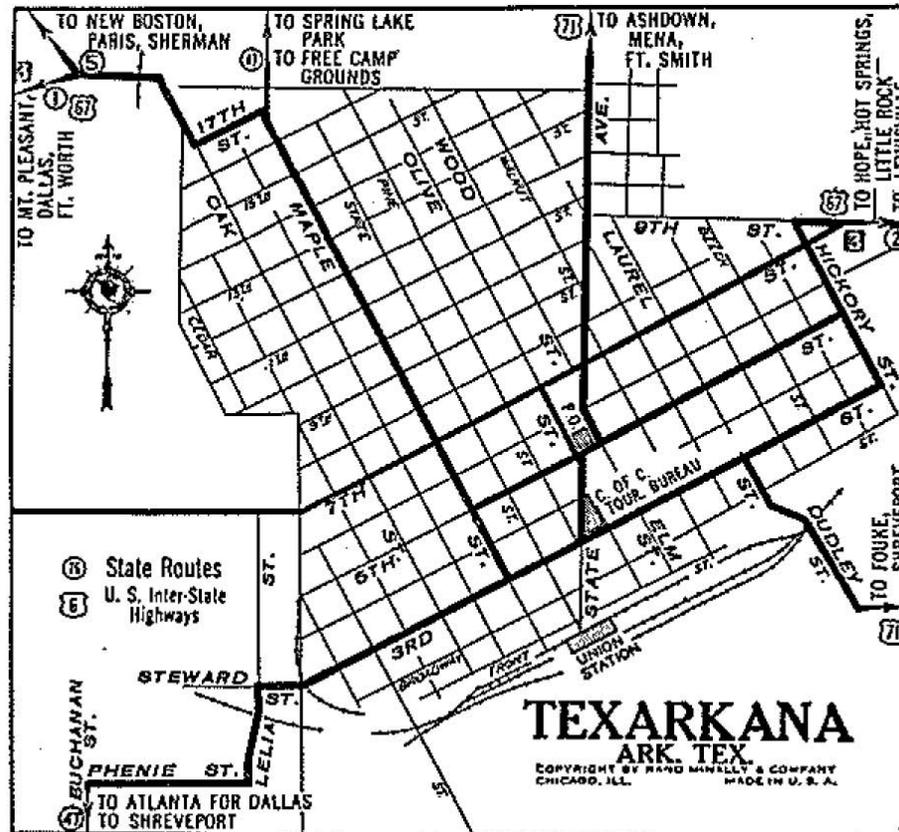


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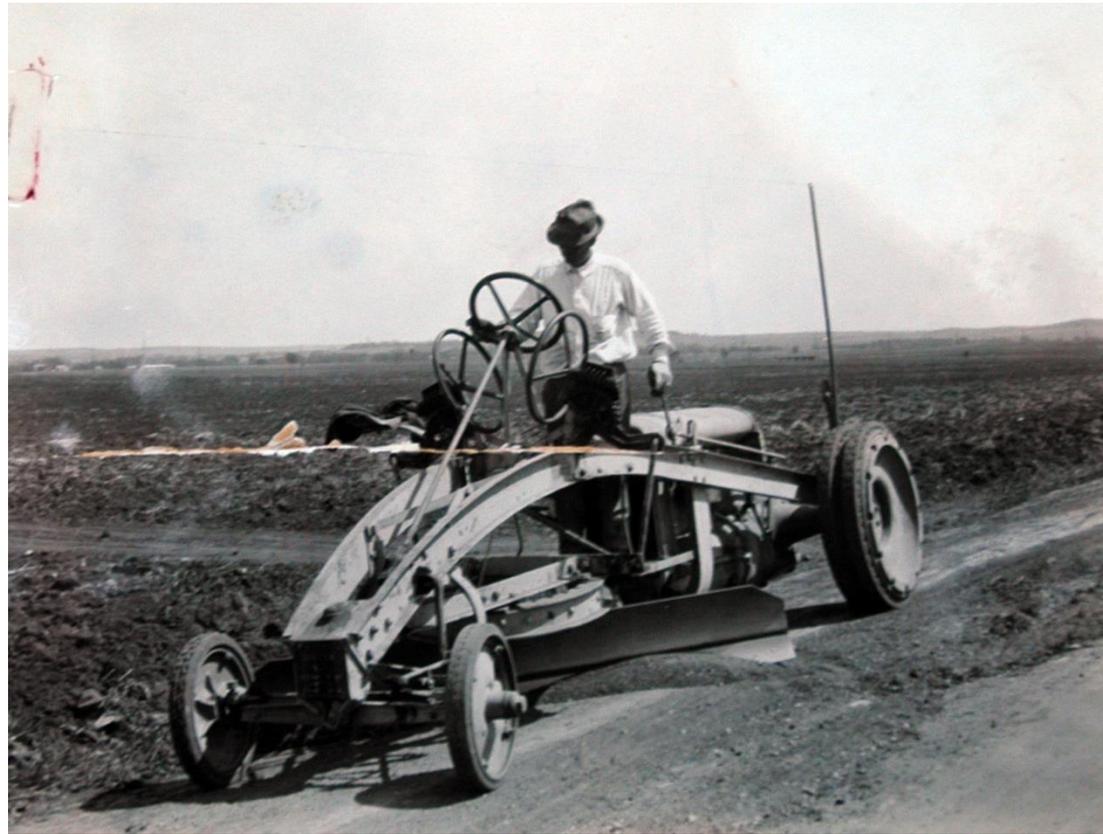
**Avoid the use of "trick" oils in your Ford Motor (Model "T"). Increased carbon deposits often do more harm than chattering. To be on the safe side, use Flivolene.**

Source: Birmingham Public Library

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# What is the route?

” Build the Highway



Source: National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD

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Source: TxDOT Photo Library

## What is the route?

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May, 1924

CONCRETE HIGHWAY MAGAZINE

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### Shall it be Gravel or Single Track Concrete?

By J. W. REESE  
County Judge, Rockwall, Texas



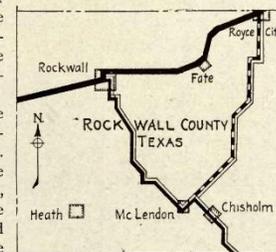
He is a "booster" for concrete roads

**T**HOUGH available funds for road construction in Rockwall County were not sufficient for building standard width pavements, the taxpayers of Texas' smallest county would be satisfied with nothing less than concrete. The solution was found in the construction of single track concrete pavement which provided sufficient mileage to place every farmer in the county within an average distance of one mile from a hard-surfaced highway.

When road improvement was first contemplated, it was expected that only 13½ miles from Royce City through Rockwall would be paved. On this stretch—an 18-foot concrete pavement—Government and Federal Aid amounted to \$348,000 and the county's share was

\$350,000. The balance of the \$800,000 county bond issue voted in 1919 originally was to be used in gravelling the other important roads in the county. The change from gravel to single track concrete pavement for these roads was made after careful deliberation based on estimated costs.

As there is no gravel deposit in the county, all of this material must be imported over a haul of from 40 to 50 miles. Under these conditions a gravel surface 16 feet wide would cost \$11,000 per mile, exclusive of bridges and grading. The maintenance of a gravel road would add five or six hundred dollars yearly expense per mile while expensive scarifying and reshaping would be necessary every eight or ten years. Texas laws permit a county to issue bonds for only 25 per cent of its



Legend  
 — 18 Ft. Concrete Pavement Completed.  
 - - - 6 Ft. Concrete Pavement Completed.  
 ···· 8 Ft. Concrete Pavement Proposed.

Source: Internet Archive

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# Why was the highway needed?

” Military Transportation



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“ Commerce and Trade



Source: The Portal to Texas History

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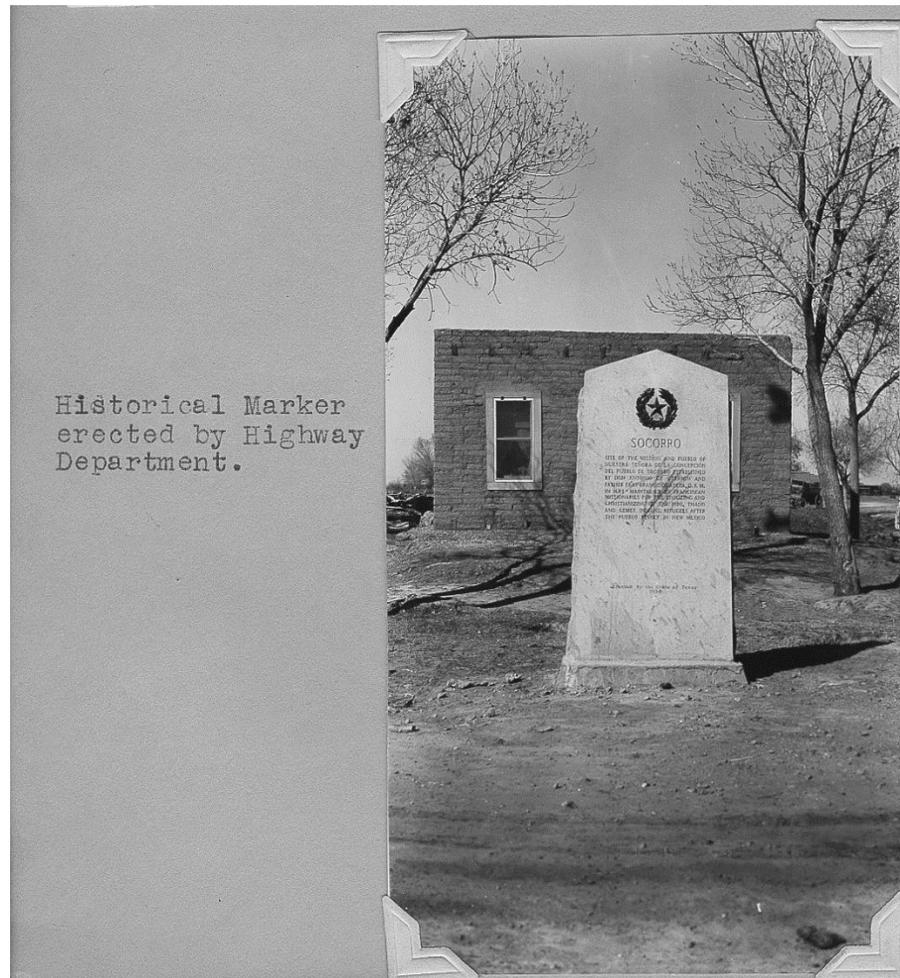


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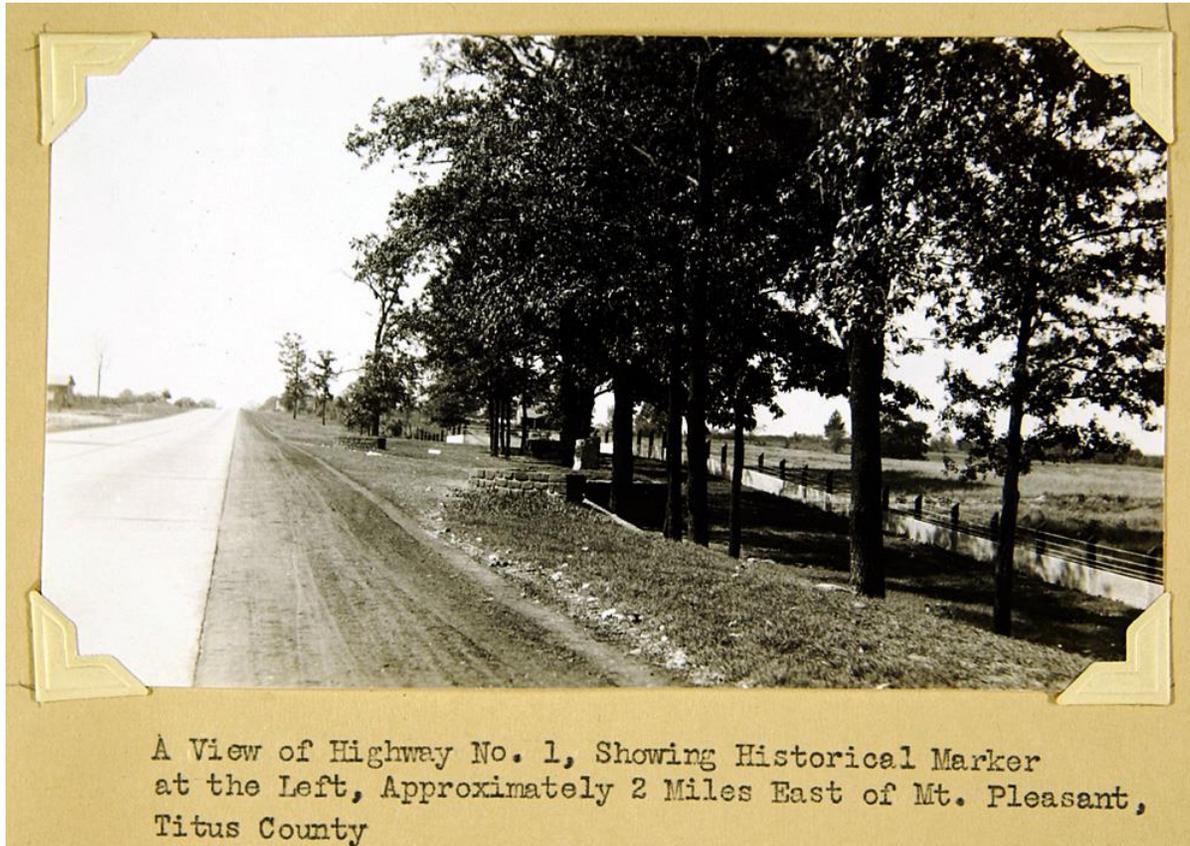


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# Why Was The Highway Needed?

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A View of Highway No. 1, Showing Historical Marker at the Left, Approximately 2 Miles East of Mt. Pleasant, Titus County

Source: TxDOT Photo Library

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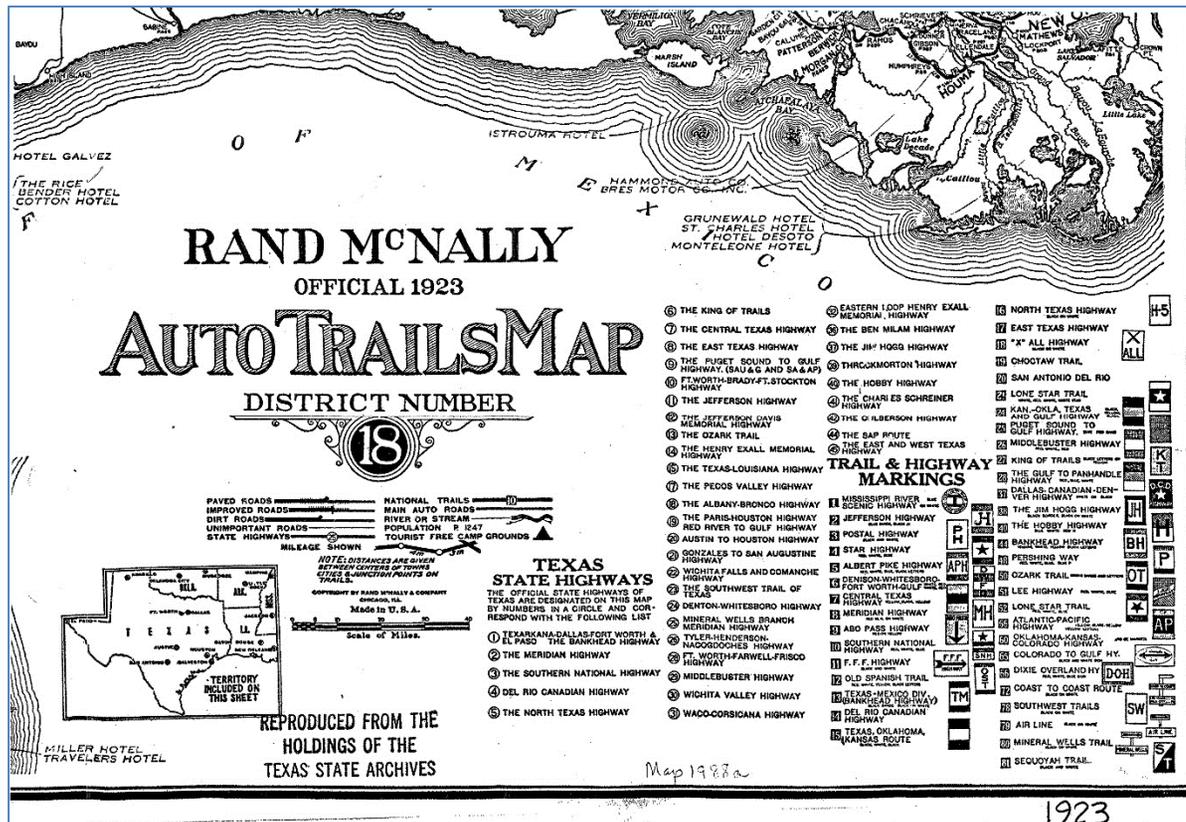


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Source: Texas State Library and Archives

The Bankhead Highway in Texas: Legacy of a Historic Highway

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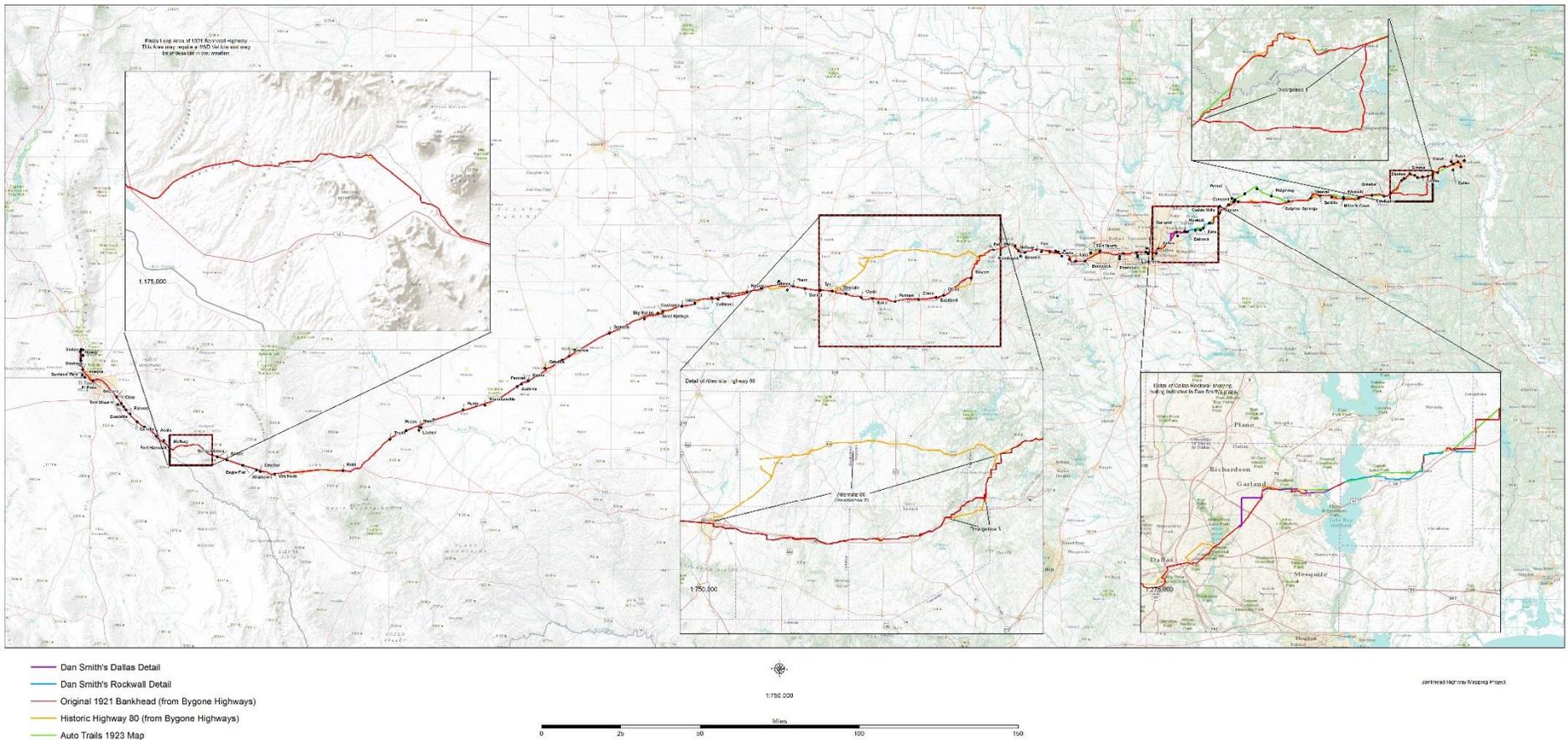


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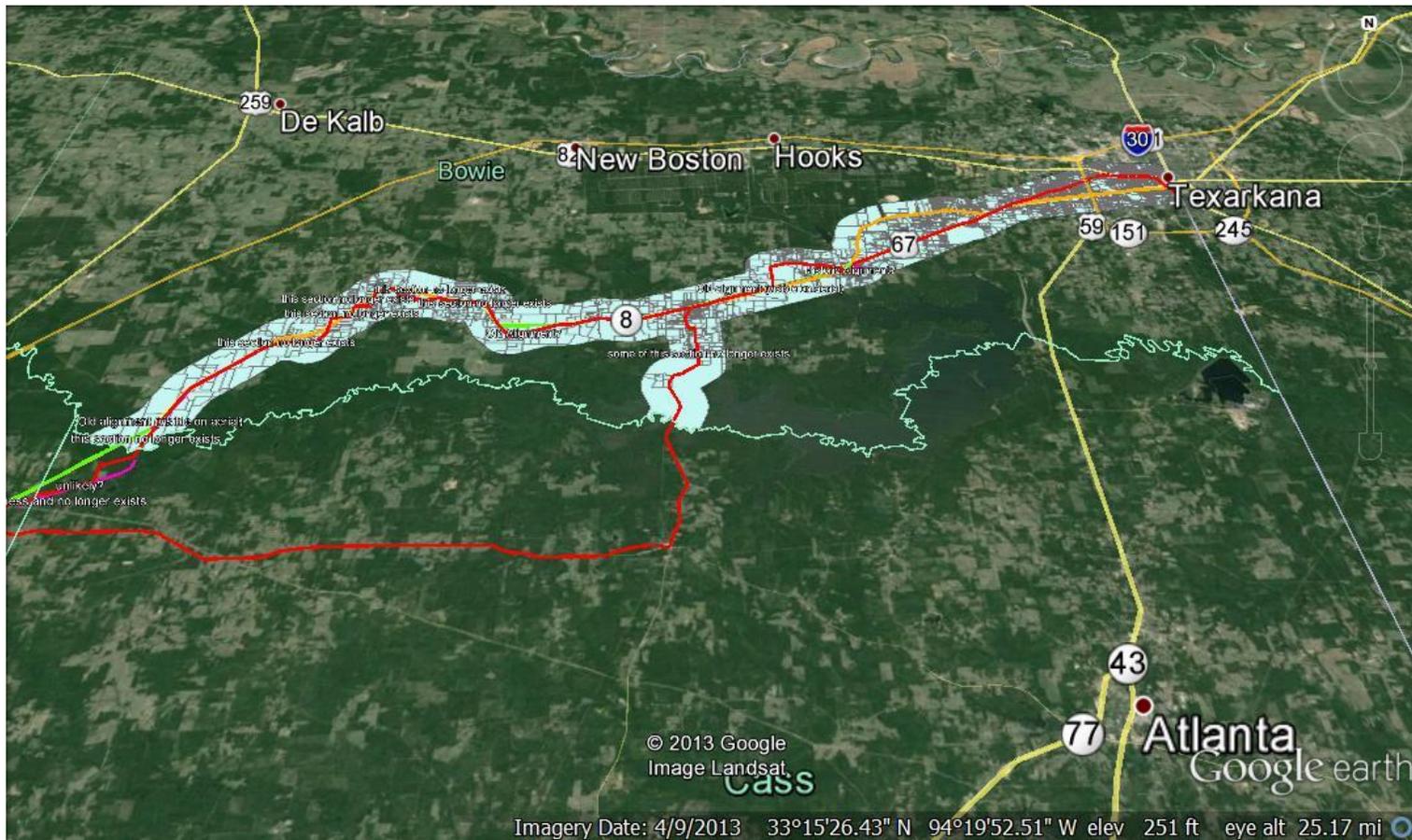
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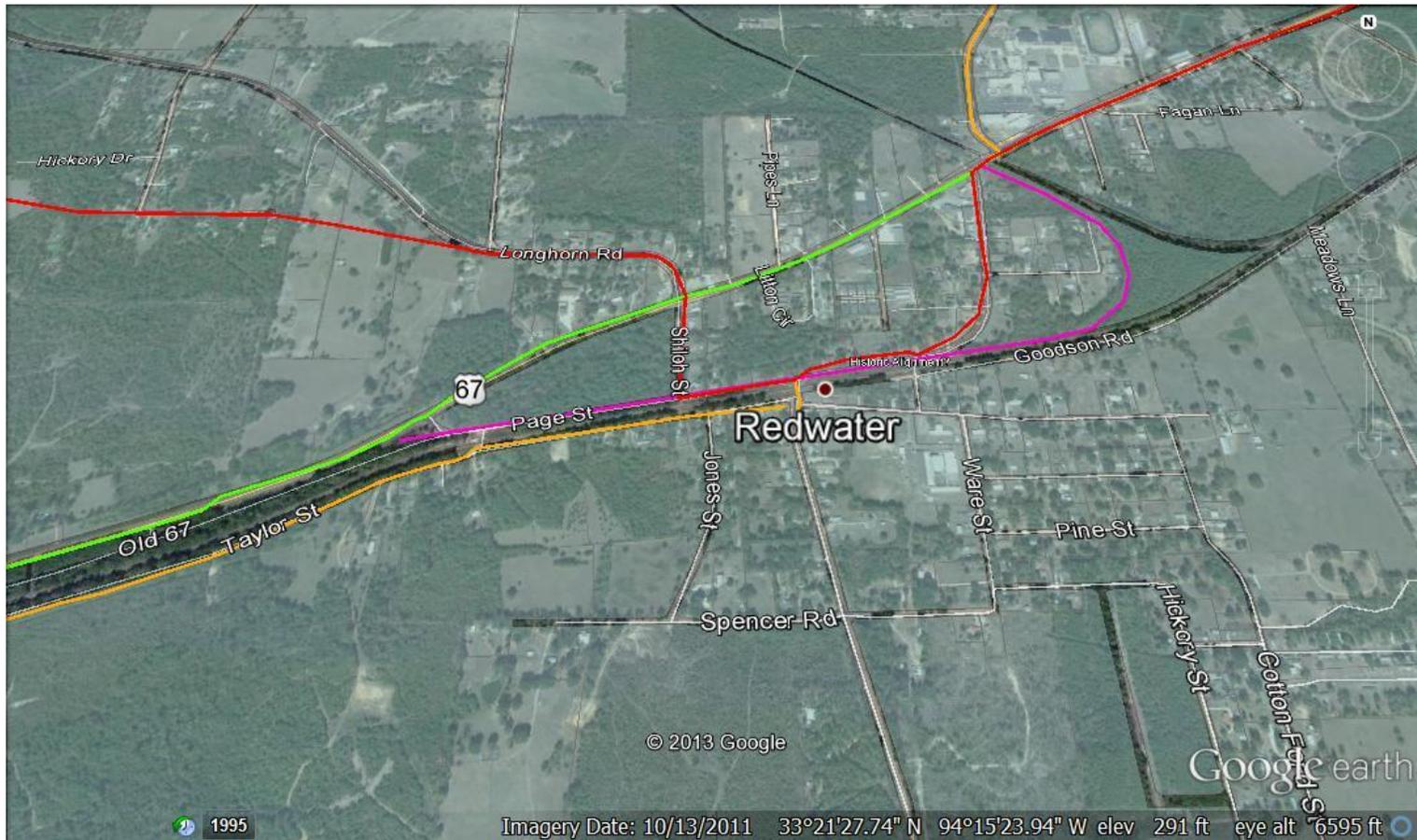
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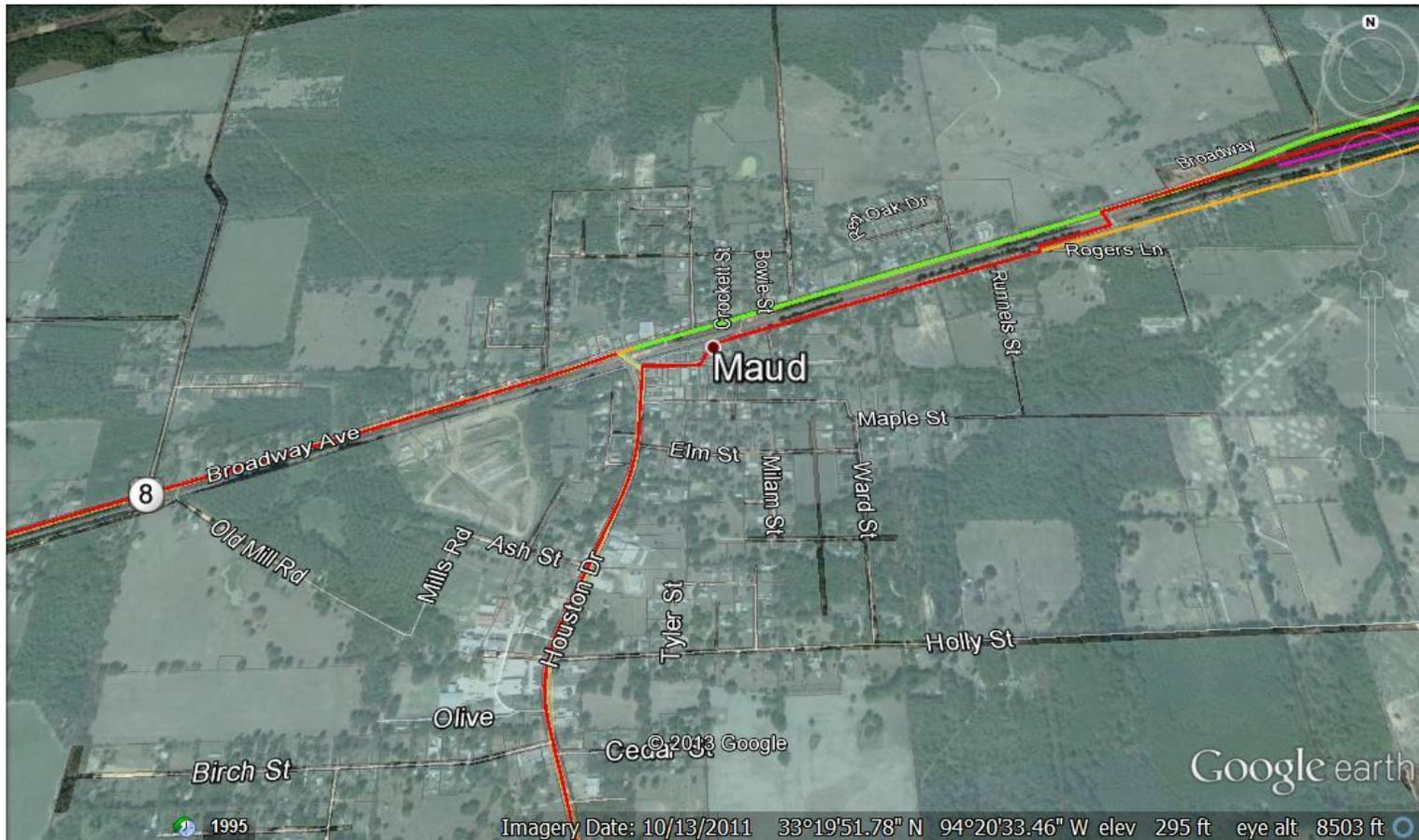
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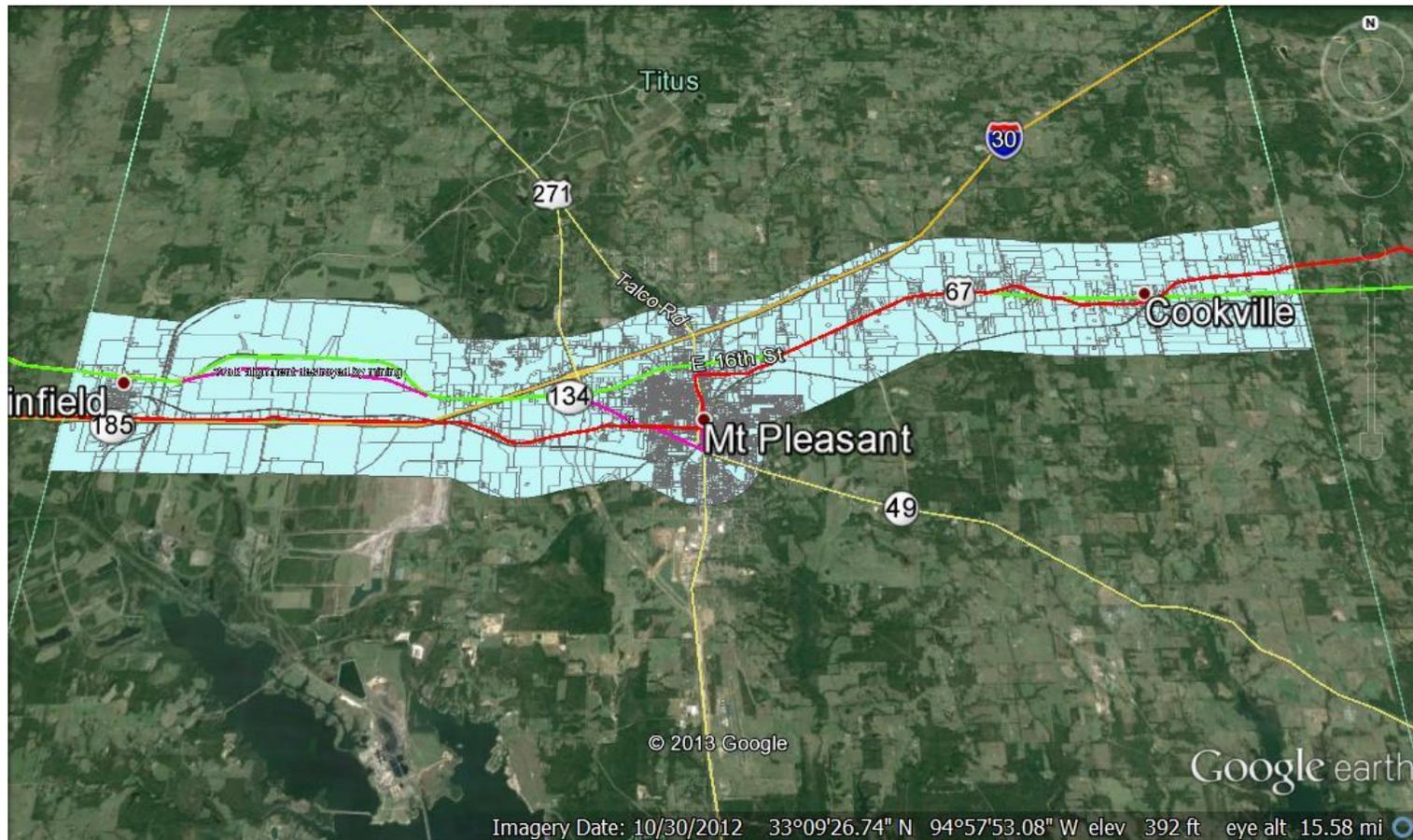
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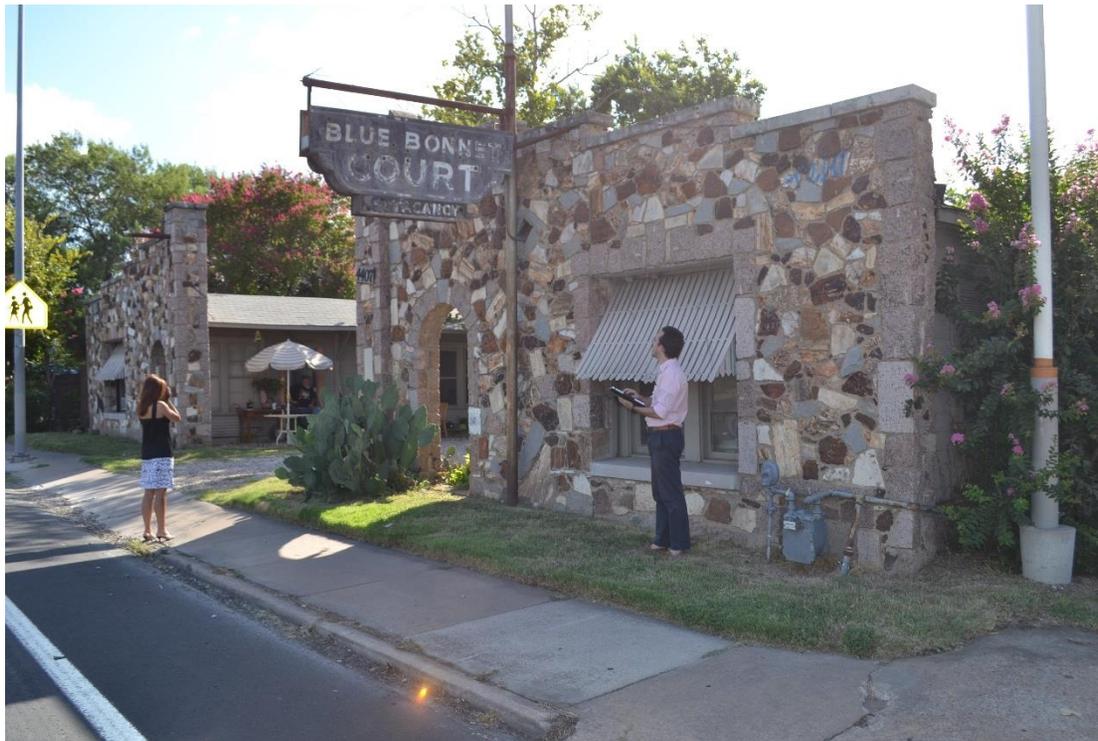
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Field Teams in Area during weeks of August 19 and 26

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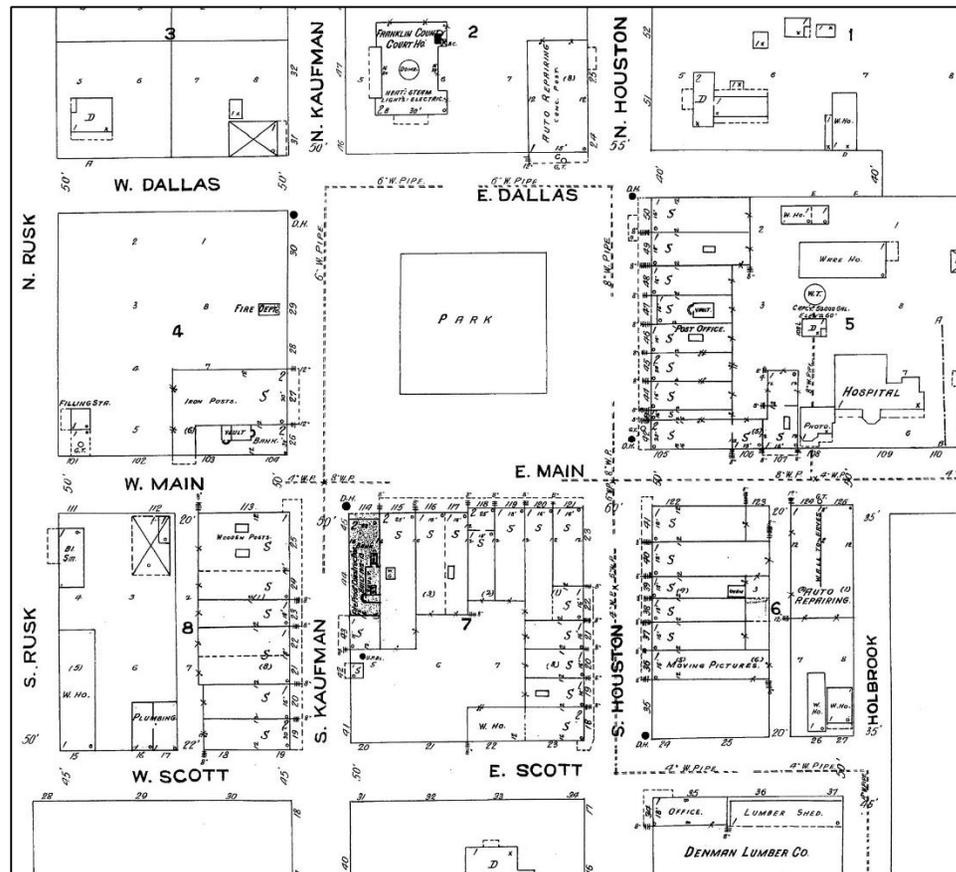
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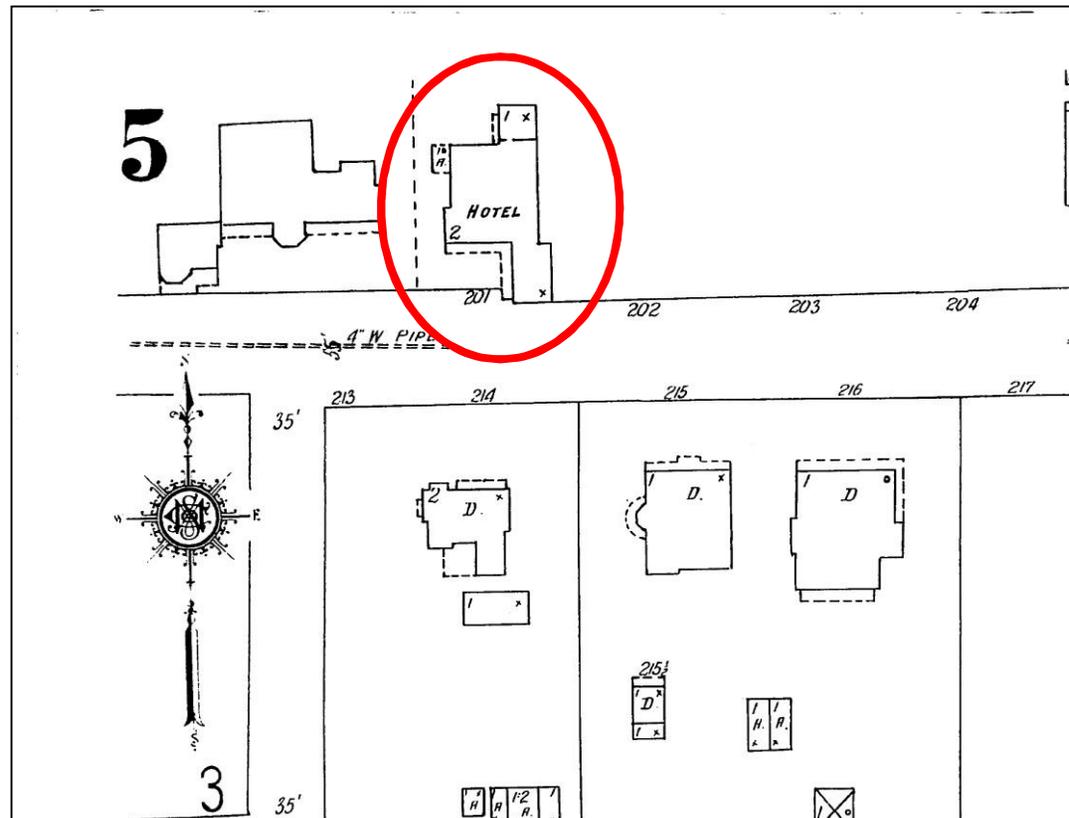
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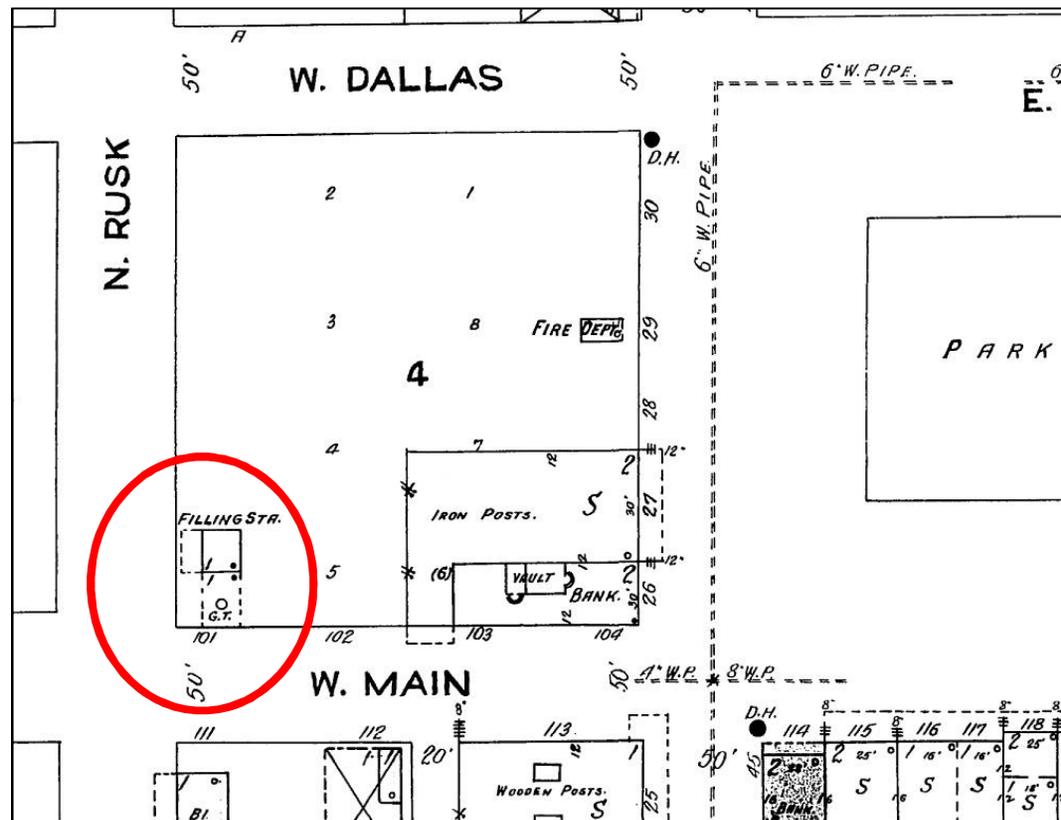
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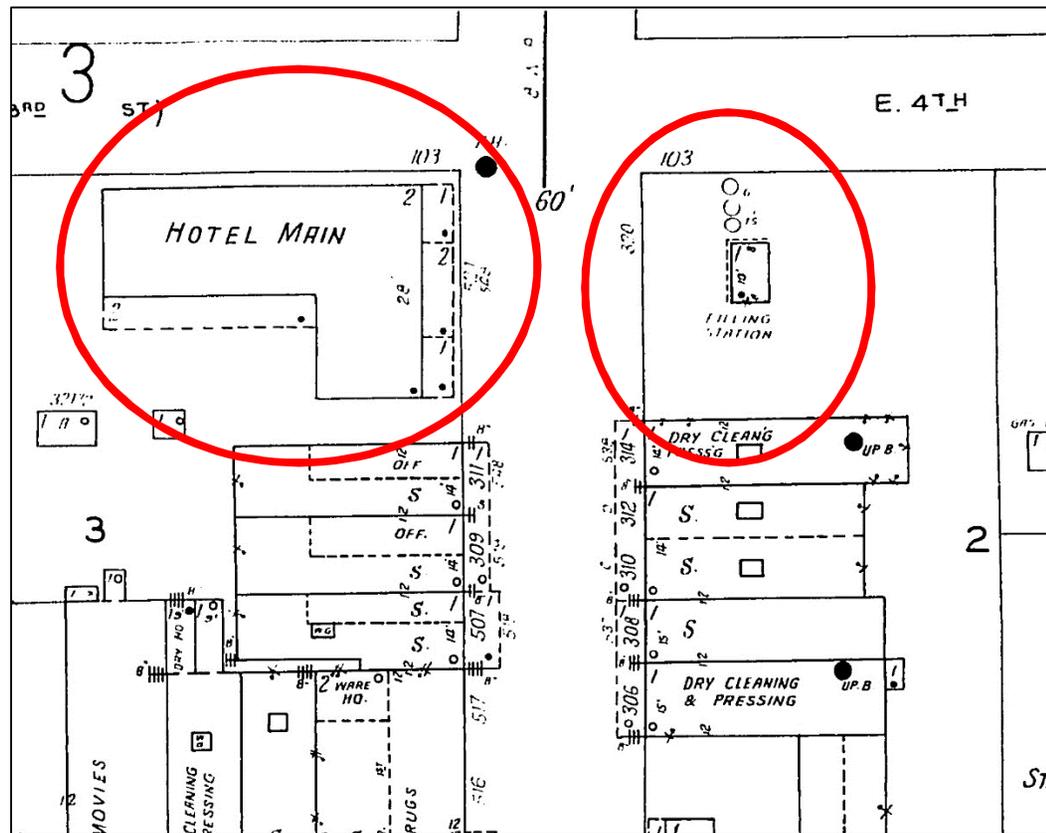


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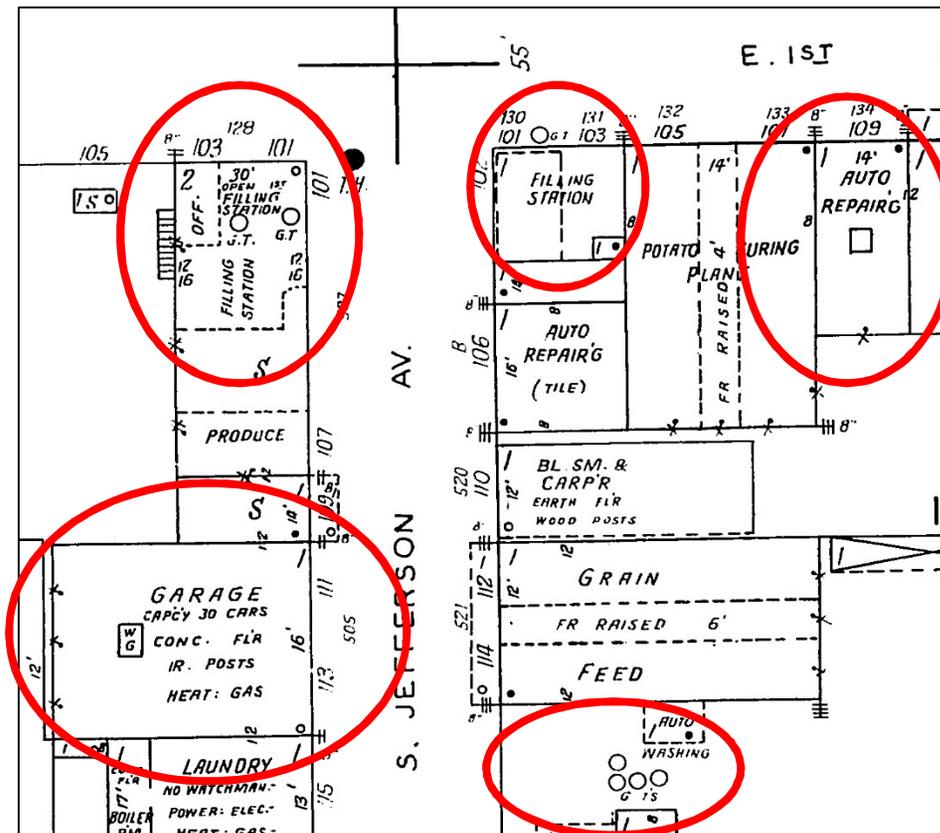
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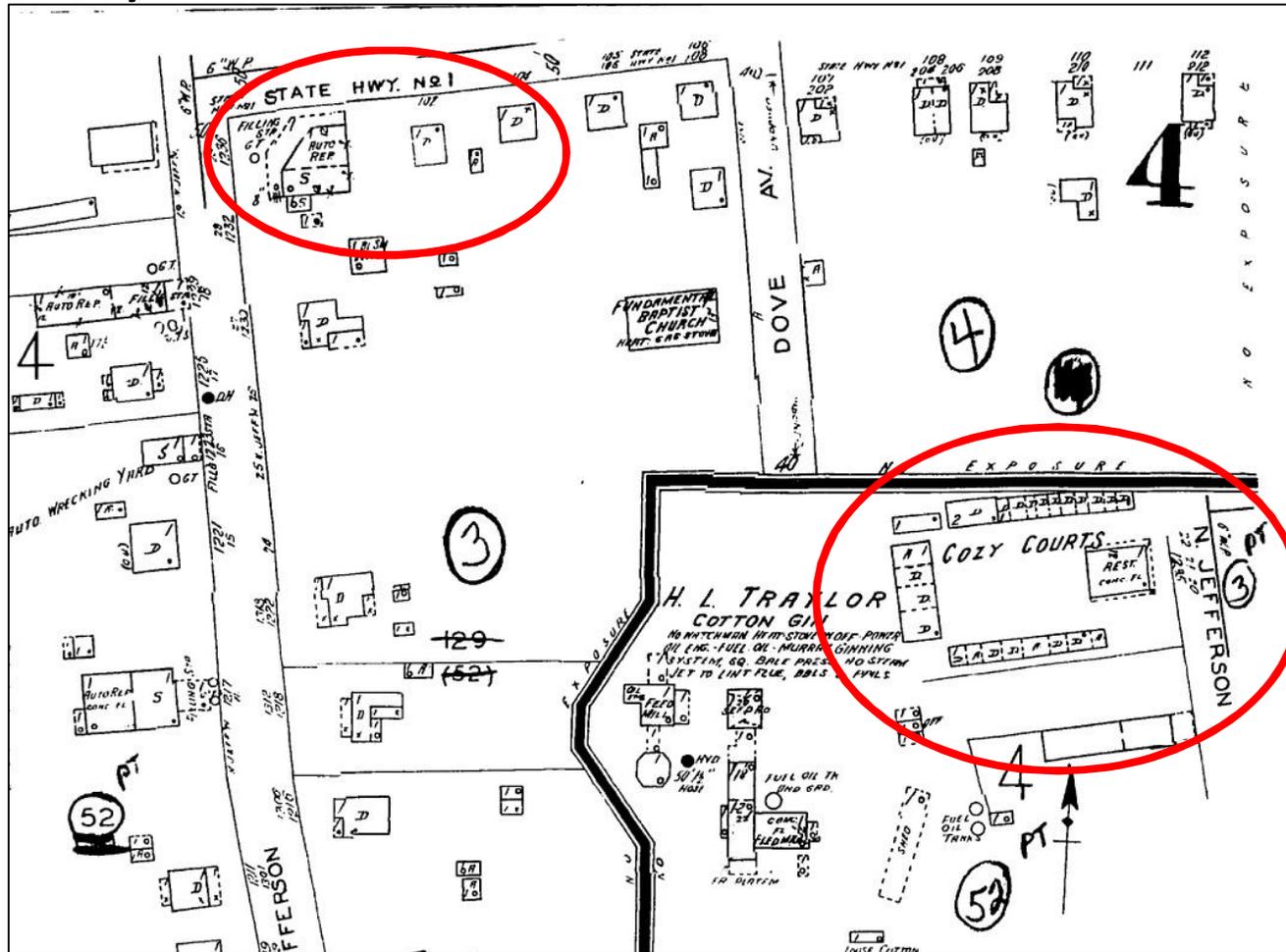


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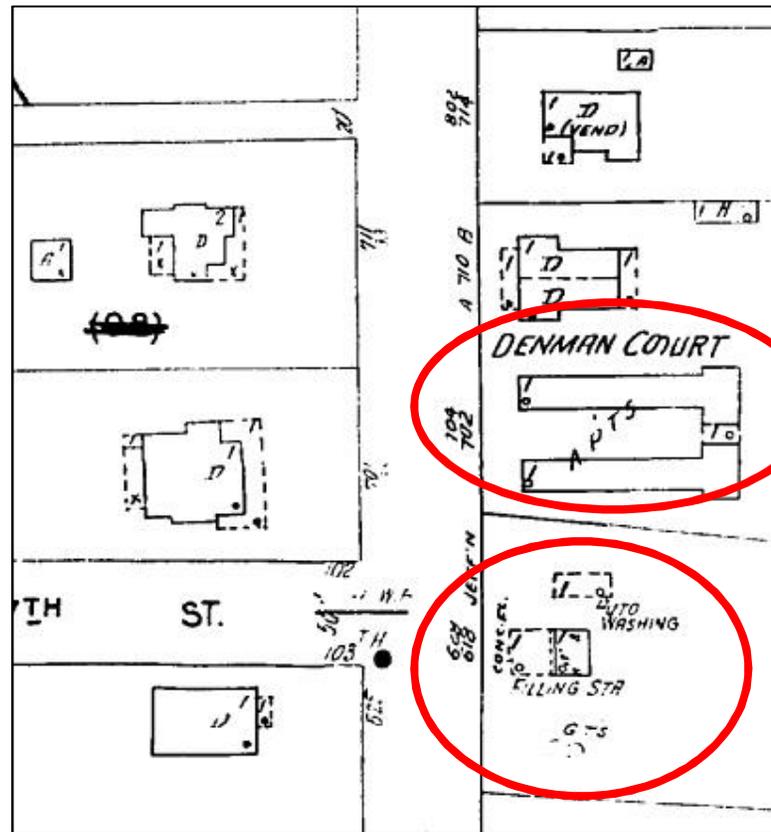
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Abilene, Texas

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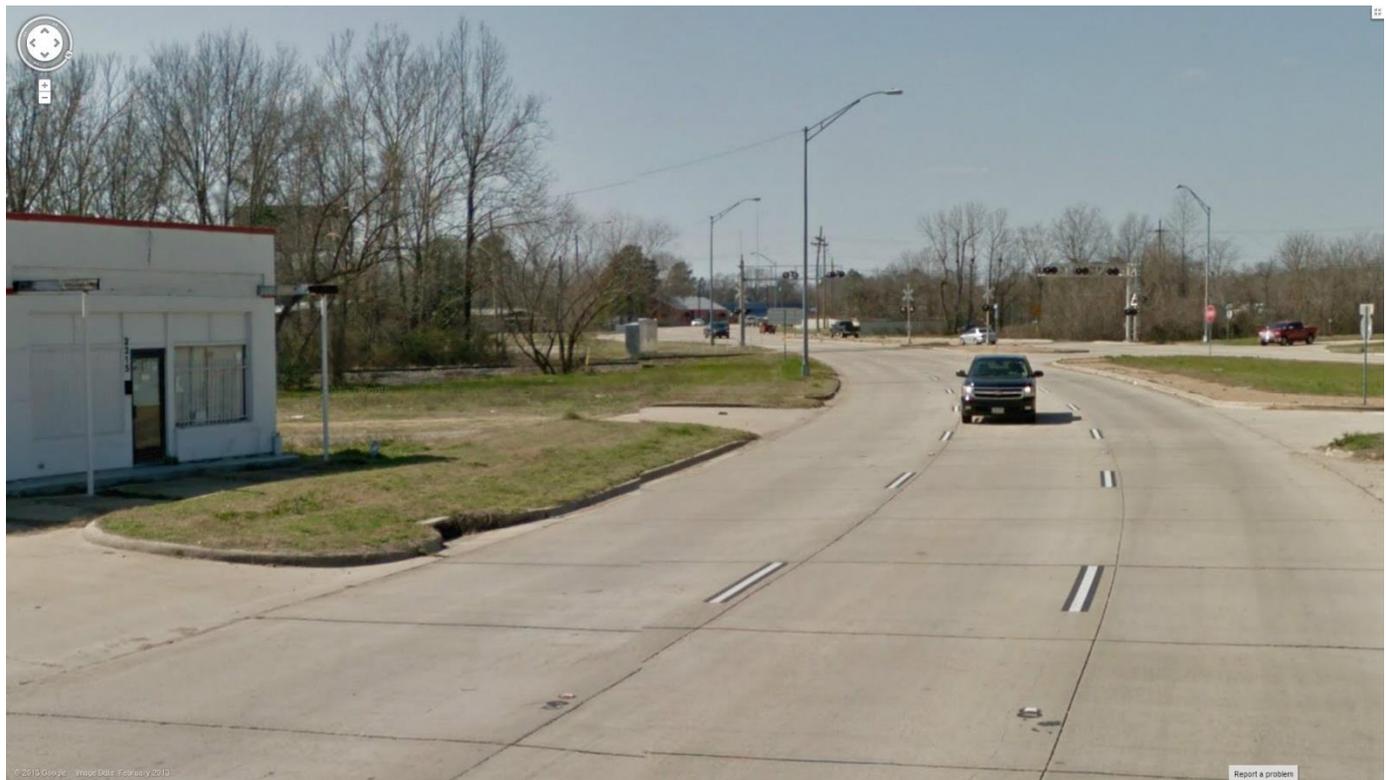


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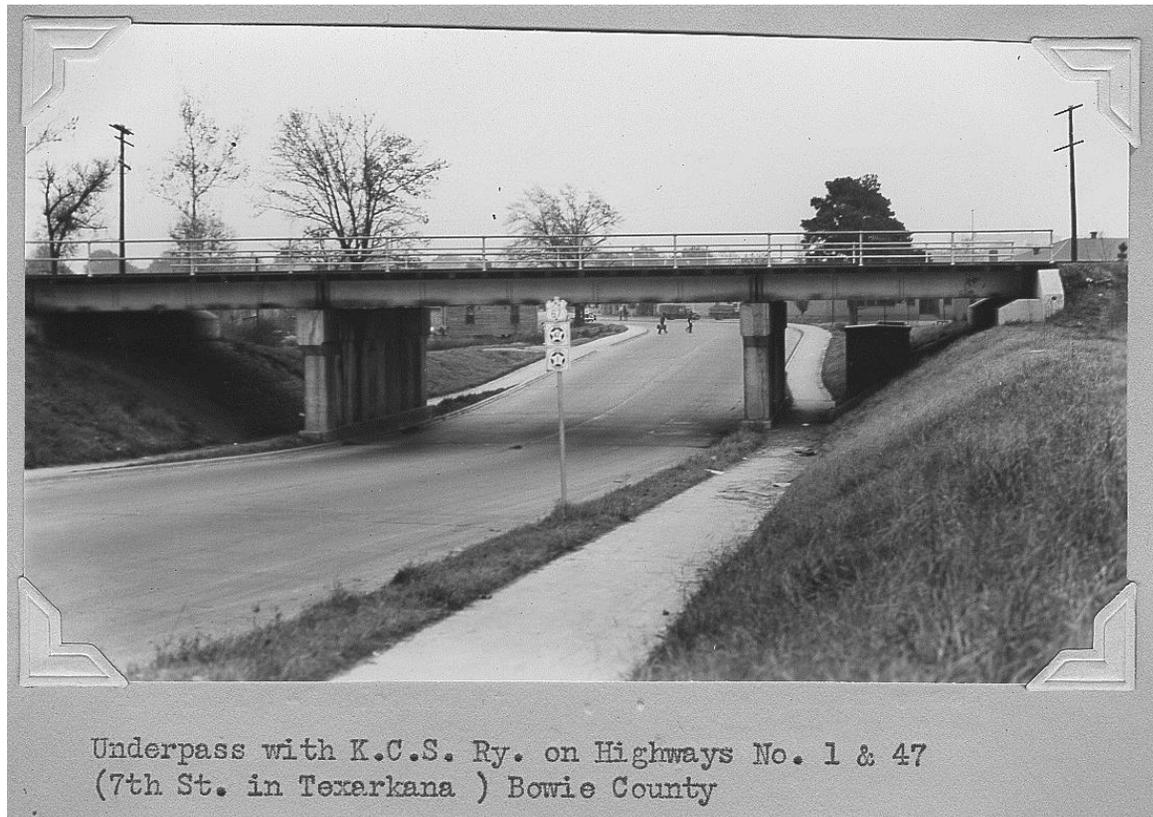


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Underpass with K.C.S. Ry. on Highways No. 1 & 47  
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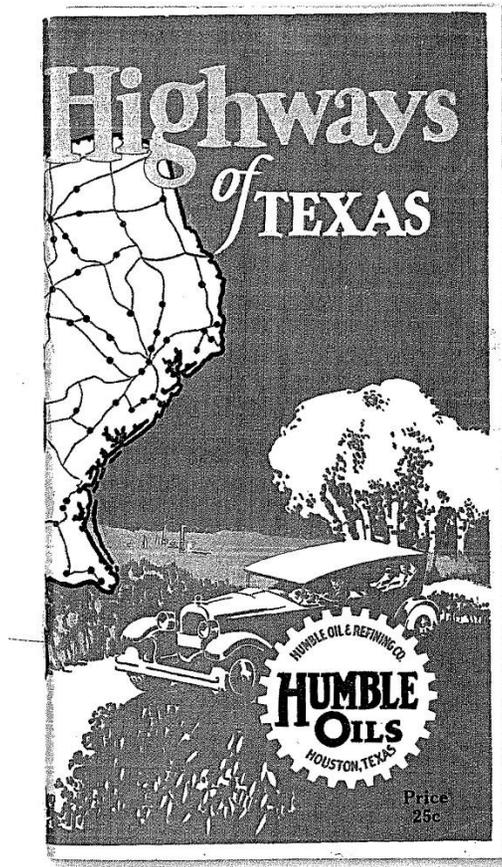
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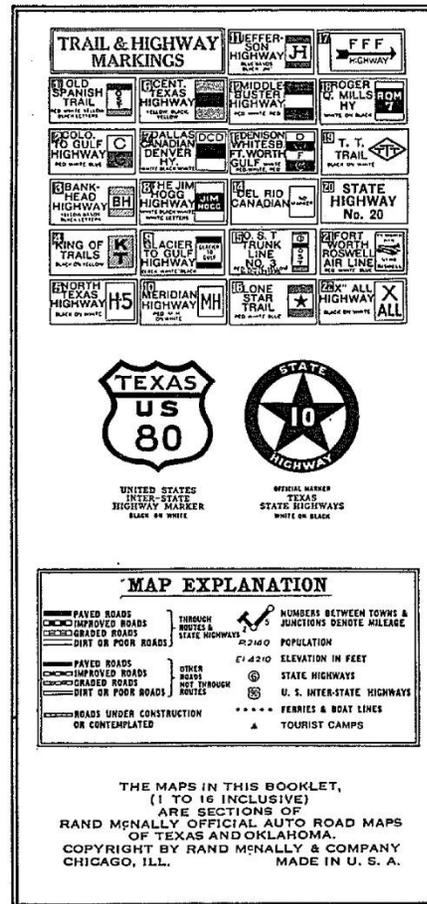
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Camp Hannon, Texarkana, date unknown. Source: Dan Smith

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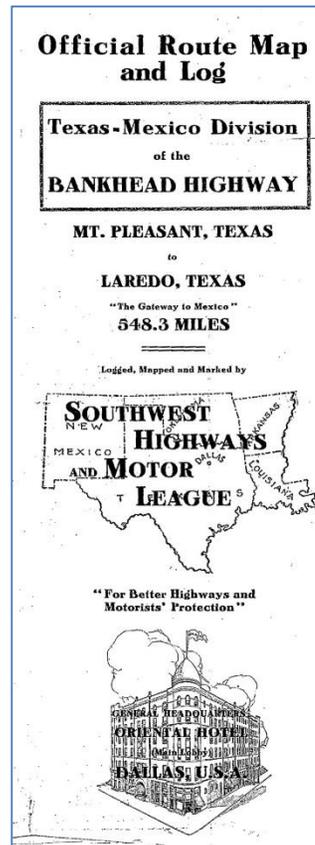


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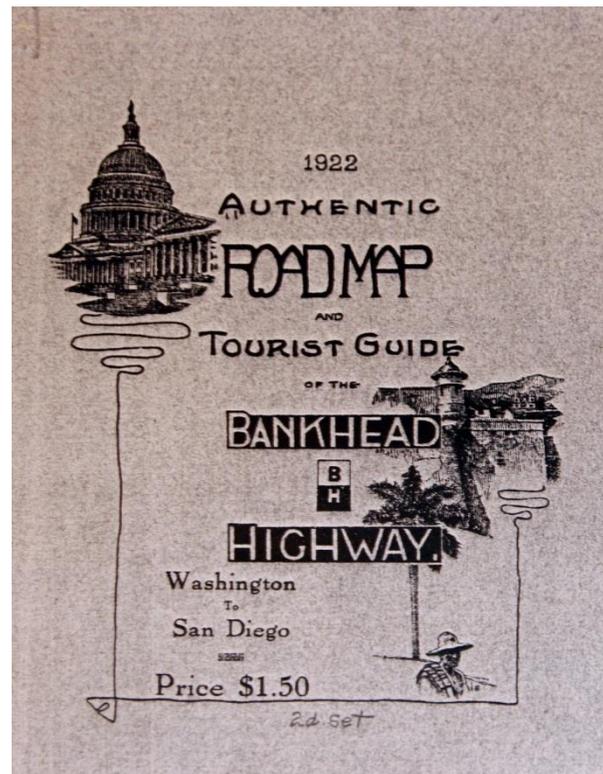
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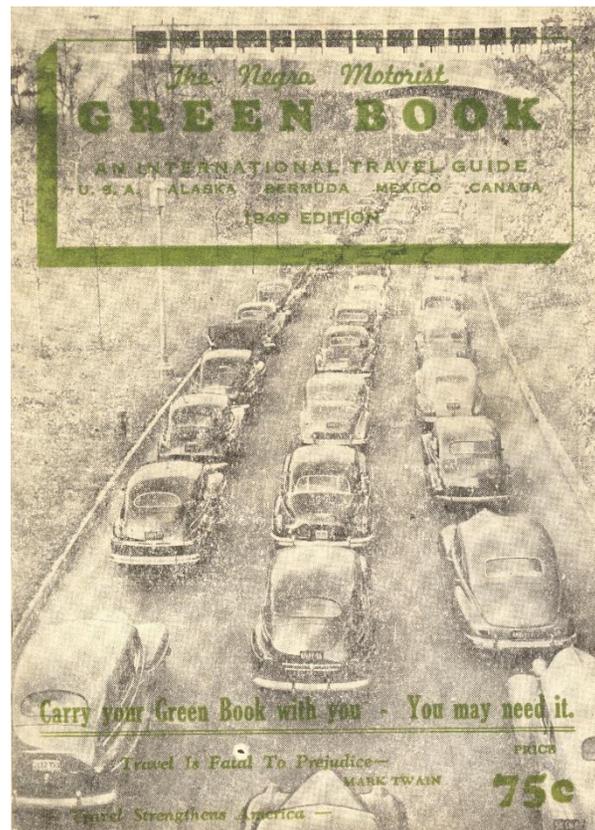
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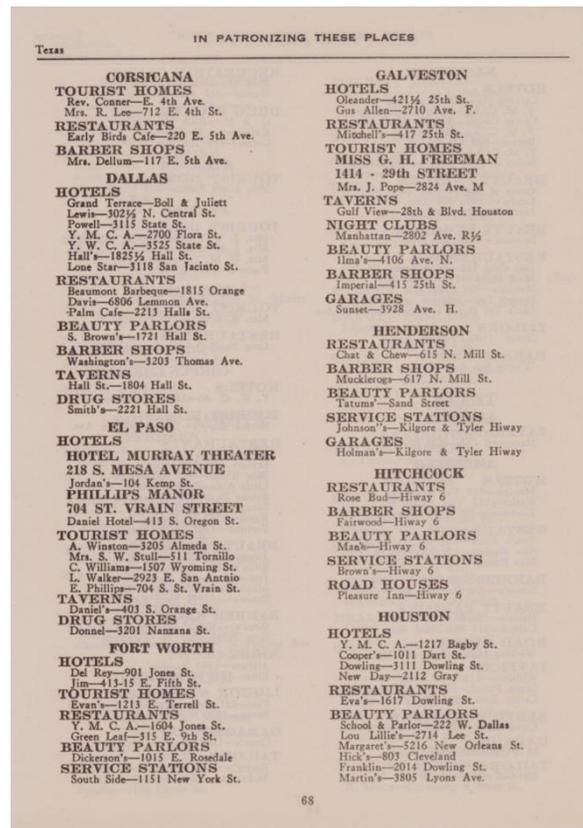


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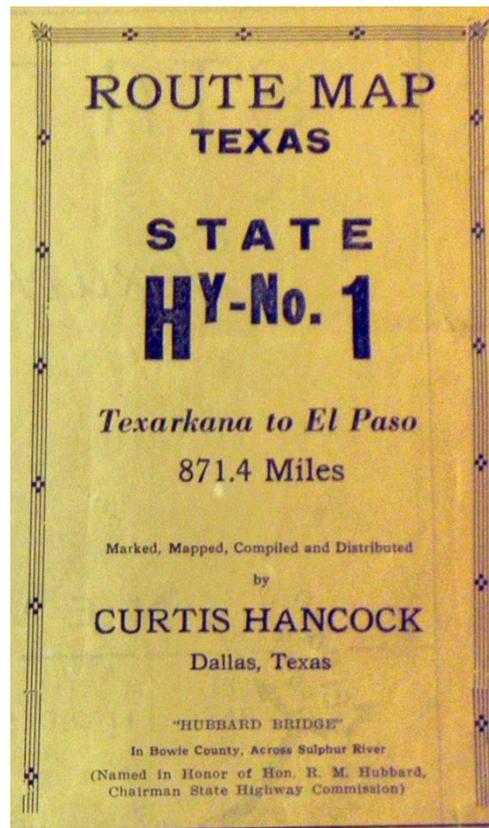
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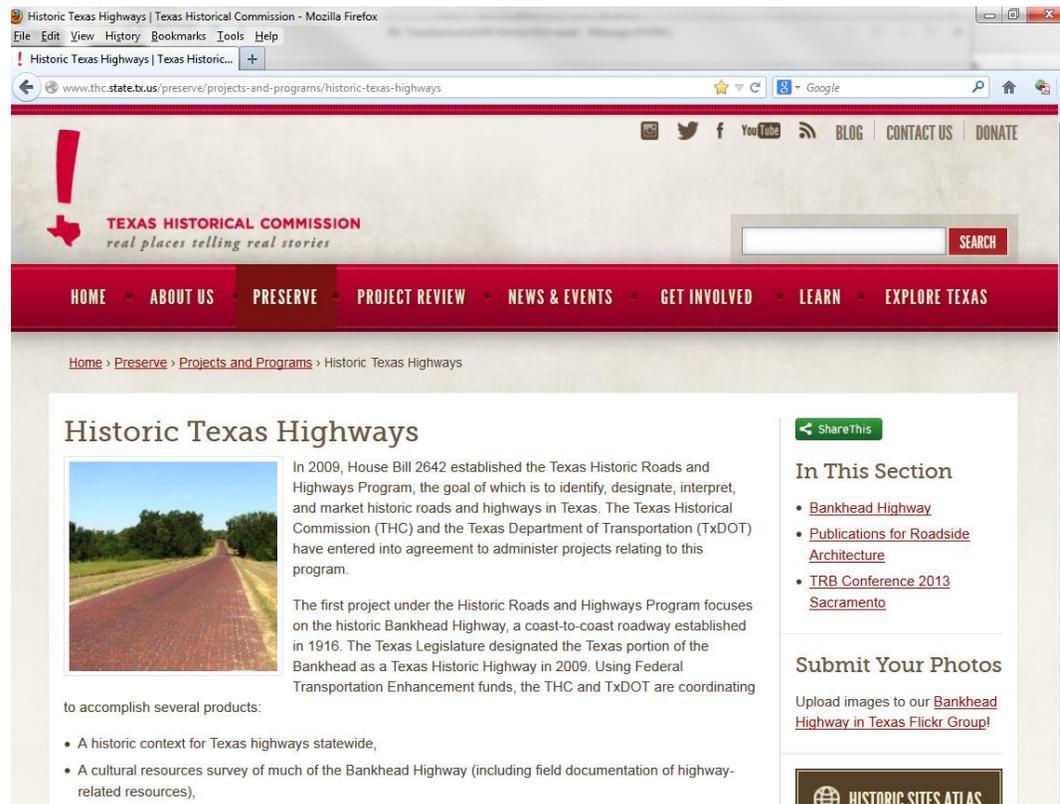


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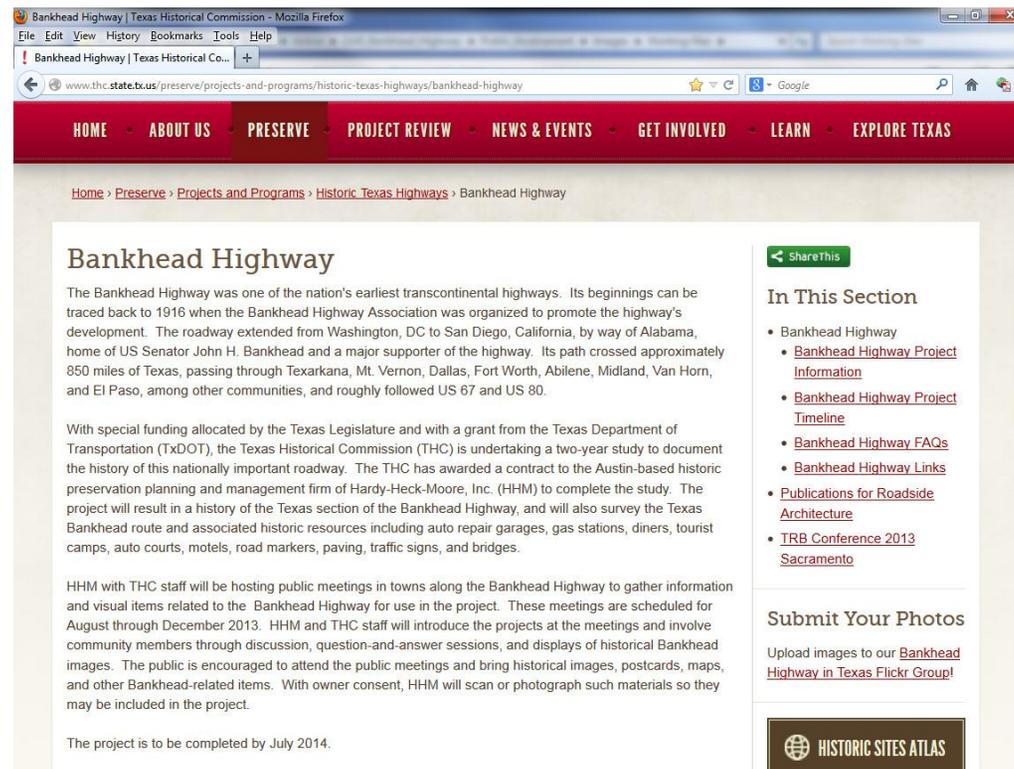
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<http://www.thc.state.tx.us/preserve/projects-and-programs/historic-texas-highways>

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### Bankhead Highway

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, DC to San Diego, California, by way of Alabama, home of US Senator John H. Bankhead and a major supporter of the highway. Its path crossed approximately 850 miles of Texas, passing through Texarkana, Mt. Vernon, Dallas, Fort Worth, Abilene, Midland, Van Horn, and El Paso, among other communities, and roughly followed US 67 and US 80.

With special funding allocated by the Texas Legislature and with a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the Texas Historical Commission (THC) is undertaking a two-year study to document the history of this nationally important roadway. The THC has awarded a contract to the Austin-based historic preservation planning and management firm of Hardy-Heck-Moore, Inc. (HHM) to complete the study. The project will result in a history of the Texas section of the Bankhead Highway, and will also survey the Texas Bankhead route and associated historic resources including auto repair garages, gas stations, diners, tourist camps, auto courts, motels, road markers, paving, traffic signs, and bridges.

HHM with THC staff will be hosting public meetings in towns along the Bankhead Highway to gather information and visual items related to the Bankhead Highway for use in the project. These meetings are scheduled for August through December 2013. HHM and THC staff will introduce the projects at the meetings and involve community members through discussion, question-and-answer sessions, and displays of historical Bankhead images. The public is encouraged to attend the public meetings and bring historical images, postcards, maps, and other Bankhead-related items. With owner consent, HHM will scan or photograph such materials so they may be included in the project.

The project is to be completed by July 2014.

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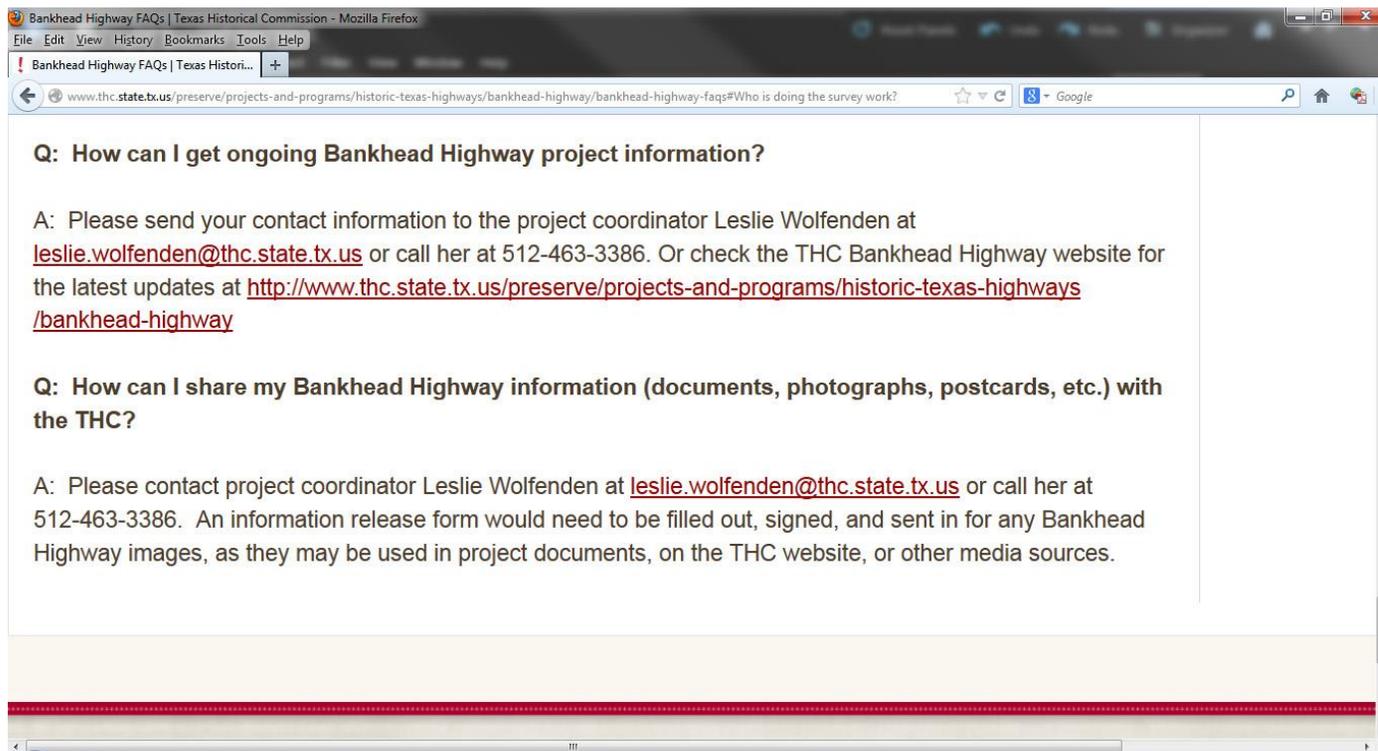
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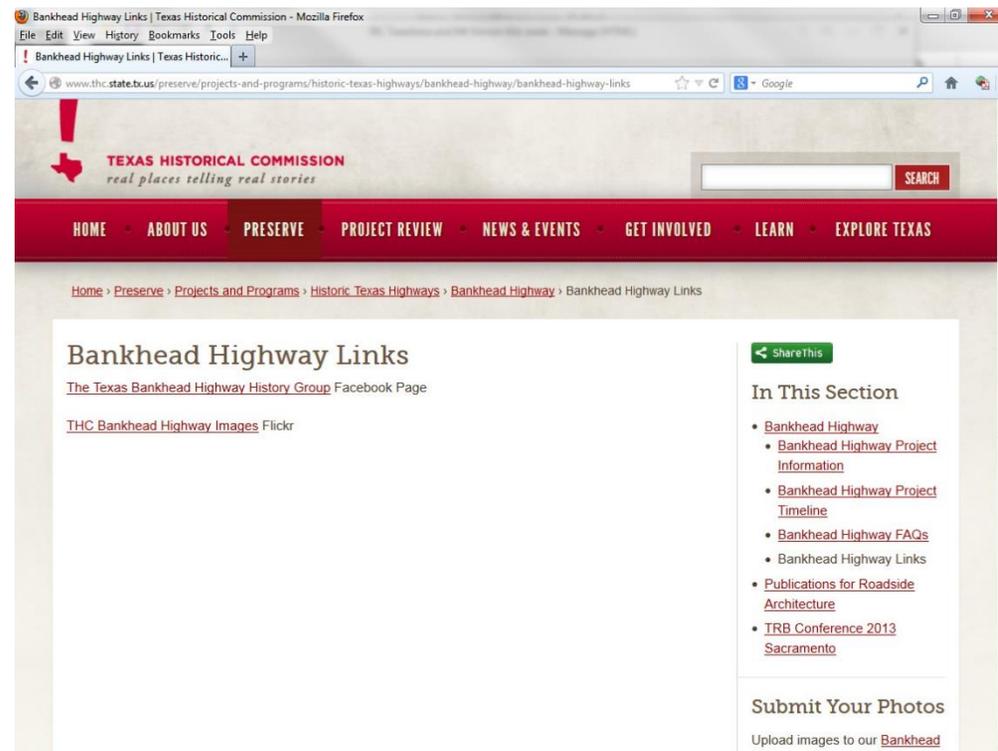


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The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Flickr group page for "Bankhead Highway in Texas". The browser's address bar shows the URL "www.flickr.com/groups/2301565@N22/". The Flickr navigation bar includes links for Mail, News, Sports, Finance, Weather, Games, Groups, Answers, Flickr, and More. The group's main banner features a historical photograph of a truck and a building with a sign that reads "MILLER BROS. CABINETS". Below the banner, the group name "Bankhead Highway in Texas" is displayed with a "+ Join Group" button. A description states: "The Bankhead Highway was one of the nation's earliest transcontinental highways. Dating back to 1916, the roadway extended from... See more". Statistics show 43 Photos and 5 Members, with the group being active since August 2nd, 2013. A navigation menu includes Photos, Discussions, Members, Map, and About. Below the main banner, there are three photo thumbnails: a building with a corrugated metal roof, a Sinclair gas station, and a dirt road with a fence. Each photo has a "by old.curmudgeon" credit.

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**Thank you for coming!**

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