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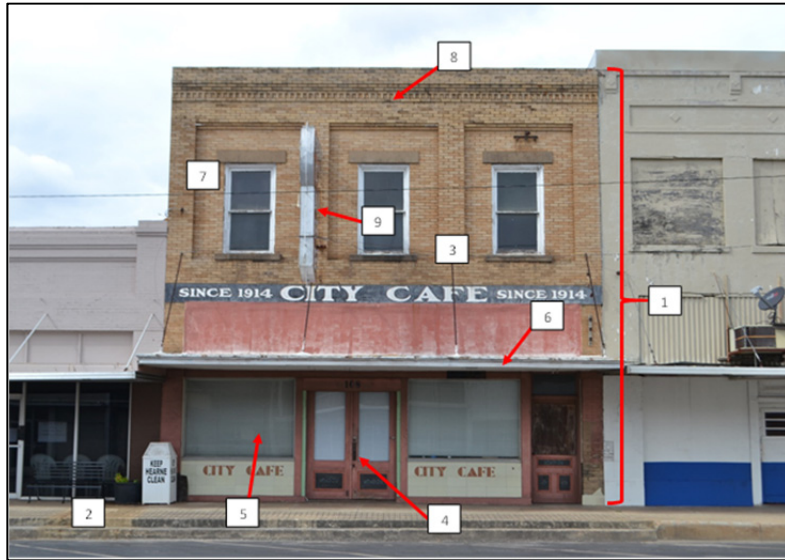

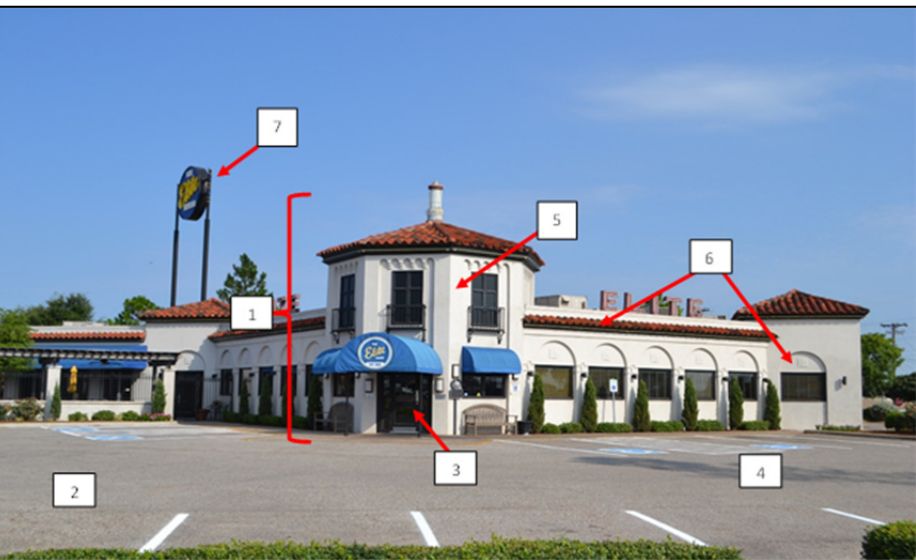
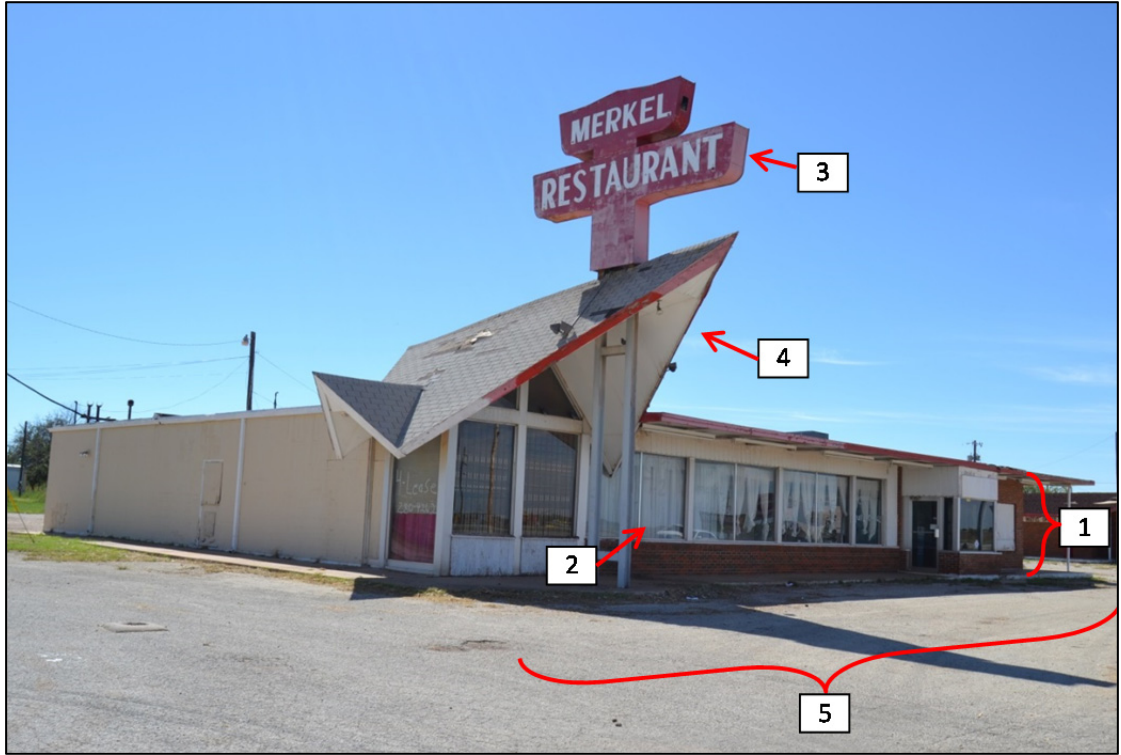
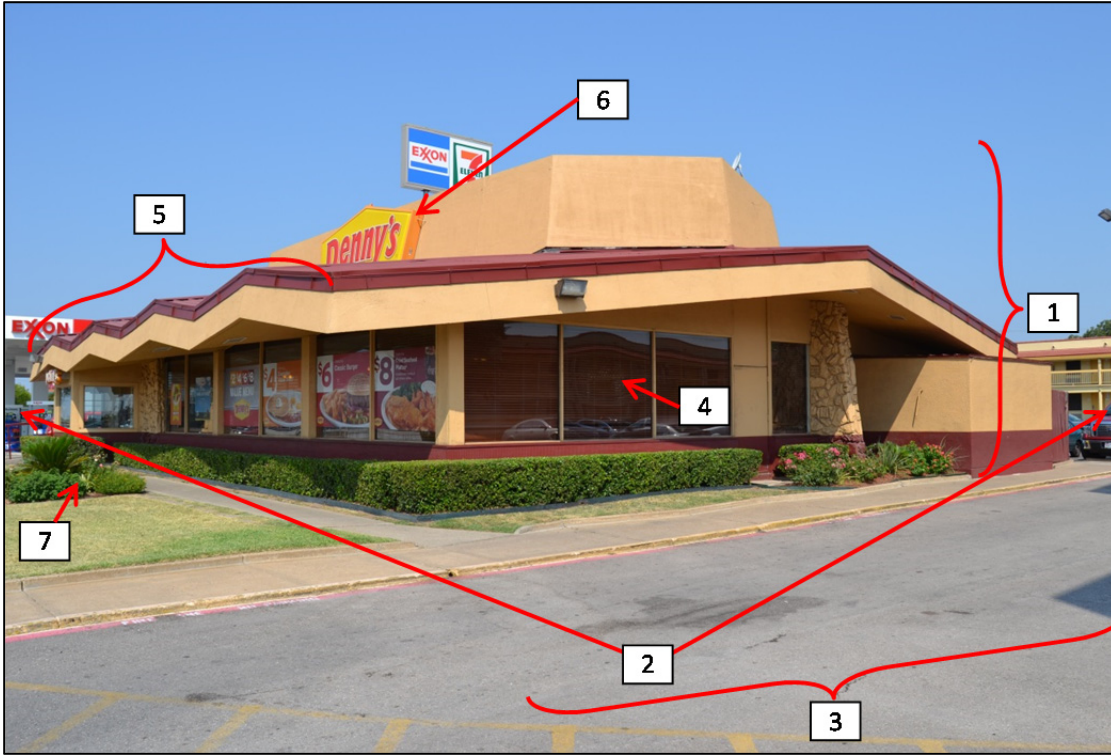


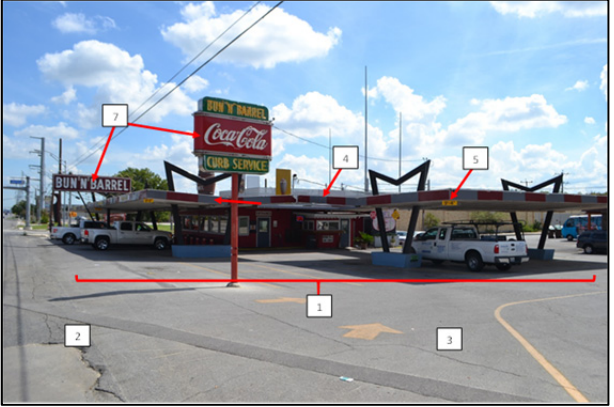
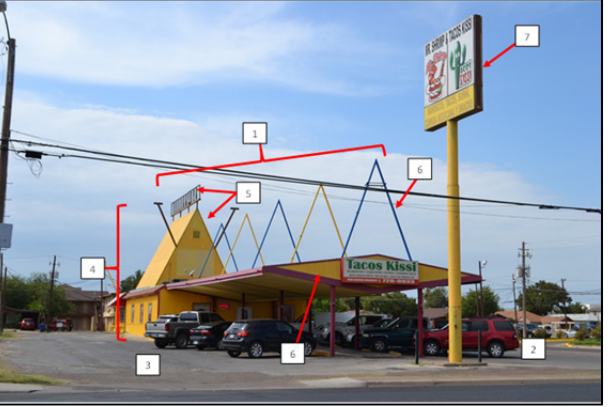
	County Roads and the Good Roads Movement: 1880–1916	Initiation of the Highway System: 1917–1932	Depression, Mobilization, and War: 1933–1944
<p><b>Restaurants</b></p>	 <p><i>City Cafe, 108 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Hearne, Roberston County, constructed ca. 1910.</i></p> <p>Character-defining Features:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two-part commercial block building that fronts onto historic highway.</li> <li>Built on a mid-block or corner lot; in this case a mid-block location.</li> <li>Load-bearing masonry construction.</li> <li>Double-door entrance.</li> <li>Large display windows.</li> <li>Canopy extends over entrance and sidewalk.</li> <li>Second floor typically used for residential purposes but sometimes contains offices or even meeting place for civic groups or organizations.</li> <li>Finely crafted brickwork in parapet.</li> <li>Wall-mounted sign.</li> </ol>	 <p><i>Lucille's Restaurant (previously Steve's Restaurant, Renfro's Triangle Cafe, Steve's Triangle Good Food, Duncan's Cafeteria, Finley's Cafeteria, and Black-Eyed Pea), 4700 Camp Bowie Boulevard, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, constructed 1927.</i></p> <p>Character-defining Features:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One-part commercial block building form fills most of lot.</li> <li>Prominent windows providing visibility between dining area and roadway.</li> <li>Signage on building/roofline.</li> <li>Signage adjacent to the road.</li> <li>Limited parking in front of building.</li> </ol>	 <p><i>Elite Café, 2132 South Valley Mills Road, Waco, McLennan County, constructed 1941.</i></p> <p>Character-defining Features:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One- and two-story commercial building with stucco exterior finish.</li> <li>Located on corner lot with high traffic volume, in this case, fronts onto a traffic circle where multiple highways meet and diverge.</li> <li>Primary entrance faces onto main thoroughfare.</li> <li>Expansive paved parking lot provides ample room for parking.</li> <li>Prominent entrance makes it easy for patrons to know where to enter the business.</li> <li>Stylish architectural embellishment and detailing, in this case, the tile roofing and arches reflect the Spanish Colonial Revival movement.</li> <li>Free-standing sign visible to motorists.</li> </ol>

Table 16b. Restaurant Subtypes by Time Period: 1945–1980.

	Postwar Road Expansion: 1945–1956	Effects of the Interstate Highway System: 1957–1980
Restaurants	 <p><i>Merkel Restaurant, 1405 N. 7th Street, Merkel, Taylor County, constructed ca. 1955. Note that this example is associated with an adjacent motel.</i></p> <p>Character-defining Features</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Commercial box building form, set back from roadway.</li> <li>2. Prominent windows providing visibility between dining area and roadway.</li> <li>3. Signage on building/roofline.</li> <li>4. Neo-expressionist architectural form to catch the eye of motorists.</li> <li>5. Ample surface parking in front of building.</li> </ol>	 <p><i>Denny's Restaurant, 8233 E. R. L. Thornton Freeway, Dallas, Dallas County, constructed 1969. Note the use of a standardized corporate design, which became more common during this time period.</i></p> <p>Character-defining Features:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Commercial box building form, set back from roadway.</li> <li>2. Strategic location abutting highway. Some examples, like this one, may be located near a motel and/or gas station catering to motorists.</li> <li>3. Ample parking available for patrons.</li> <li>4. Prominent windows providing visibility between dining area and roadway.</li> <li>5. Neo-expressive architecture that attracts motorists and provides a visual cue to front entrance.</li> <li>6. Signage on building/roofline.</li> <li>7. Signage adjacent to the road.</li> <li>8. Landscaping in front to present a more residential character.</li> </ol>

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Table 17. Farm Stand/Food Stand Subtypes by Time Period.

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Food Stands		 <p><i>Food stand type restaurant, E. 3rd Street, Pecos, Reeves County, constructed ca. 1930.</i></p> <p>Character-defining Features:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Small-scale commercial box building form with no interior seating, set back from roadway.</li> <li>2. Service window or opening on at least one façade.</li> <li>3. Canopy shading service window.</li> <li>4. Surface parking.</li> </ol>	 <p><i>Food stand type restaurant, 304 E. Sealey Avenue, Monahans, Ward County, constructed ca. 1940.</i></p> <p>Character-defining Features:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Small-scale commercial box building form with no interior seating, set back from roadway.</li> <li>2. Service window or opening on at least one façade.</li> <li>3. Canopy shading service window.</li> <li>4. Surface parking.</li> </ol>	 <p><i>Bun 'N' Barrel, 1150 Austin Highway, San Antonio, Bexas County, constructed ca. 1950.</i></p> <p>Character-defining Features:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Low horizontal profile.</li> <li>2. Suburban setting that is adjacent to highway, often on a corner lot.</li> <li>3. Expansive parking area with curb-cut ramps providing easy vehicular access.</li> <li>4. One-story with small dining area, kitchen, office, and restrooms.</li> <li>5. Canopy with metal pole extensions provides shade and parking for customers.</li> <li>6. Free-standing sign visible for motorists.</li> </ol>	 <p><i>Whataburger, 4318 San Bernardo Avenue, Laredo, Webb County, constructed ca. 1970.</i></p> <p>Character-defining Features:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Distinctive architectural form that is readily identifiable to a particular company, in this case, a Whataburger franchise operation.</li> <li>2. Suburban setting that is adjacent to highway, often on a corner lot.</li> <li>3. Expansive parking area with curb-cut ramps providing easy vehicular access.</li> <li>4. A-frame building with small dining area, kitchen, office, restrooms, and storage space.</li> <li>5. Signage atop the main building and large "W" motif facing toward the street/highway.</li> <li>6. Canopy with metal pole extensions provides shade and parking for customers.</li> <li>7. Free-standing sign that is highly visible for motorists.</li> </ol>