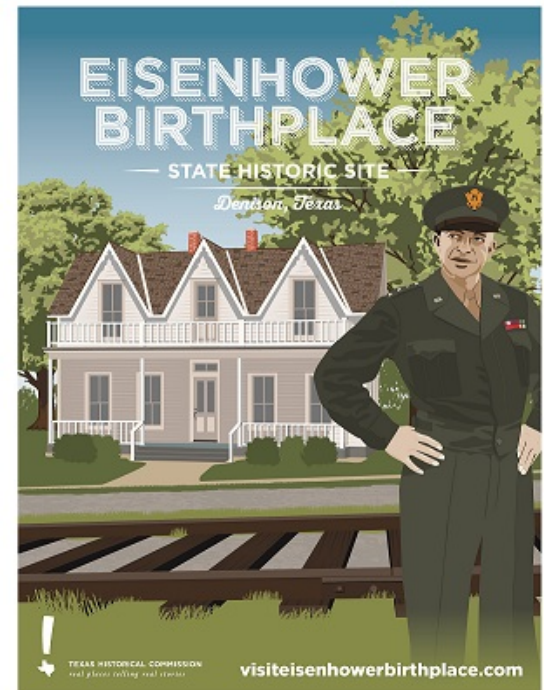


History didn't happen along the Interstate: the Good Roads Movement, Named Highways, and State Historic Sites

*Robin Cole-Jett, Educator
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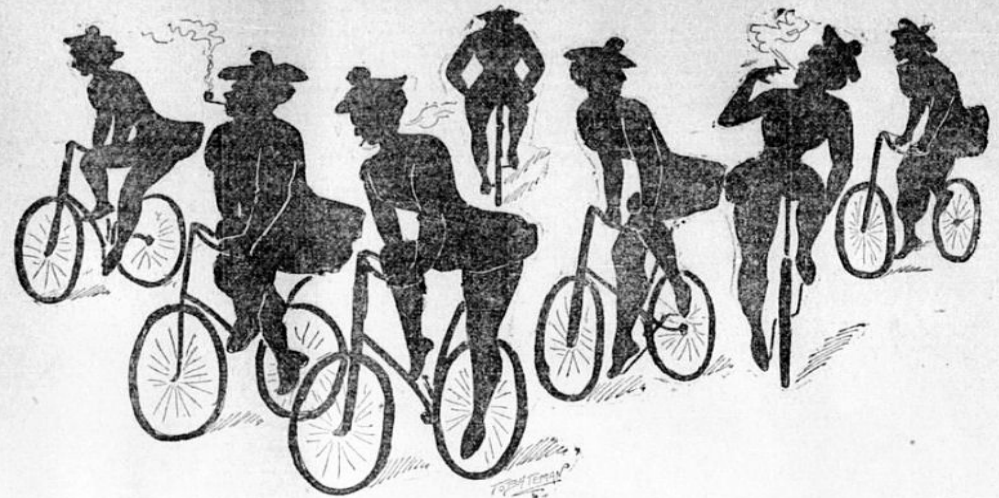


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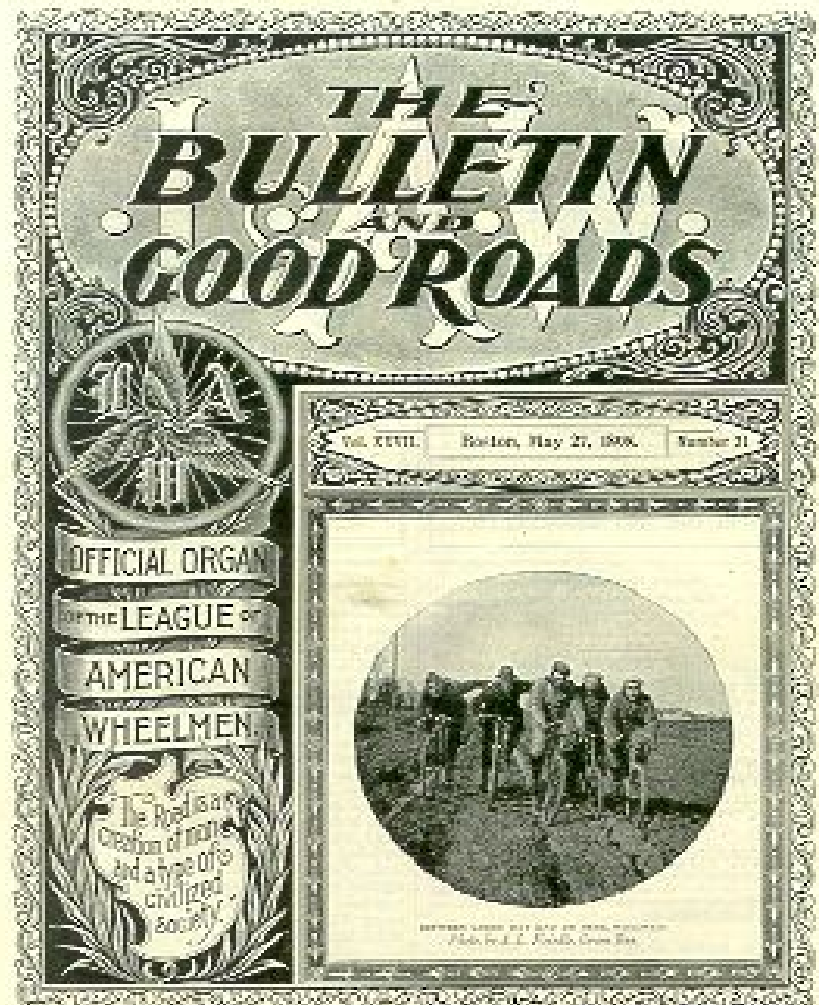
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WHAT WE ARE COMING TO.



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League of American Wheelmen

Herald, Dennison, Tex., Nov. 19, 1892.

“ . . . The idea which is expressed in the petition is a good one, and if carried through would be the means of bringing about good results. In providing a Road Department, and placing it on a par with the Agricultural Departments, experiments could be made under the charge of skilful men and thus the whole country would be placed within reach of all information extant on the subject. . . . A great many experiments have been tried in the making of roads : some have been successful and others have not.

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THE ROAD DRAG USED ON EARTH ROADS AT DENISON, TEXAS.

1893: Petitions for highway funding gathered by Albert Pope → Office of Road Inquiry



Private & Civic road improvements

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AUTO TRAILS MAP

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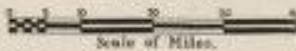
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STATE HIGHWAYS		TOURIST FREE CAMP GROUNDS	

MILEAGE SHOWN

NOTE: DISTANCES ARE GIVEN BETWEEN CENTERS OF TOWNS, CITIES & JUNCTION POINTS ON TRAILS.

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TEXAS STATE HIGHWAYS

THE OFFICIAL STATE HIGHWAYS OF TEXAS ARE DESIGNATED ON THIS MAP BY NUMBERS IN A CIRCLE AND CORRESPOND WITH THE FOLLOWING LIST:

- ① TEXARKANA-DALLAS-FORT WORTH & EL PASO - THE BANKHEAD HIGHWAY
- ② THE MERIDIAN HIGHWAY
- ③ THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL HIGHWAY
- ④ DEL RIO CANADIAN HIGHWAY
- ⑤ THE NORTH TEXAS HIGHWAY

- ⑥ THE KING OF TRAILS
- ⑦ THE CENTRAL TEXAS HIGHWAY
- ⑧ THE EAST TEXAS HIGHWAY
- ⑨ THE PUGET SOUND TO GULF HIGHWAY (SAU & G AND SA & AP)
- ⑩ FT WORTH-BRADY-FT. STOCKTON HIGHWAY
- ⑪ THE JEFFERSON HIGHWAY
- ⑫ THE JEFFERSON DAVIS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY
- ⑬ THE OZARK TRAIL
- ⑭ THE HENRY EXALL MEMORIAL HIGHWAY
- ⑮ THE TEXAS-LOUISIANA HIGHWAY
- ⑯ THE PECOS VALLEY HIGHWAY
- ⑰ THE ALBANY-BRONCO HIGHWAY
- ⑱ THE PARIS-HOUSTON HIGHWAY
- ⑲ RED RIVER TO GULF HIGHWAY
- ⑳ AUSTIN TO HOUSTON HIGHWAY
- ㉑ GONZALES TO SAN AUGUSTINE HIGHWAY
- ㉒ WICHITA FALLS AND COMANCHE HIGHWAY
- ㉓ THE SOUTHWEST TRAIL OF TEXAS
- ㉔ DENTON-WHITEBORO HIGHWAY
- ㉕ MINERAL WELLS BRANCH MERIDIAN HIGHWAY
- ㉖ TYLER-HENDERSON-NACOGDOCHES HIGHWAY
- ㉗ FT. WORTH-FARWELL-FRISCO HIGHWAY
- ㉘ MIDDLEBUSTER HIGHWAY
- ㉙ WICHITA VALLEY HIGHWAY
- ㉚ WACO-CORSICANA HIGHWAY
- ㉛ EASTERN LOOP HENRY EXALL MEMORIAL HIGHWAY
- ㉜ THE BEN MEAM HIGHWAY
- ㉝ THE JIM HOGG HIGHWAY
- ㉞ THROCKMORTON HIGHWAY
- ㉟ THE HOBBY HIGHWAY
- ㊱ THE CHARLES SCHREINER HIGHWAY
- ㊲ THE CLARKESON HIGHWAY
- ㊳ THE GAP ROUTE
- ㊴ THE EAST AND WEST TEXAS HIGHWAY
- ㊵ KANSAS-OKLAHOMA-TEXAS HIGHWAY
- ㊶ NORTH TEXAS HIGHWAY
- ㊷ EAST TEXAS HIGHWAY
- ㊸ "X" ALL HIGHWAY
- ㊹ CHOCTAW TRAIL
- ㊺ SAN ANTONIO DEL RIO
- ㊻ LONE STAR TRAIL
- ㊼ KAN.-OKLA. TEXAS AND GULF HIGHWAY
- ㊽ PUGET SOUND TO GULF HIGHWAY
- ㊾ MIDDLEBUSTER HIGHWAY
- ㊿ KING OF TRAILS

TRAIL & HIGHWAY MARKINGS

	MISSISSIPPI RIVER SCENIC HIGHWAY		JEFFERSON HIGHWAY
	POSTAL HIGHWAY		STAR HIGHWAY
	ALBERT PIKE HIGHWAY		DENISON-WHITEBORO-FORT WORTH-GULF
	CENTRAL TEXAS HIGHWAY		MERIDIAN HIGHWAY
	ABO PASS HIGHWAY		SOUTHERN NATIONAL HIGHWAY
	OLD SPANISH TRAIL		DEL RIO CANADIAN HIGHWAY
	BANKHEAD HIGHWAY		MERIDIAN HIGHWAY
	PERSHING WAY		LEE HIGHWAY
	OZARK TRAIL		ATLANTIC PACIFIC HIGHWAY
	STAPLETON ROADS		OKLAHOMA-KANSAS-COLORADO HIGHWAY
	COLORADO TO GULF HY.		DIXIE OVERLAND TRAIL
	SOUTHWEST TRAILS		OKLAHOMA CITY-FT. SMITH AIR LINE
	MINERAL WELLS TRAIL		DOH
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Named highways - Bankhead, Jefferson...

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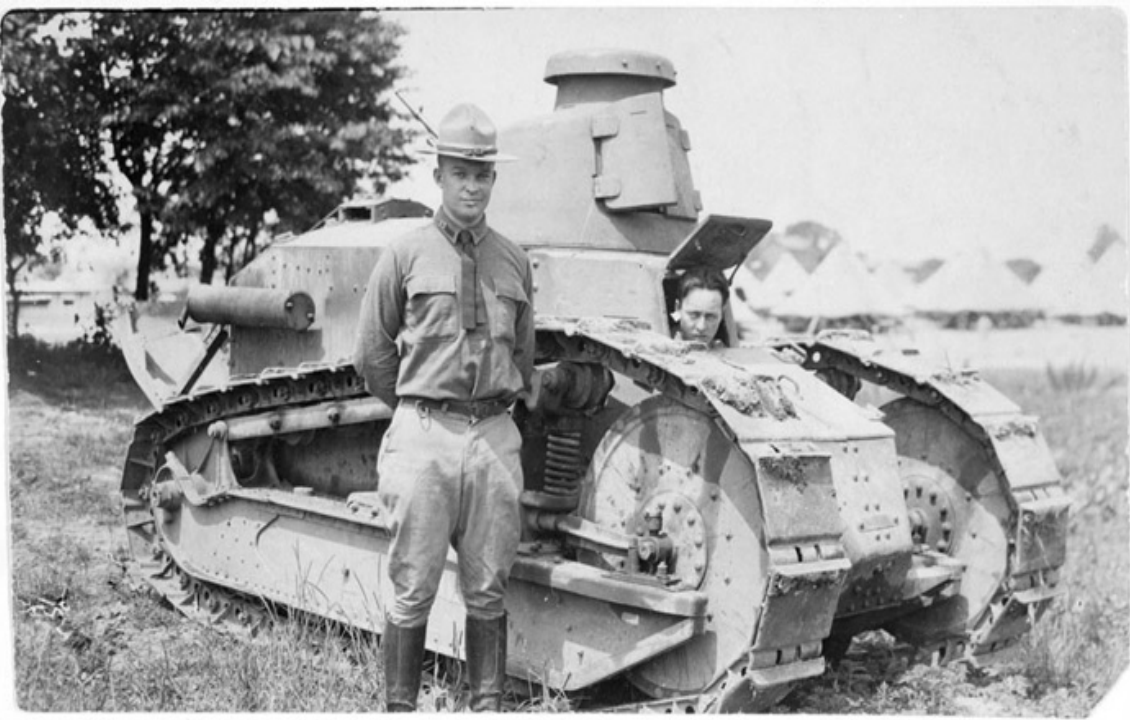
The purpose of the trip
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Third—Service test of the s
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Fourth—A demonstration to
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Train consists of seventy-two vehicles—sixty motor trucks and
the balance, passenger cars, including one three-million candle power
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Transcontinental Motor Convoy, 1919

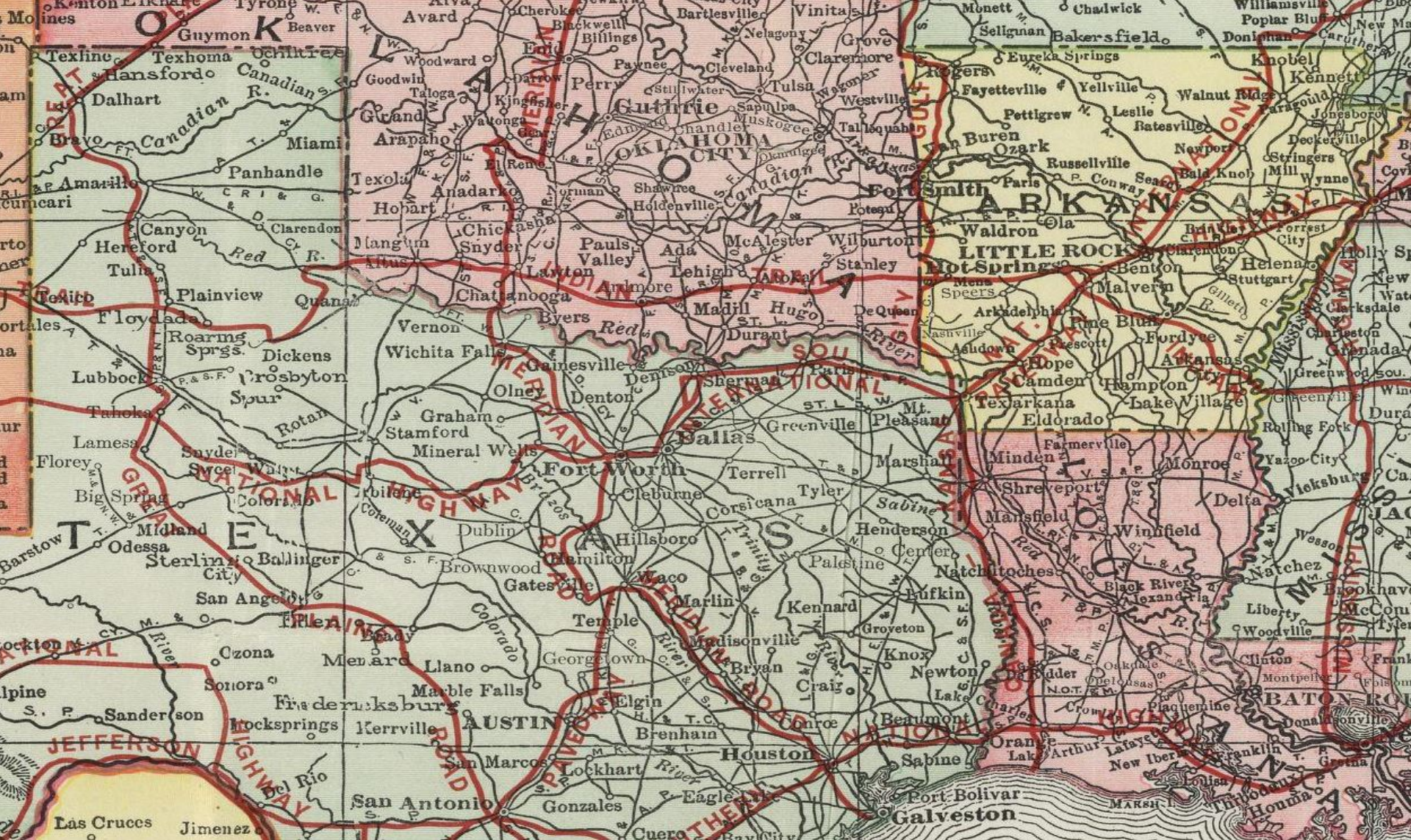


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Total Mileage	Between Points	Directions
0.0	0.0	DENISON, Main St. & Rusk Ave., banks on right and left. Go west with trolley on Main St.
0.4	0.4	Armstrong Ave.; turn left away from trolley onto concrete. Cross RR 0.7.
1.2	0.8	4-corners; turn right with travel.
1.3	0.1	End of road; turn left with travel.
1.6	0.3	Bear right with road along RR and at right-hand diagonal road, just beyond, bear away from RR.
1.9	0.3	First 4-corners; turn left. Turn right with road 2.9 and left 3.0. Curve left along RR 3.5.
6.2	4.3	End of road; turn right with travel. Turn left with road 6.3.
7.1	0.9	End of road; bear right with travel along RR. Avoid road to left 8.7.
9.3	2.2	End of road, creamery on right; turn left onto Broughton St.
9.8	0.5	College St., RR on left; turn right. Cross RR 10.0.
10.1	0.3	Irregular 4-corners; jog right and immediately left.
10.2	0.1	Travis St.; turn left. Cross RR 10.4.
10.8	0.6	Sherman, Travis & Lamar Sts., at far side of court house. GARAGES—Pearce Auto Co., Crockett St., at Wall. SERVICE STA.—United States Tire Sales & Service Depots located here.

*Denison, Tex. (pop. 23,000, alt. 832 ft.), is located on the Jefferson highway, King of Trails, Oklahoma, Texas and Gulf highway and Henry Exall highway—all hard surfaced through this county. Among the local points of interest are Munson park and Forest park. The latter, located in the heart of the city, has free auto camp grounds.



***Texas State Highway Department, 1923
Federal Highway Act, 1926***



IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS— About 1920, the road between Mineral Wells and Palo Pinto got so bad and full of chuck holes and no Texas Highway Department to improve it, the citizens of Mineral Wells formed groups and on certain days they went out to work on the road. In the picture above, on a stretch of the road west, Harold Guinn, on the left with

the spade, J. L. Miller on the fender of the old truck, and left to right, standing, Red Taylor, George Oliver, Johnnie Liveley, Irl Preston and W. T. Tygrett shaking hands with Joe Dillon in the back, Clarence Wewerka, W. C. Caldwell, W. I. Smith and Lawrence Davis.

Photo courtesy of W. T. Tygrett



Shell, macadamized,
plank, asphalt/tar, brick

Donate one week's of
labor or voluntary tax

Road building



New Highway 24

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*Pillar from a
former cross-
country road*

*Butterfield
Overland Mail and
Stagecoach
Company Route*

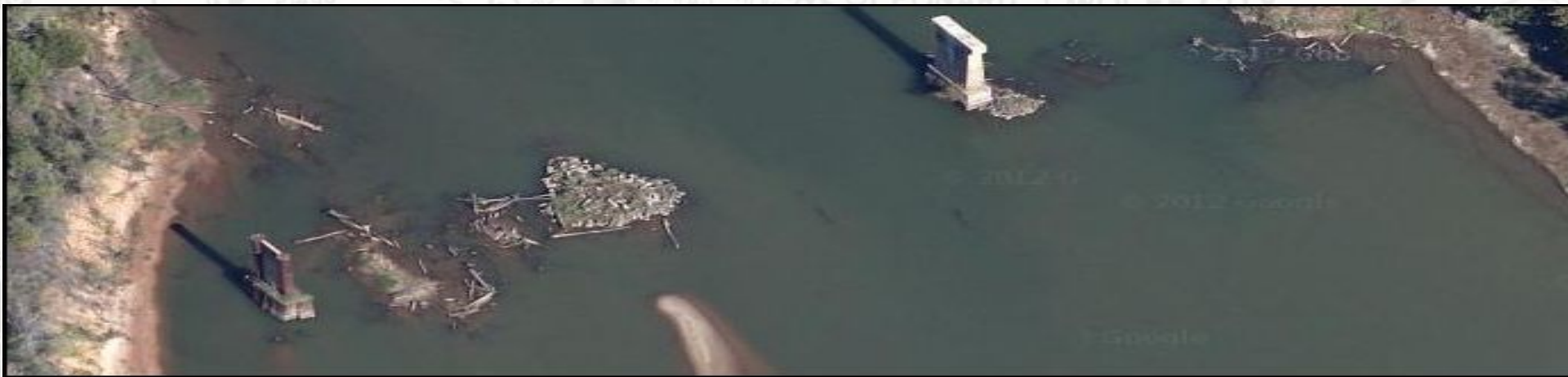
*Wise County
dirt road*

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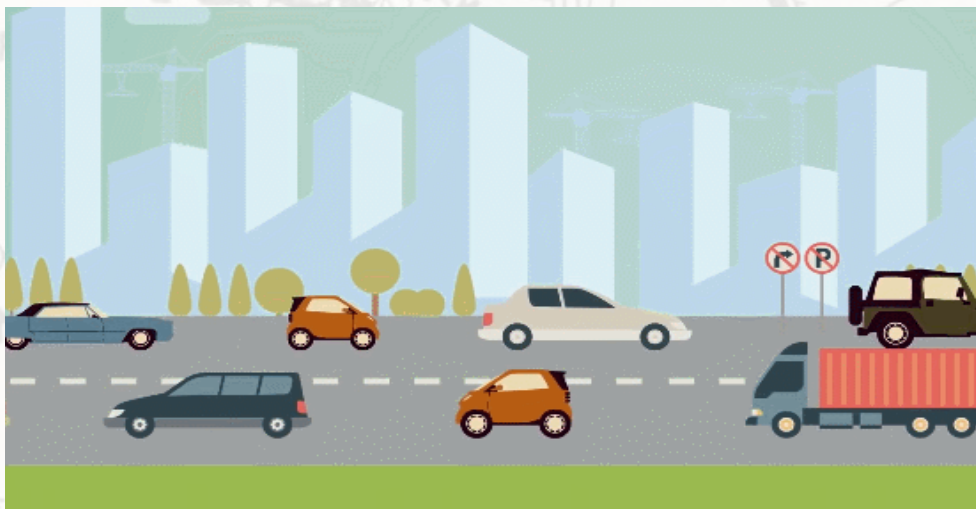
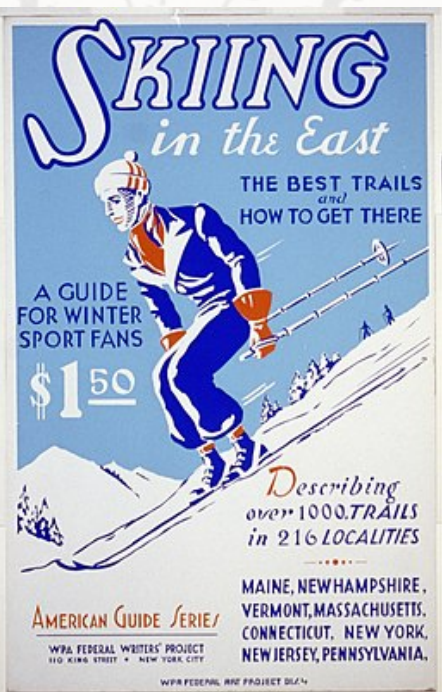
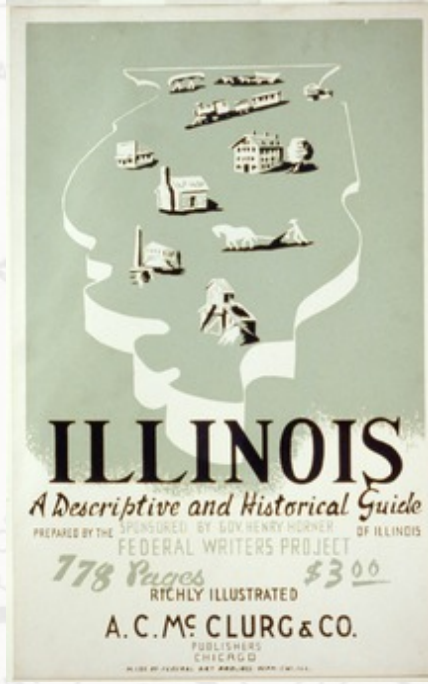
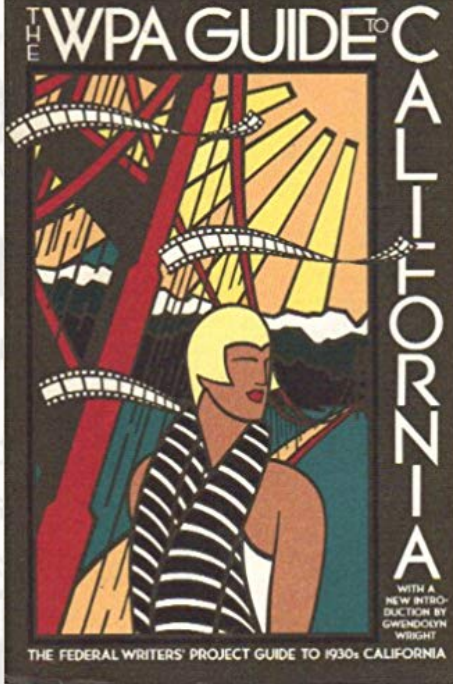
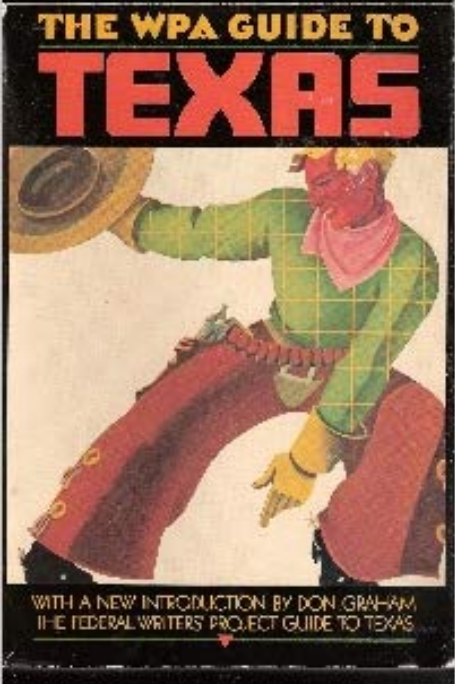
New on top of the old

Wise County near Chico, Hwy 24 supplants Butterfield Stagecoach route





Private v. Public controversies

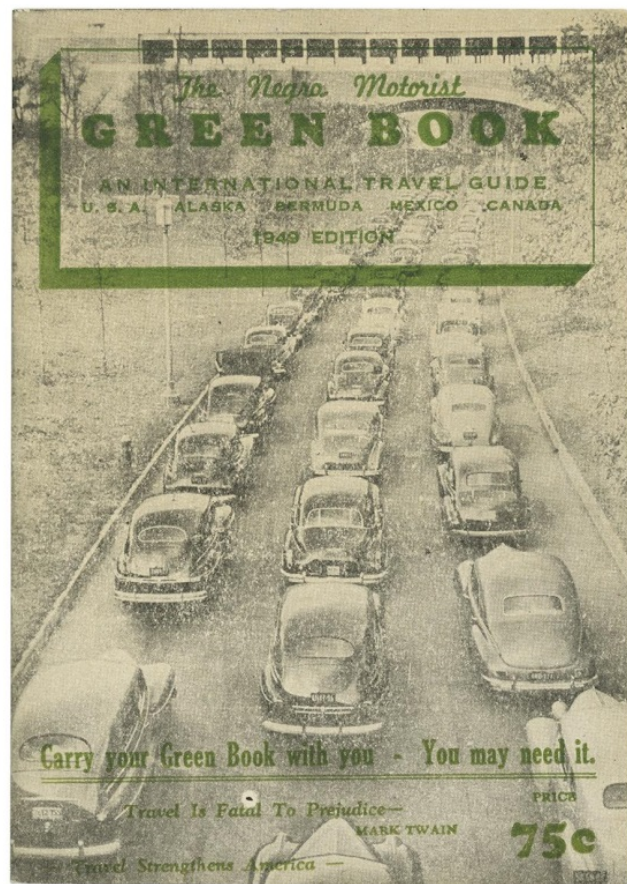


Traversing the highways





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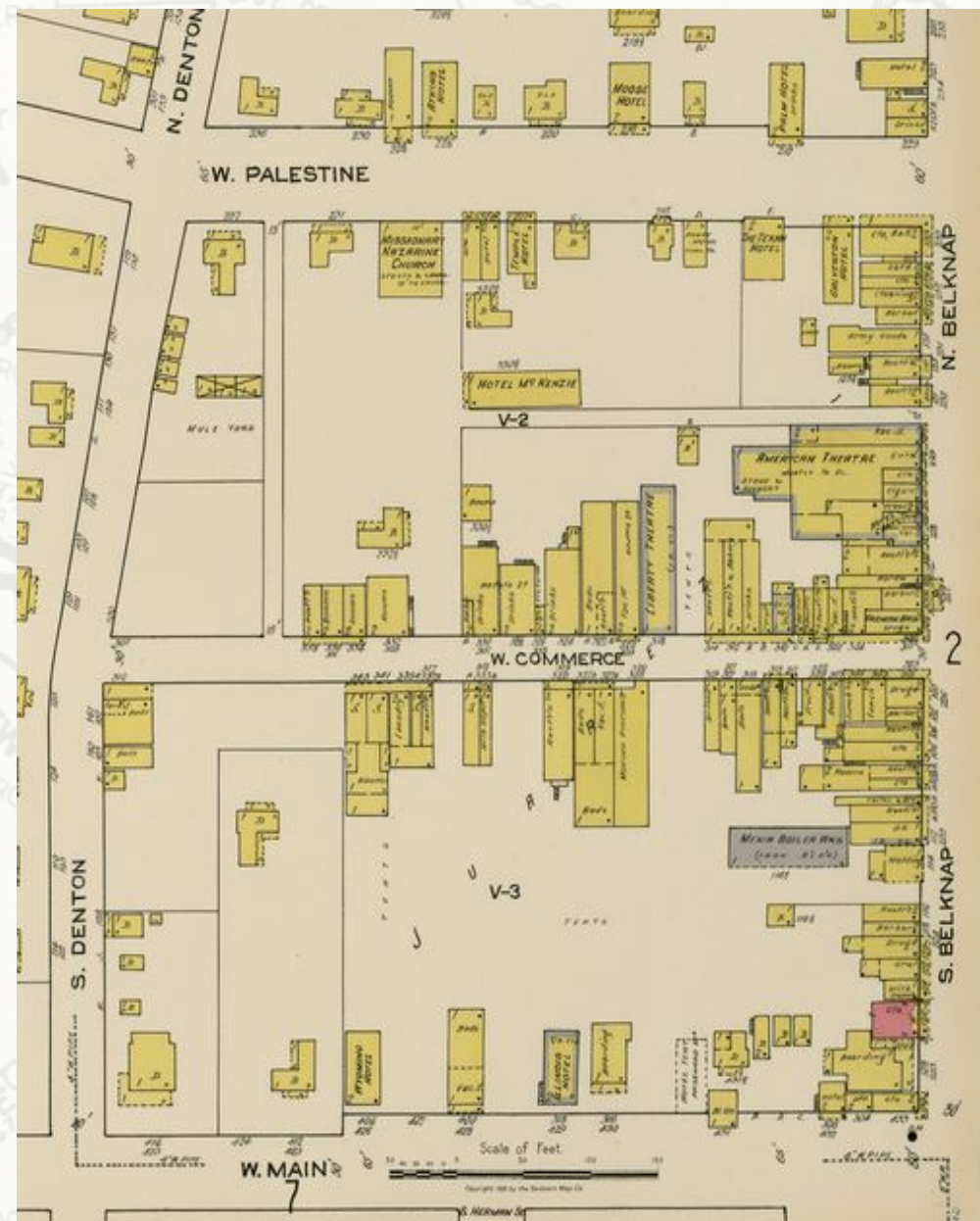


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PARIS	
Brown Rigg Hotel.....	322 N.E. 2nd Street
Mrs. I. Scott Tourist Home.....	405 N.E. 2nd Street

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MEXIA

HOTELS
 Carleton—1 W. Commerce St.

RESTAURANTS
 Mrs. M. Carroll—109 N. Belknap St.

BEAUTY PARLORS
 Mrs. B. Smith—N. Denton

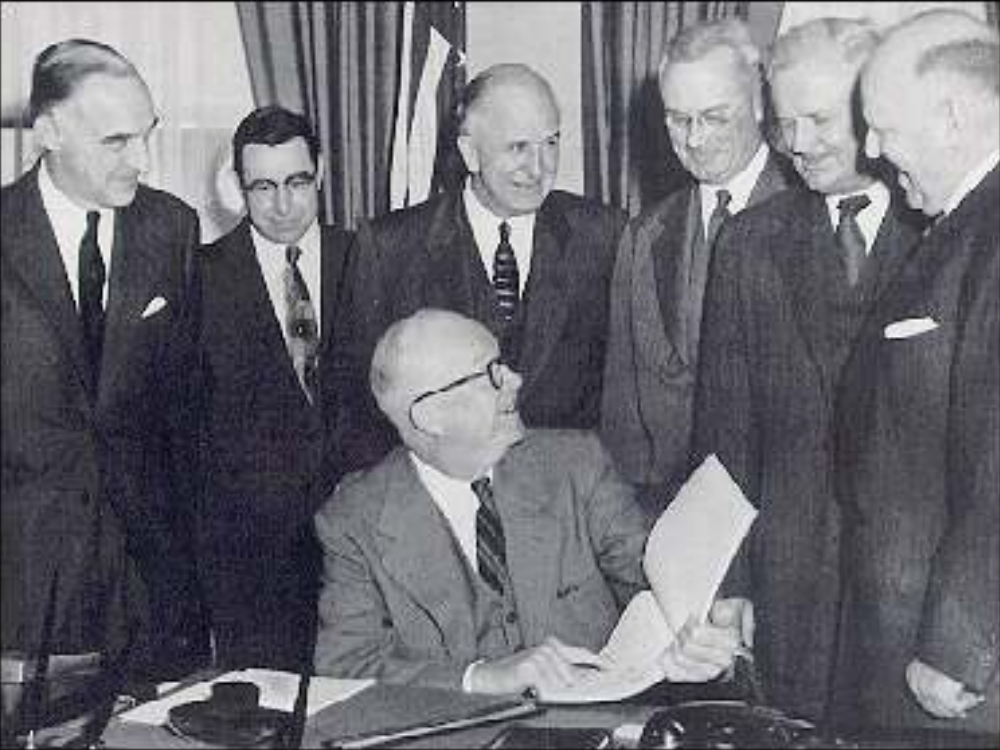
BARBER SHOPS
 Mr. C. Carter—N. Belknap

TAVERNS
 R. Houston—N. Belknap

NIGHT CLUBS
 Payne's—West Side

ROAD HOUSES
 Jim Ransom—N. Carthage

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"The old convoy had started me thinking about good, two-lane highways, but Germany had made me see the wisdom of broader ribbons across the land." – Dwight Eisenhower



The interstate system



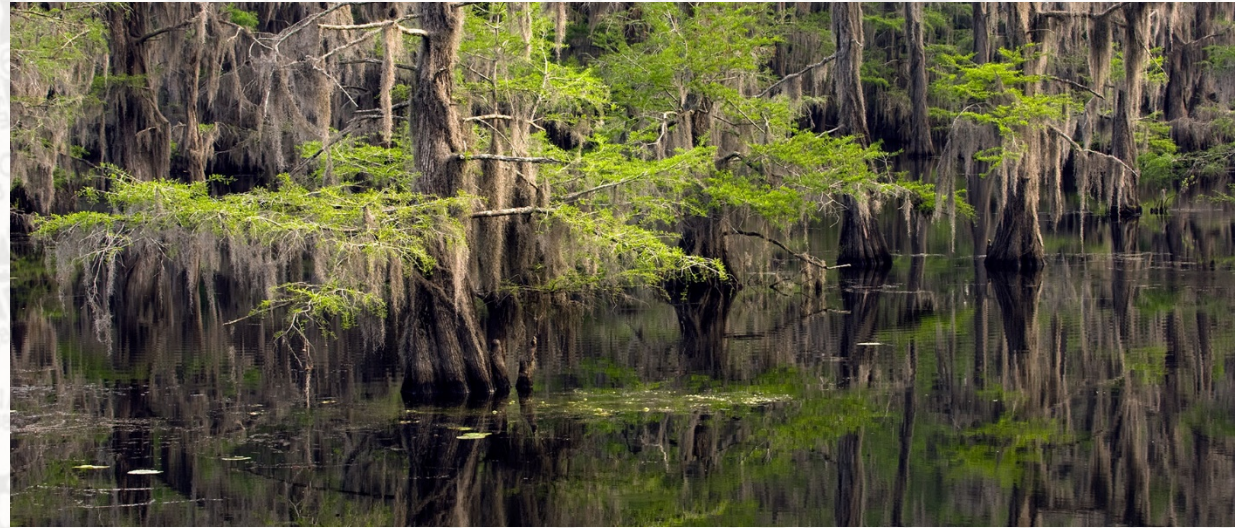
Named highways intersect state historic sites



Jefferson Highway: US 69 (US 2, 1917)



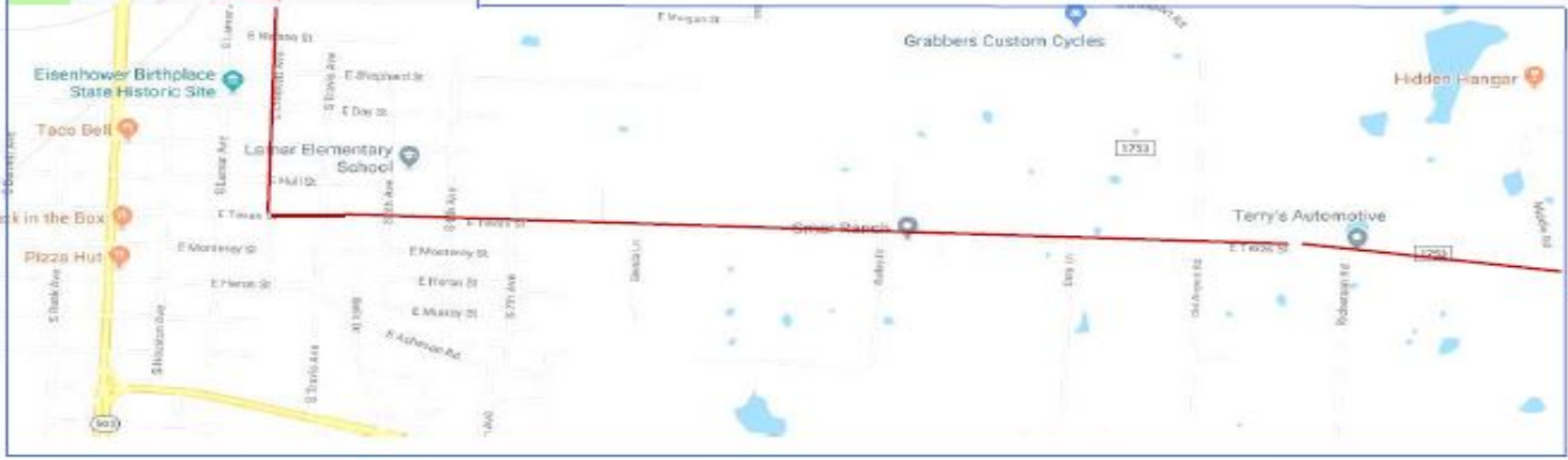
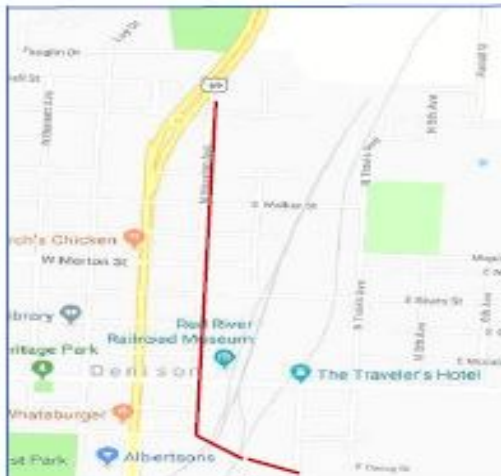
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***Jefferson Highway: Eisenhower State Park,
Eisenhower Birthplace, Sam Rayburn, Cooper
Lake SP, Lake Bob Sandlin SP, Daingerfield SP,
Caddo Lake SP, Starr Family Home***

Old Jefferson Highway (US 2, now US 69) through Denison

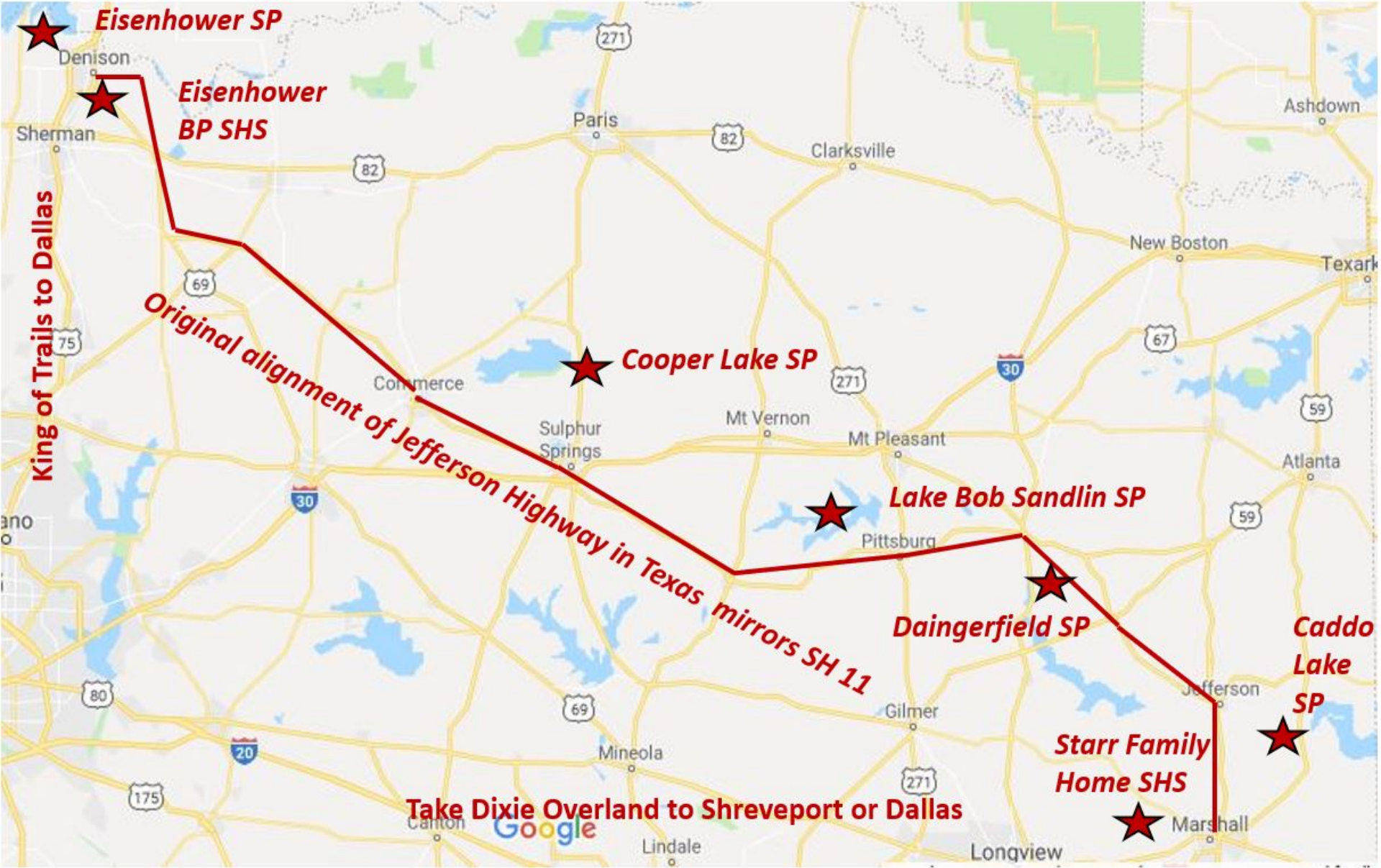
1. Munson Park
2. Go south on Houston Street
3. Veer southeast onto Crawford Street, turns into Owings
4. Follow south onto Crockett
5. Turn left onto Texas Street
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7. Follow FM 1753 to Ambrose
8. Go south on FM 1897 (Old Ambrose Road) to Bells
9. Follow US 69 to Whitewright



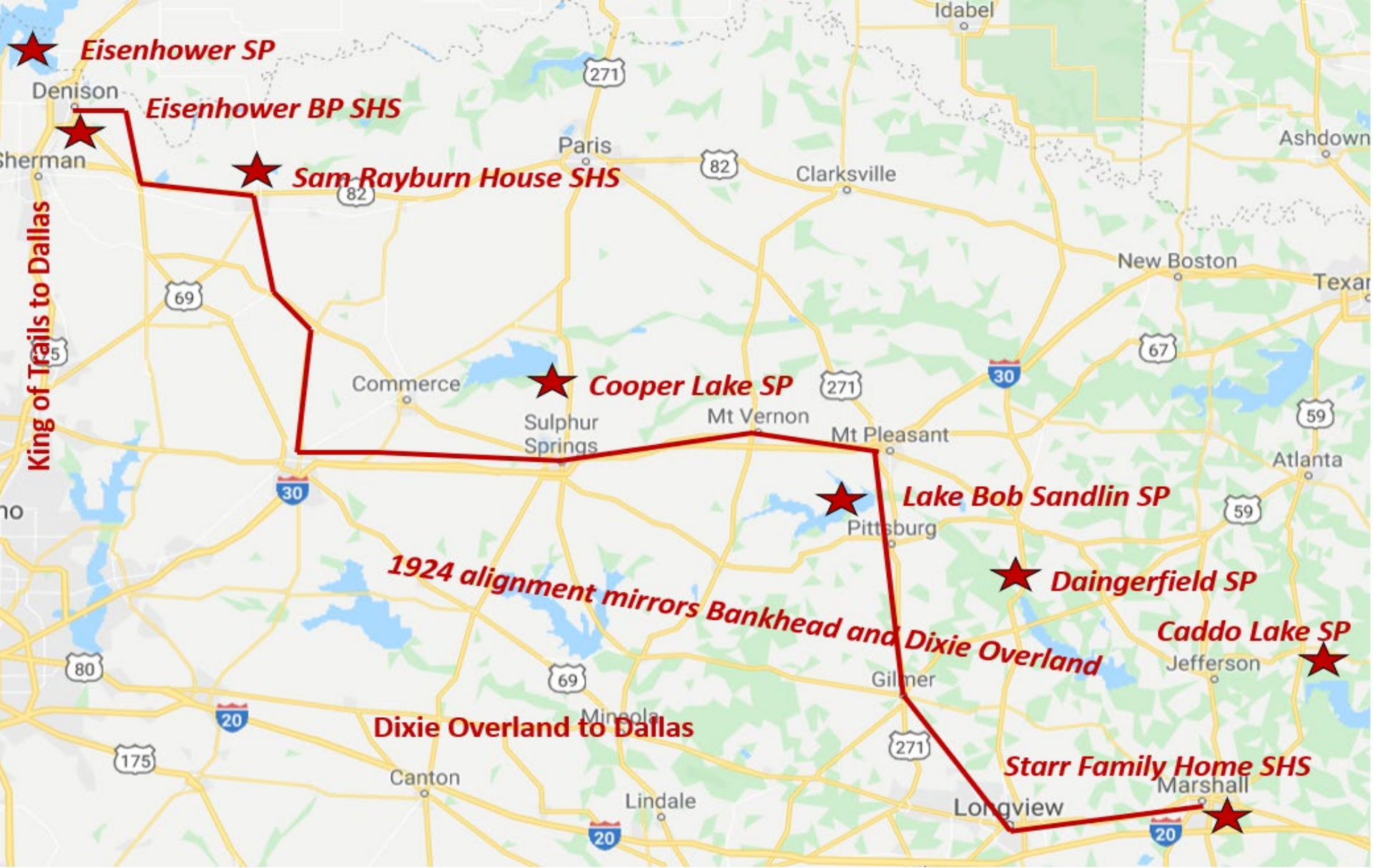
Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site

Jefferson Highway: A local sample tour

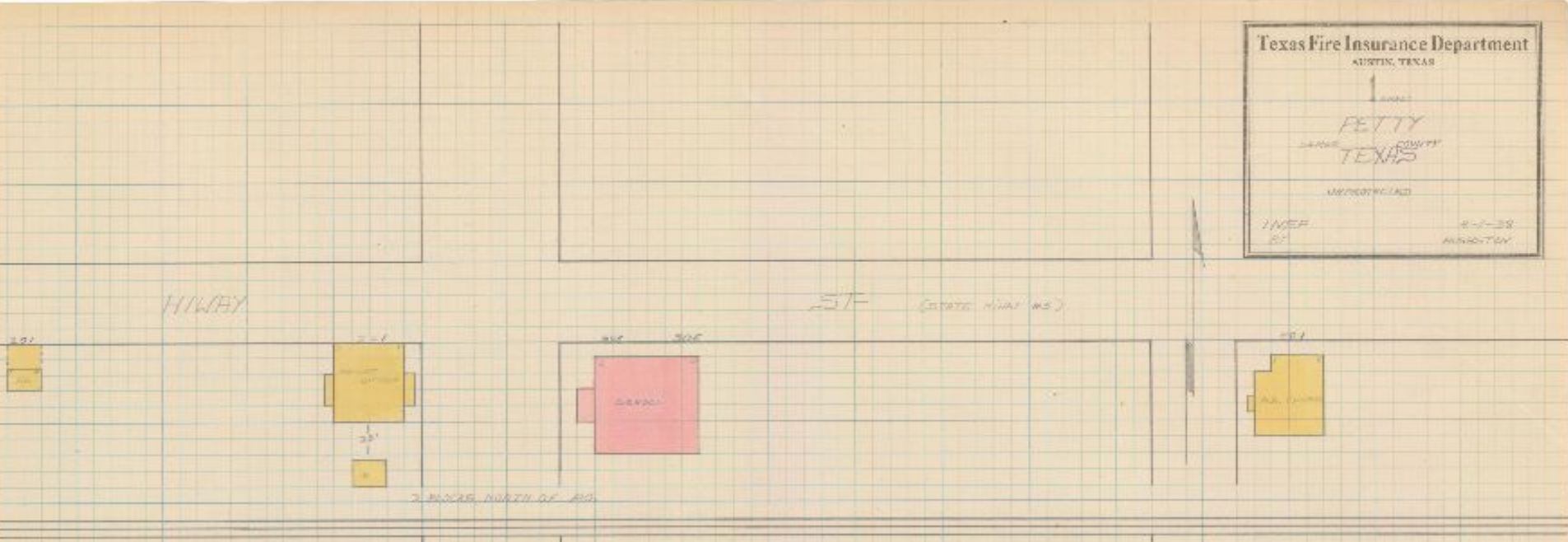




***Jefferson Highway: A sample tour
(early alignment)***



Jefferson Highway: A sample tour (1924 alignment)



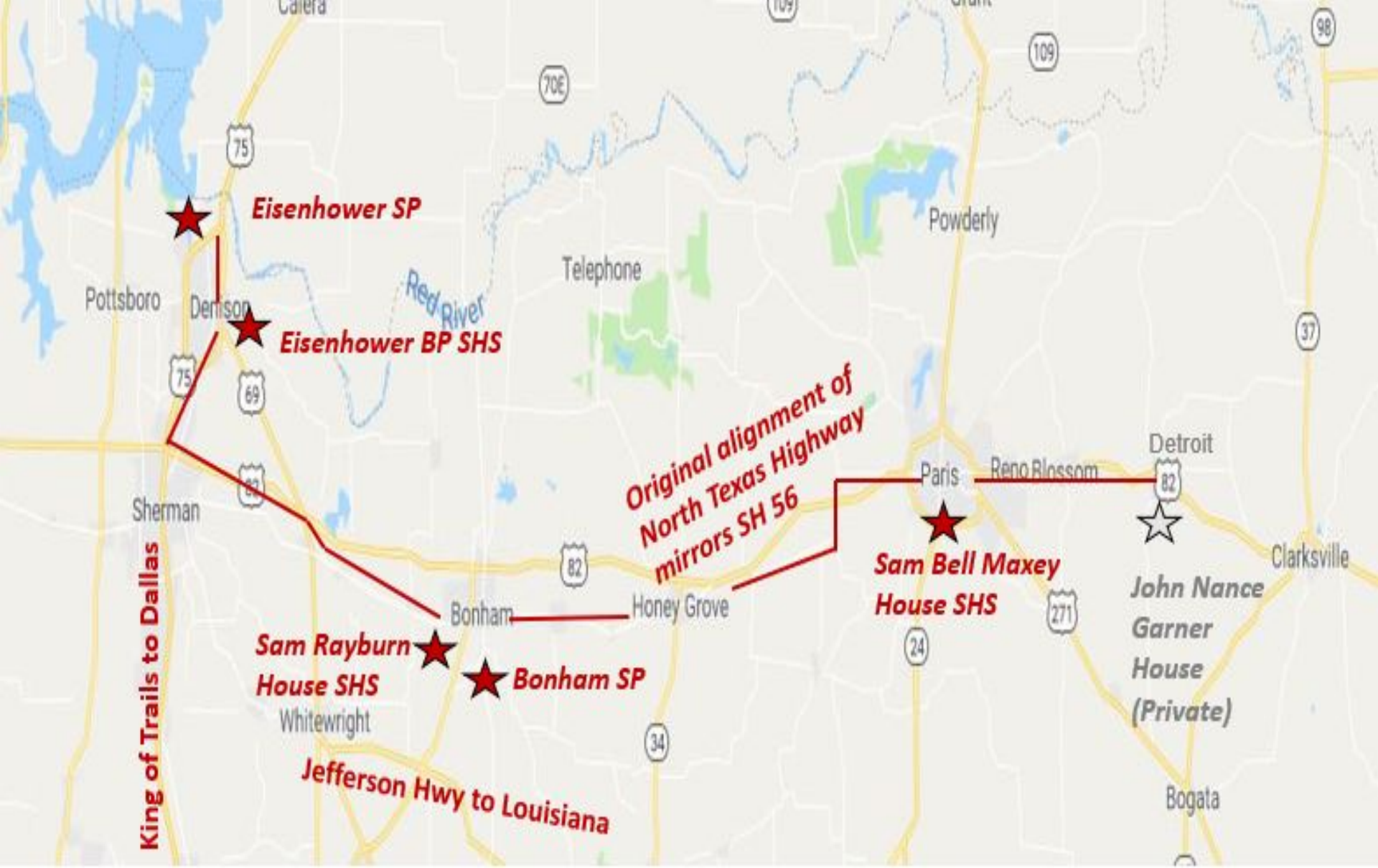
North Texas Road: US 82 (SH 5, 1917)



Eisenhower,
Sam Rayburn,
Sam Bell
Maxey, and
John Nance
Garner
houses



North Texas Road: Texas Political History Tour



North Texas Road: A regional tour sample



King of Trails: US 75 (SH 2 & US 8, 1917)



***King of Trails: Eisenhower SP, Eisenhower BP
SHS, Confederate Reunion Grounds SHS, Fort
Parker SP, Washington on the Brazos SHS,
Fanthorp Inn SHS, San Felipe SHS, San Jacinto***

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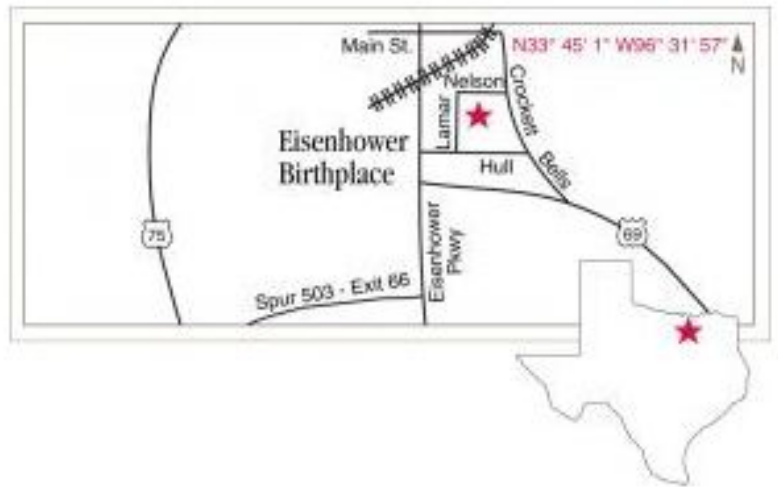
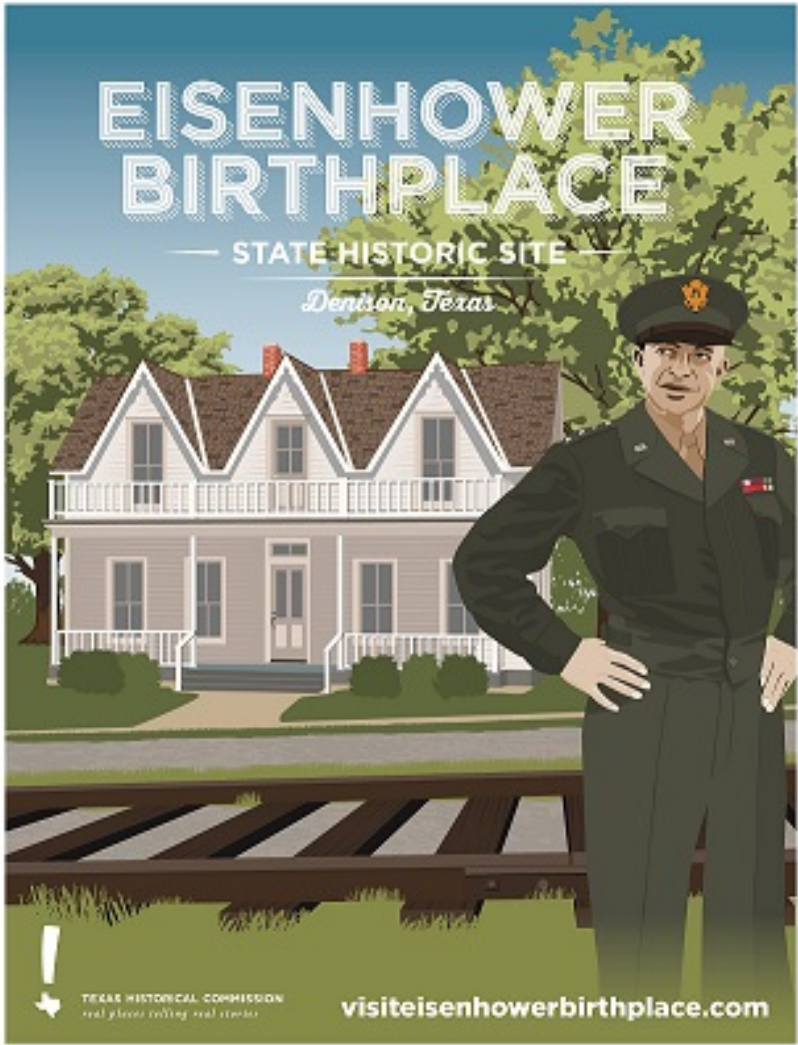
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Route 778—Waco to Austin, Tex.—116.8 m.

Reverse Route 812.

Via Lorena, Bruceville, Eddy, Troy, Temple, Bartlett, Granger, Georgetown and Round Rock. 15 miles macadam; balance mixed gravel and dirt, with a few miles of macadam into Austin. Most of the road has been gravelled but heavy rains have washed the lowlands leaving several dirt stretches which become mires in wet weather. This route traverses a farming country, devoted to the raising of wheat, oats, corn and cotton.

Note (a) offers a good dry weather option between Granger and Austin via Taylor.

MILEAGE
Distance
Total Between
Mileage Points

For this and other exits see City Map, page 650.

0.0 0.0 WACO, 5th & Washington Sts. Go southeast with trolley on 5th St. Cross RRs 0.2-0.3. Pass park on left 1.0.

Dallas Section

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Route 778

- 1.1 1.1 Speight St., Baylor university of right; meeting cross-trolley turn right. Avoid left-hand diagonal road 2.2. Thru Lorena 13.9. Bear right at end of macadam 14.8, keeping ahead with high tension line.
- 18.9 17.8 End of road; turn right.
- 19.0 0.1 Bruceville 4-corners just beyond RR, bank on left. Turn left.
- 21.5 2.5 Eddy, 4-corners, flagpole in center. Turn right along RR. Avoid left-hand diagonal road 22.6.
- 28.8 7.3 End of road; turn left.
- 29.1 0.3 Troy, right-hand road, flagpole in center. Turn right.
- 29.6 0.5 Left-hand road; turn left. Avoid right-hand road 36.1.
- 36.4 7.8 Right-hand road; turn right. Jog right and left thru irregular 4-corners 37.1.
- 37.4 1.0 Temple, at far side of court house. Straight thru.
- 37.5 0.1 End of road; turn left one block.
- 37.6 0.1 4-corners; turn right across RR.
- 37.9 0.3 4-corners, wooden church on far left; meeting cross-trolley turn left.
- 38.2 0.3 4-corners; turn right away from trolley. Cross RR 38.8.
- 40.0 1.8 Right-hand road; turn right.
- 45.5 4.5 Little Rivers, 4-corners. Turn left.
- 47.0 1.5 4-corners at sign; turn right. Cross iron suspension bridge over Little river 47.9. Pass Sparks Sta. on right 50.6. Thru edge of Holland 55.3.
- 55.5 8.5 End of road; turn left.
- 61.7 6.2 4-corners; turn right one block.
- 61.8 0.1 Bartlett, 4-corners at banks. Turn left.
- 62.4 0.6 End of road at sign; turn right.
- 63.6 1.2 End of road; turn right across RR and immediately left along same. Cross RR 66.6.
- 67.1 3.5 4-corners; turn left.
- 67.2 0.1 4-corners; turn right.
- 67.3 0.1 Granger, 4-corners. Turn right. Cross RR 67.4.
- 67.6 0.3 4-corners, brick church on right; turn left. Cross RR 68.7. Avoid right-hand diagonal road 69.3.

- 73.5 5.9 End of road at large sign; turn right.
Left is Note (a) to Austin via Taylor.
- 80.0 6.5 Left-hand road, sign on right; turn left thru Jonah 80.1.
Pass Georgetown university on right, crossing RR just beyond 87.9.
- 88.4 8.4 Georgetown,* 4-corners.
GARAGES—Henderson's Garage.
Turn left. Cross RR 89.0. Avoid right-hand road 96.6.
Right at 96.6 is Route 815 to Mason.
- 97.8 9.4 Round Rock, 5-corners. Bear right. Cross RR 97.9.
- 98.4 0.6 End of road; turn left. Avoid right-hand road 100.0.
- 102.2 3.8 Left-hand road; turn left.
- 102.8 0.6 End of road; turn right. Cross RR 111.4. Pass large concrete reservoir on right 112.2. Pass state insane asylum on right 113.5. Bear right onto Guadalupe St. 114.9. Pass Texas university campus on left 115.3.

Austin City Map and Points of Interest, page 64.

- 115.7 12.9 End of street; turn left onto 19th St. with trolley two blocks.

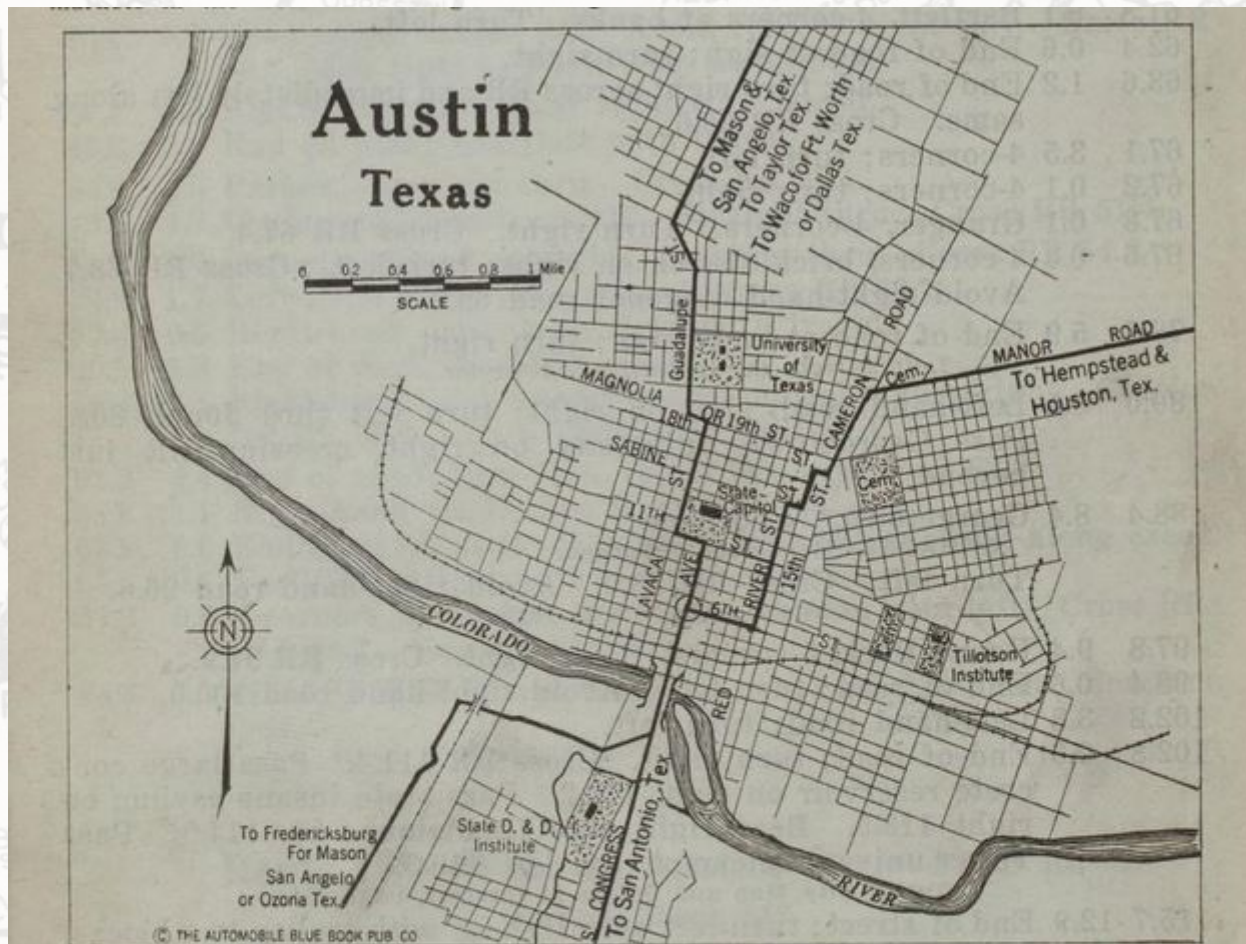
*Georgetown, Tex. (pop. 4,200, alt. 442 ft.), is a live-stock and educational center, being the seat of Southwestern university. Absolute

prohibition has been in force here for nearly thirty years. The Georgetown mineral wells are a point of local interest.

Route 778

- 115.8 0.1 Lavaca St., concrete block store on right; bear right with trolley.
- 116.4 0.6 11th St., at far side of capitol; turn left with trolley two blocks.
- 116.5 0.1 Congress Ave.; turn right with branch trolley.
- 116.8 0.3 AUSTIN, Congress Ave. & 6th St.

SERVICE STA.—United States Tire Sales & Service Depots located here.



POINTS OF INTEREST, AUSTIN, TEX.

Austin (pop. 30,000, alt. 650 ft.), the capital of Texas, was named for the founder of the state, Stephen F. Austin. The city occupies a picturesque bluff on each side of the Colorado river. About two miles distant are mountains and table lands from 700 to 1,500

high. The granite capitol building lo-

cated here is one of the largest and finest in the world. Among the city's foremost educational institutions is the university of Texas. The great Austin dam, located about two miles above the city, is a quarter of a mile long and forms a lake 65 feet deep and 29 miles long.