

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Quanah, Acme, ^{and} Pacific Depot

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 100 Mercer Street _____ not for publication

city, town Quanah _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 13

state Texas code 048 county Hardeman code 197

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

4. Owner of Property

name St. Louis, San Francisco Railway Co.

street & number 906 Olive Street

city, town St Louis _____ vicinity of _____ state MO 63101

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

street & number Hardeman County Courthouse

city, town Quanah, _____ state TX

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Historic Sites Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date _____ federal state county local

depository for survey records Texas Historical Commission

city, town Austin _____ state TX

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Quanah, Acme, and Pacific Depot, built in 1909 in Quanah, Texas is recognized as an impressive example of the Spanish Colonial Revival style, a popular building mode in the southwest during the early 20th century. This building is particularly noteworthy because it embodies the most characteristic elements of the style. Located one block west of Main Street in downtown Quanah, the depot is sited adjacent to and immediately south of the original main line of the Quanah, Acme, and Pacific Railroad. Designed by C. H. Page and Brothers of Austin, the plan of the building is arranged in a simple cross-axis configuration with connecting walls and towers enclosing usable space at the axis intersections. The irregular massing and roofline of the building, enhanced with stucco and contrasting red roof tiles, affords picturesque facades of architectural elements in simple combinations.

Aligned with a north to south and east to west orientation, the axes form a central projecting bay on each facade. These two story bays are terminated with a curvilinear gable and miniature towers. The east facade, facing Mercer Street, is considered the front of the building with the main entrance centered on the ground floor of the gabled bay. The single door entrance is accentuated with a one story projecting portico covered with a low-pitch hipped roof with exposed rafters supported by arches springing from round piers. Flanking this bay at the point where it intersects the north/south axis are three story, squared towers with tiled, pyramidal roofs overhanging inset supporting walls. The axial intersections of the west bay are enclosed with walls which create an hexagonal effect on the west end of the building. Projecting from the west bay is a single story room with hipped roof that housed the baggage/freight functions of the railroad. Fenestration of the building consists of twelve-over-one light windows appearing as singles on the second and third floor levels of the towers, and in groups of three and four on both levels of the projecting bays and angled walls. A single story wing projects from the southwest side of the building and is thought to have been added shortly after completion.

A two story rotunda is formed on the interior of the building where the axes cross. This space served as a passenger waiting area with the station agent's office, ticket counter, freight and baggage room, and president and treasurers offices surrounding it. The second floor housed the general offices for the Quanah, Acme, and Pacific Railroad.

The building stands vacant today with few alterations to the architectural fabric. The Hardeman County Historical Commission intends to acquire the depot for use as offices and display space.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
	<input type="checkbox"/> invention			

Specific dates 1909 **Builder/Architect** C. H. Page and Brother

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Constructed to provide facilities for both rail service and the administrative offices of the railroad company, the Quanah, Acme, and Pacific Depot in Quanah is a fine example of Spanish Colonial Revival architecture. The structure, with architectural integrity virtually intact, represents the settlement and expansion opportunities made possible in then remote Hardeman County when the line was established.

Although created in 1858, Hardeman County, located on the Red River in northwest Texas, remained unsettled throughout the Civil War and Reconstruction periods, primarily due to occupation by hostile Indians and lack of transportation through the hilly terrain. Prior to the mid 1880's, buffalo hunters and a few ranchers were the only white settlers in the area. The Fort Worth and Denver Railroad surveyed the county in 1885 and laid out a townsite for Quanah, named for Quanah Parker, the last war chief of the Comanches. The first town lot was sold in 1886 and by 1890, when the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad went through, the town boasted a population of 1500.

On July 12, 1902 the Acme, Red River, and Northern Railroad was chartered to run from Acme to Red River, connecting the plaster plant at Acme with the Fort Worth and Denver and Frisco Railroads. Plaster from the gypsum plants in Hardeman County was used in the construction of the Columbian Exhibition at Chicago in 1893 and the Louisiana Purchase Exhibition in St. Louis in 1903. In 1909 a decision was made to extend the railroad line westward to provide much needed transportation facilities for the population. In that same year the name of the railroad was changed to the Quanah, Acme, and Pacific. The terrain caused difficulties in the construction of the railroad which crossed three rivers and climbed Cap Rock. During its early years, the railroad was a profitable enterprise, providing passenger and freight service to the county. The construction of highways in 1930's created a decline in rail usage and today the Quanah, Acme, and Pacific trackage is being considered for abandonment.

The Quanah, Acme, and Pacific Depot constructed in Quanah in 1909 was used as a passenger depot as well as a headquarters for the Railroad. Prominently located one block west of Main Street beside the tracks, the building is a fine example of the Spanish Colonial Revival style. This attention to style is indicative of the importance of the railroad to the community and surrounding areas. Currently vacant, the Hardeman County Historical Commission plans to restore the depot with respect for its architectural integrity and convert it to use as headquarters for the Commission with space available for various public activities, thus restoring its service to the community.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Quanah Tribune Chief, Centennial Edition, May 1, 1958, "Q, A, & P Ushers New Age in Pioneer Land"

Unpublished material provided by Hardeman County Historical Commission, on file at THC Webb, Walter Prescott; The Handbook of Texas Volume I; p. 767 Volume II; pp. 422-23

10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Quanah, TX.

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Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property consists of the structure plus a 10' apron around it.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Linda C. Flory, Historian

organization Texas Historical Commission

date August 24, 1979

street & number P. O. Box 12276

telephone 512/475-3095

city or town Austin

state TX

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date August 28, 1979

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Keeper of the National Register

date 10-15-79

Attest:
Chief of Registration

date 9/13/79

Property Quamish, Acme, and Pacific Depot

State W. Hardeman Working Number 9.4.79. 2070

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 6
Maps 1

This should have been selected for architecture, too, as a fine example of Spanish Colonial Revival architecture. The depot represents the settlement and growth of this area which resulted largely from the arrival of the RR

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Review _____

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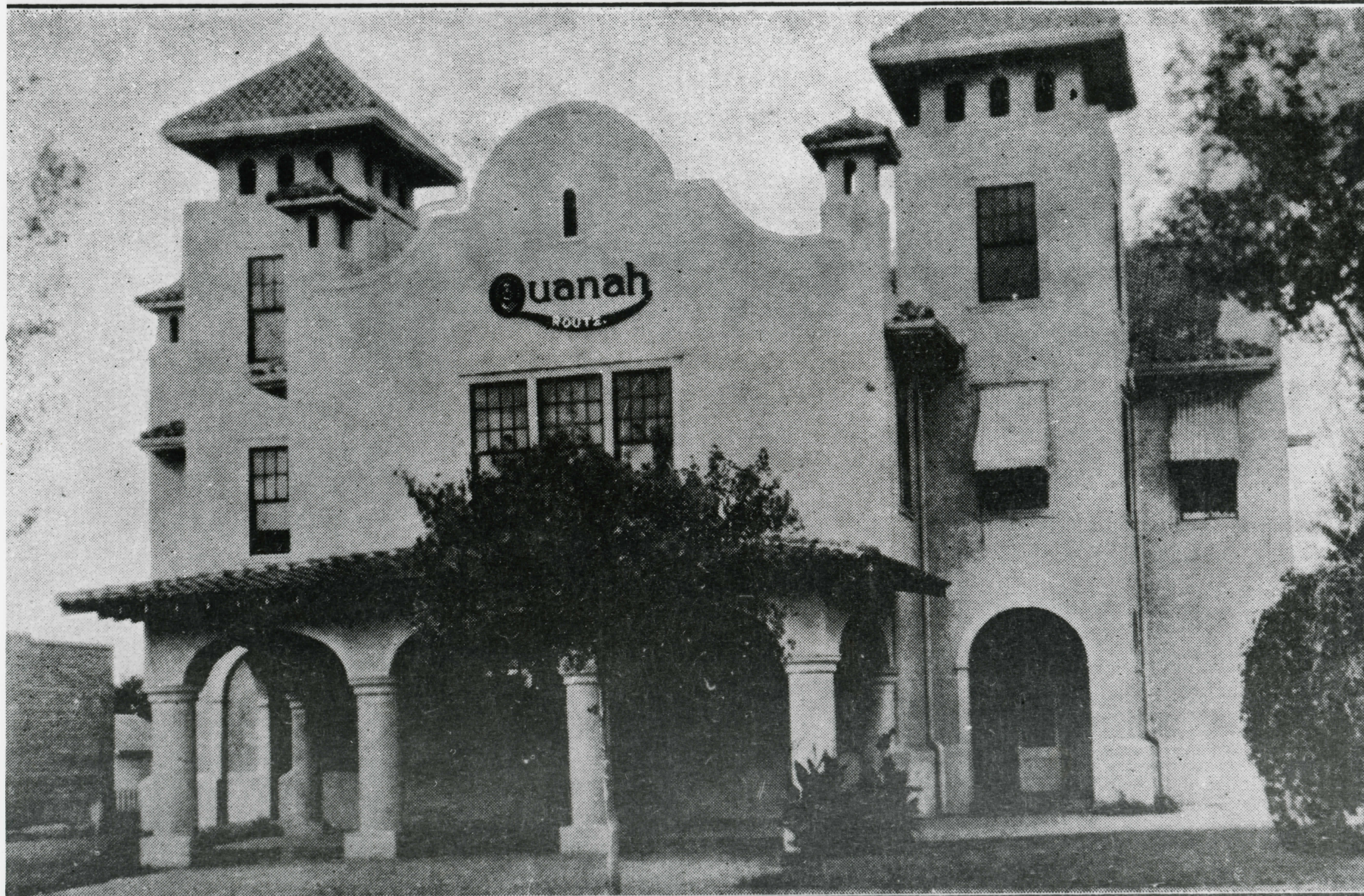
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National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 11.6.79

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General Offices, Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railway Company, Quanah, Texas.

Quanah, Acme, & Pacific Depot
100 Mercer Street
Quanah, Hardeman County, Texas
Photo from postcard, c.1920. Copy by
Texas Historical Commission, 1976
East elevation
Photo #1 *96*

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Quanah, Acme, & Pacific Depot
100 Mercer Street
Quanah, Hardeman County, Texas
Photo from collection of Terrell Cott
c. 1960.

Northeast oblique
Photo #2~~4~~6

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Quanah, Acme, & Pacific Depot
100 Mercer Street
Quanah, Hardeman County, Texas
Photo by Texas Historical Commission,
1975

East elevation

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Quanah, Acme, & Pacific Depot
100 Mercer Street
Quanah, Hardeman County, Texas
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Southeast oblique
Photo #4 *16*

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Quanah, Acme, & Pacific Depot
100 Mercer Street
Quanah, Hardeman County, Texas
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West elevation

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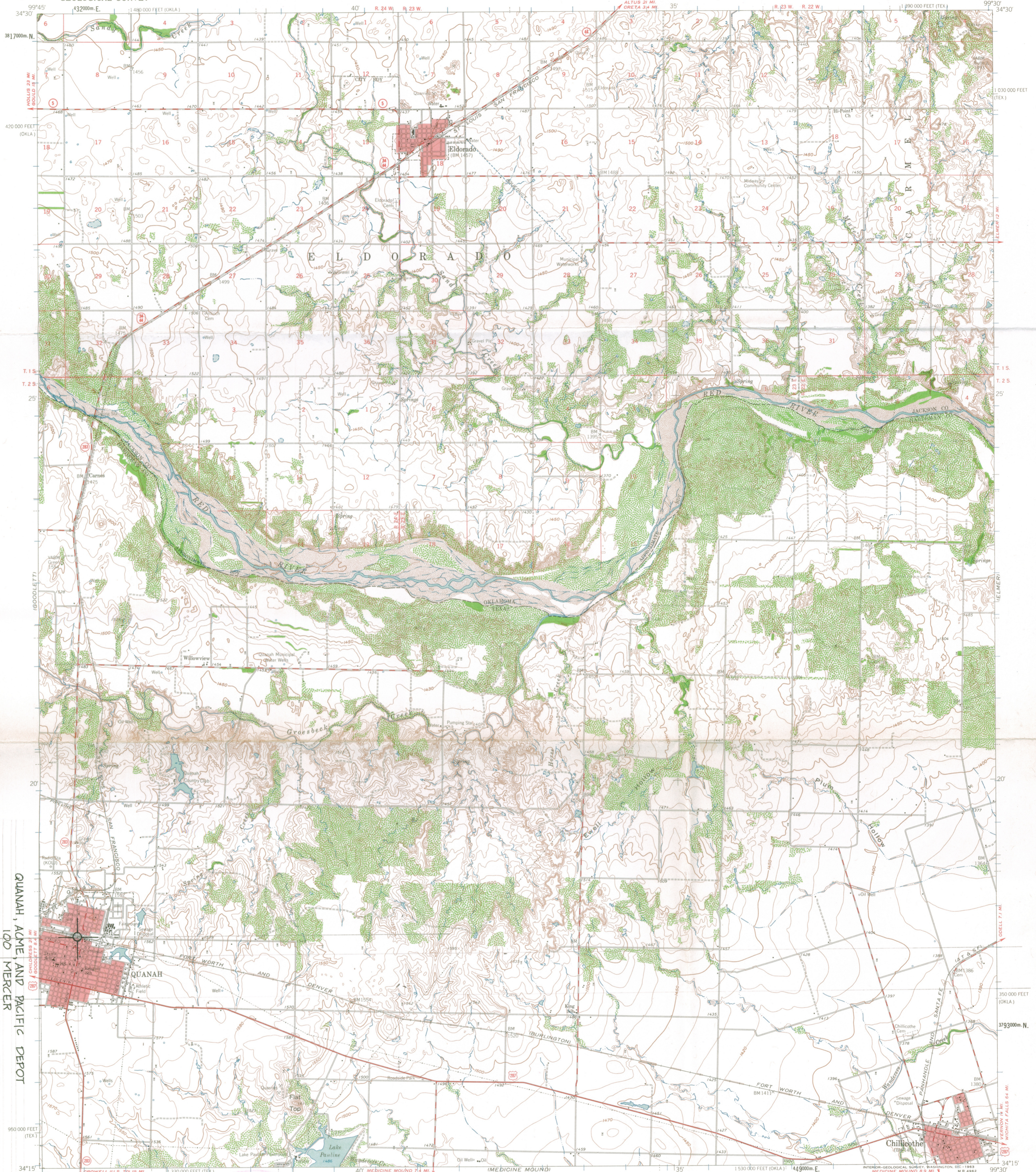


Quanah, Acme, & Pacific Depot
100 Mercer Street
Quanah, Hardeman County, Texas
Photo by Texas Historical Commission,
1975

North elevation
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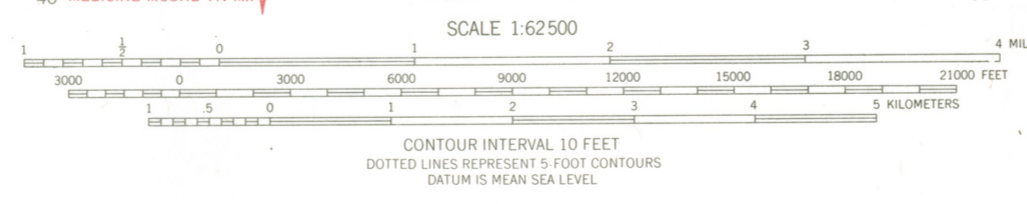
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QUANAH, ACME, AND PACIFIC DEPOT
100 MERGER
QUANAH, HARDENMAN COUNTY, TEXAS
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Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1953. Field checked 1960
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system,
north central zone, and Oklahoma coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 14, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route	State Route

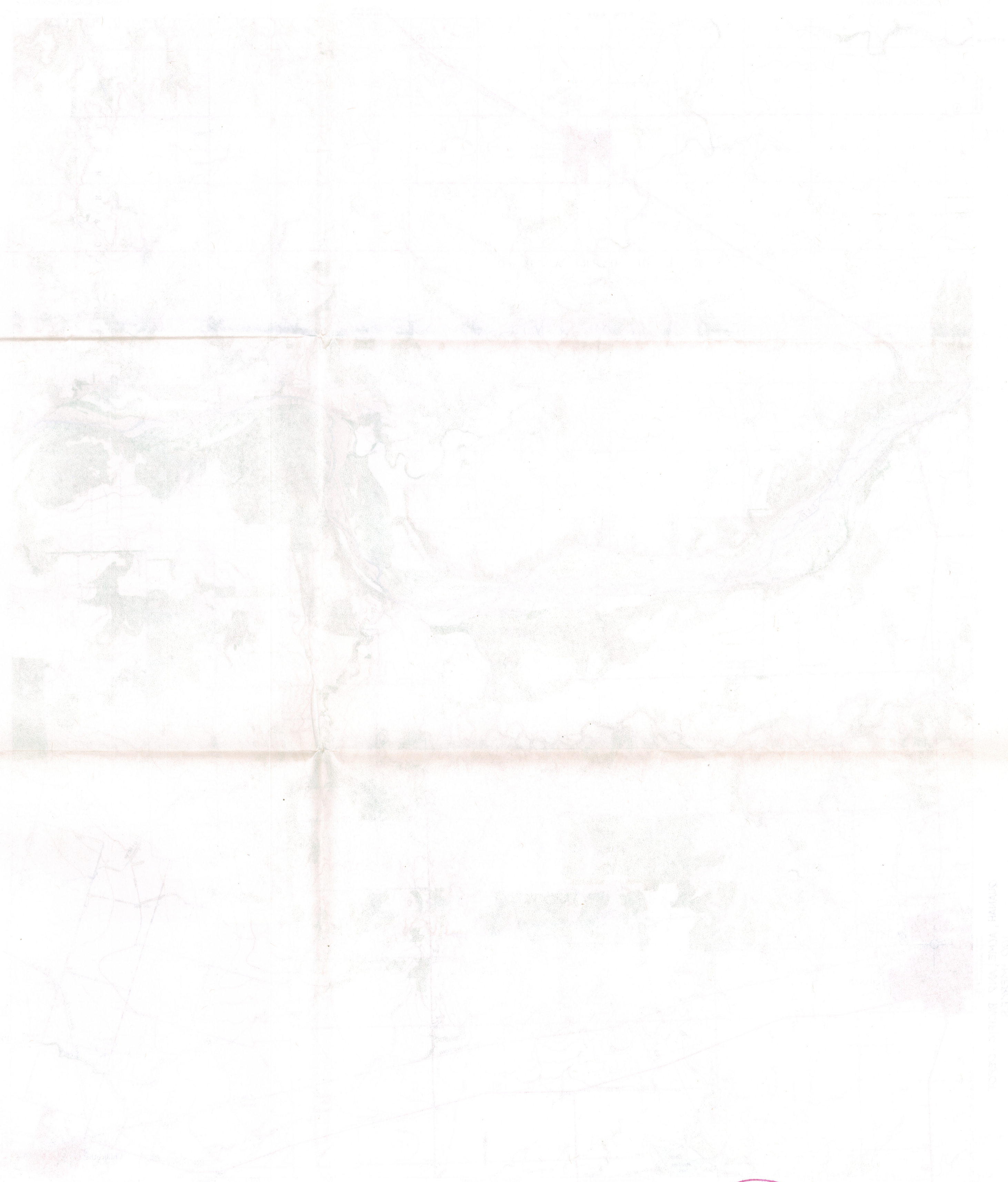


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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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STATE

Date Entered OCT 15 1979

Name

Location

Quanah, Acme, and Pacific Depot

Quanah
Hardeman County

Also Notified

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Honorable John G. Tower
Honorable Jack E. Hightower

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