

The Original Tom Green County, Texas 1874

March 13th, 1874

The following 12 counties were created from the Original Tom Green County

- 1885 - Midland County3-4-1885
- 1887 - Upon County2-26-1887
- 1887 - Ector County2-26-1887
- 1887 - Crane County2-26-1887
- 1887 - Winkler County2-26-1887
- 1887 - Ward County2-26-1887
- 1887 - Loving County2-26-1887
- 1887 - Glasscock County4-4-1887
- 1889 - Irion County3-7-1889
- 1889 - Coke County3-13-1889
- 1891 - Sterling County3-4-1891
- 1903 - Reagan County3-7-1903

3-13-1874 - Tom Green County was created from Bexar (Territorial) County, extending west to the Pecos River...the 4 eastern counties were created in 1858; Menard, Concho, Runnels and Taylor. Many early settlements were no more than small family groups, staking a claim for a new life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness...It would take 29 years to divide the original Tom Green County into 12 new fledgling counties.

Fort Concho, located at the confluence of the North and Middle Concho Rivers, was first called Camp Hatch, renamed Camp Kelly in January, 1868...However, by March 1868, the Camp was updated to a Fort and renamed **Fort Concho**.

Ben Ficklin, became the first seat of government for Tom Green County...However, the early settlement was destroyed by the flooding Concho River in 1882...sixty five of these early pioneers died in this catastrophic flood.

San Angelo, referred to earlier as the settlement, "Over-the-River." Later it was named Santa Angela before taking on the permanent name of **San Angelo**...After the great flood and destruction of Ben Ficklin, the county seat was moved to San Angelo in 1882.

Bismarck Farm, was established on the east bank of the South Concho River, just a few miles south from the confluence of the Middle and South Concho Rivers.

Tankersley, an early settlement on Spring Creek, just west of **Twin Mountain**, a west Texas landmark for the early westward migration.

Knickerbocker, a small settlement on the east bank of Dove Creek, a tributary of the Middle Concho River.

Christoval, an early settlement on the east bank of the South Concho River...just a few miles upstream from Bismarck Farm.

Wall, a small settlement just southeast of the source of Ninemile Creek, a tributary of the Concho River.

Vancourt, an early settlement along the east bank of Lipan Creek, a few miles southeast of Wall.

Mereta, a small settlement on the west bank of Lipan Creek, near the confluence with Ninemile Creek.

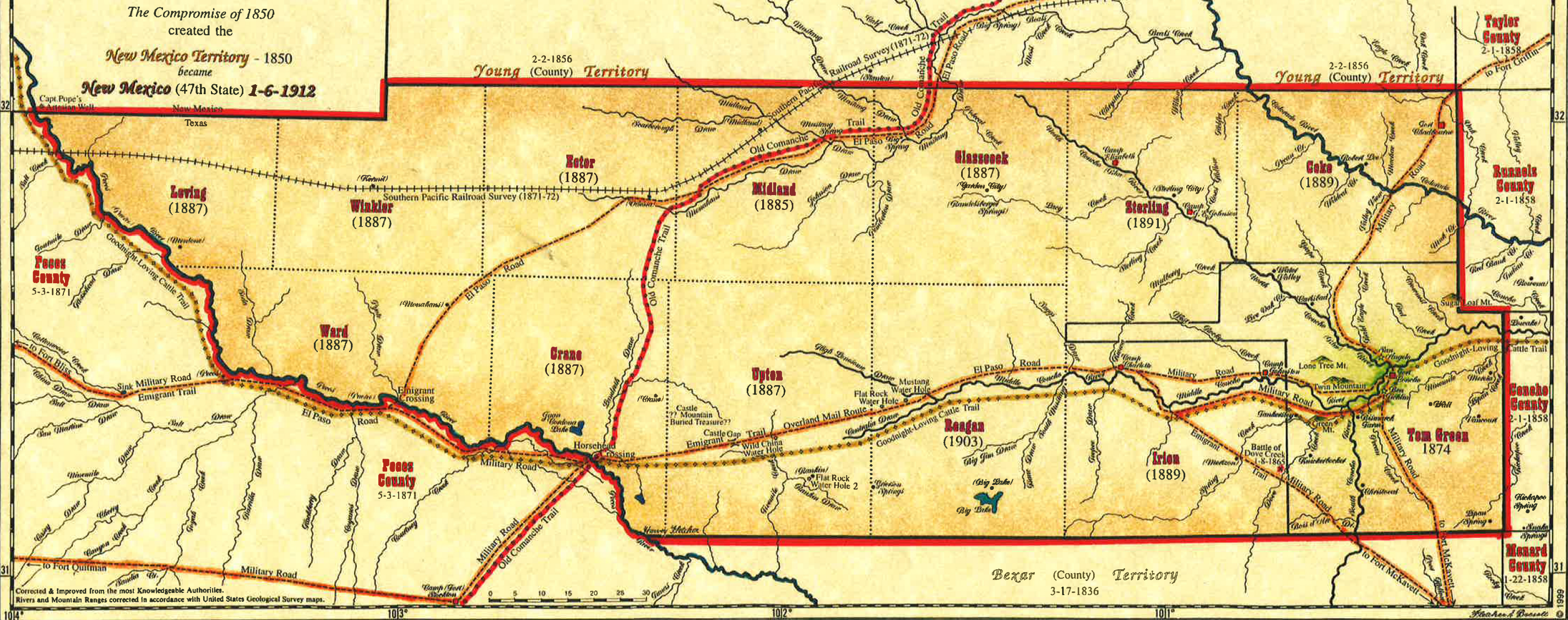
Lipan Spring, a small settlement near the source of Kickapoo Creek...just west of the Concho County Line and the early settlement of Kickapoo Spring in Concho County.

Carlsbad, an early settlement just north of Grape Creek on the east bank of the North Concho River.

Water Valley, another early settlement just north of Carlsbad on the east bank of the North Concho River.

Camp J.E. Johnson, a temporary military site at the confluence of Sterling Creek and the North Concho River.

The Southern Pacific Railroad Survey 1871-1872, a forerunner of the railhead established at San Angelo in 1888 by The Santa Fe Railroad.



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