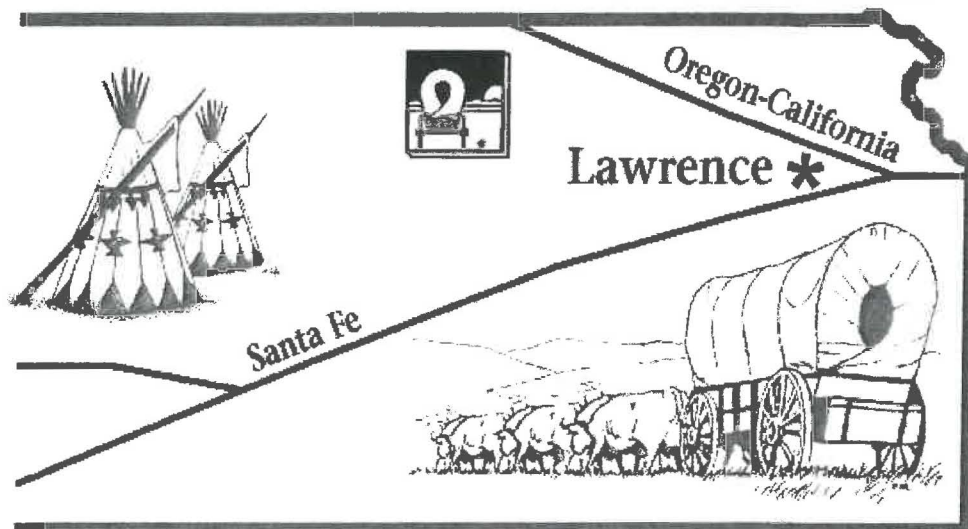


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AUGUST 6 – 11, 2012

CONVENTION TOUR MAP
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Tour #1 - Independence to Gardner, KS

Tuesday and Saturday

Itinerary for the day:

8:45 – Upper Independence (Wayne City) Landing
9:15 – McCoy Park in Independence (on Saturday, dedication of markers begins 8:30 am)
9:45 – National Frontier Trails Museum (restrooms, snacks & water)
10:55 – 85th & Manchester swale
11:30 – Minor Park swales
12:45 – Mahaffie House – (lunch, tour, restrooms)
2:35 – At new Lone Elm Park
3:40 – At new Gardner Junction Park
5:00 – Holiday Inn

The tour leaves Holiday Inn and travels across many historic venues in Kansas City and begins at the new Upper Independence (Wayne City) Landing Park on the Missouri River north of Independence, MO. This park has been enlarged, landscaped and has five new National Park Service interpretive exhibits. This was the main landing for travelers going west on the Independence Route of the Santa Fe-Oregon-California Trail.

The tour then will proceed to McCoy Park in Independence that has five brand new NPS interpretive exhibits, which will be dedicated on Saturday morning. A brief stop at National Frontier Trails Museum will be followed by visiting the Santa Fe Trail Park, 1844 Rice-Tremonti House, the 85th and Manchester ruts and the Hickman Mills interpretive site.

We then proceed to the Big Blue River (Red Bridge) Crossing that has a huge new bridge with four new NPS interpretive panels, Minor Park with magnificent ruts, and New Santa Fe. Our box lunch will be enjoyed at the 1865 Mahaffie House and their new Heritage Center.

We then proceed to the new Lone Elm Park at the site of one of the most used campgrounds on the entire trail. This 160-acre farm was bought by the city of Olathe, KS and preserved and magnificently interpreted.

We end our day at the new Gardner Junction Park, which has been substantially re-graded and improved. It has seven new NPS interpretive panels on it. This was the site where the Independence Route and the Westport Route came together and the Oregon-California Trail split off from the earlier Santa Fe Trail. Truly a key junction for the complex of trails in our area.

On this tour, you will be amazed at the number of new parks that have been created by cities along this route and the number of interpretive National Park Service exhibits that have been installed – all of which have been put in place in the last decade! Many of our tour stops will be at sites that did not exist a decade ago.

Tour #2 - Westport to Lawrence Route (California Road)

Monday and Thursday

Itinerary for the day:

8:20 – Town of Kansas in KC
9:05 – Lewis & Clark Point
9:40 – Union Station (restrooms – snacks, drinks)

10:15 – Westport walking tour
 11:00 – Shawnee Indian Mission tour – (restrooms)
 12:00 – Broadmoor Park – (lunch – no restrooms)
 12:55 – Sapling Grove Park
 1:25 – Strang Park
 2:00 – Pioneer Park
 2:35 – Shawnee Indian Cemetery
 3:05 – Shawnee City Hall (restrooms – snacks, drinks)
 4:15 – Bluejacket Crossing of Wakarusa River
 5:00 – Holiday Inn

The tour leaves Holiday Inn and begins at Westport Landing , which is the new Town of Kansas Park with nine new NPS interpretive exhibits. We will walk on a spectacular pedestrian bridge that will take us to the overlook at the south bank of the Missouri River. This was not only where Kansas City began and was known simply as the town of ‘Kansas’, but was also the departing point for travelers heading west on the Westport Route of the Santa Fe-Oregon-California Trails.

The tour travels past the unique Arabia Museum and will stop at Lewis and Clark Point, which is a magnificent overlook of the beginning points of our historic trails and Kansas City.

We will then journey down the Westport Route through downtown Kansas City and visit the 1914 Union Station, currently the second largest train depot in the nation.

We will do a walking tour of historic Westport and follow the trail for a visit at the 170-year-old Shawnee Indian Mission Museum.

Thursday’s lunch will be enjoyed at the new Broadmoor Park. Then we journey to the new Sapling Grove Park and Strang Park, both of which have new NPS interpretive exhibits.

The tour proceeds to the new Pioneer Park in Shawnee, KS with four new interpretive panels and a magnificent covered wagon sculpture.

The tour follows the trail toward Lawrence and ends with a visit at the wonderful Bluejacket’s Wakarusa River Crossing, which still displays the swale at the crossing. It is on private property that belonged to David and Mary Gage, winners of the OCTA 1994 Friend of the Trail Award.

As with Tour A, you will be truly impressed with the number of new parks that have been created by cities along this route and the number of interpretive National Park Service exhibits that have been installed – all of which did not exist a decade ago!

Tour #3 - River Run to Ft. Leavenworth

Tuesday and Thursday

Itinerary for the day:

8:15 – Lewis and Clark Point in KC
 8:55 – Kaw Point (restrooms – snacks, water)
 9:50 – Riverfront Park (Lewis and Clark)
 11:10 – Centennial Bridge Park in Leavenworth
 11:50 – Leavenworth Landing – (lunch & restrooms)
 1:15 – Fort Leavenworth
 1:50 – “ “ Museum – (restrooms, snacks, drinks)
 4:20 – Leave Leavenworth
 5:00 – Holiday Inn

The tour leaves Holiday Inn and travels to Lewis and Clark Point in Kansas City. This will be the beginning point as we follow the Missouri River (the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail) to Leavenworth.

The next stop will be at Kaw Point which is the confluence of the Kansas and Missouri Rivers. Lewis and Clark camped there three nights, June 26-28, 1804. It is a spectacular park, newly renovated eight years ago, and has four NPS interpretive panels and other markers.

The tour then proceeds to the new Riverfront Park in north Kansas City with two NPS interpretive panels.

We will follow the county roads along the Missouri River to Leavenworth and a visit to the new Centennial Bridge Park and its interpretive markers on the river. We will enjoy lunch at Leavenworth Landing Park on the bank of the river and see all of the trail interpretation there.

After lunch, we will journey through the historic 1854 town of Leavenworth to the Fort. We will visit several sites including the Buffalo Soldiers Monument and the newly upgraded Fort Leavenworth Museum.

A walking tour along trail ruts and the original river landing will then be followed by leaving the Fort along the Santa Fe-Oregon-California Trails. We will follow the trail and see the Eight-Mile House where the trails split.

The return route to Lawrence will take us along the 1839 Military Road from the Fort.

Tour #4 – Lawrence to Topeka Trails

Thursday and Saturday

Itinerary for the day

- 8:05 – Arrive Black Jack Battlefield & ruts
- 9:05 – McDonalds – (restrooms, snacks & water)
- 10:00 – Blanton's Bridge crossing of Wakarusa – Meet Fred Six
- 10:40 – Watkins Museum – (restrooms)
- 12:10 – LeCompton – (lunch & entertainment, restrooms)
- 2:25 – Pellant Ruts – (snacks & water)
- 3:15 – Great Overland Station – (restrooms)
- 4:00 – Cedar Crest (Governor's Mansion) swales
- 5:00 – Holiday Inn

The tour leaves Holiday Inn and travels south and east to Baldwin City, KS. The first stop will be at the Black Jack Battle Park where we will see impressive Santa Fe Trail ruts and hear Kerry Altenbernd address us in first person as John Brown regarding this important 1856 battle.

We will follow the Santa Fe Trail for a few miles to see several sites and then make our way north to the Blanton's Bridge Crossing of the Wakarusa River. Owner Fred Six, retired Kansas Supreme Court Judge and recipient of OCTA's 2006 Friend of the Trail award, will address us about the history of this important crossing on the Oregon-California Trail.

The tour will then go a short distance north to Lawrence and visit the Watkins Community Museum. Then up and onto Jayhawk Blvd through the center of the campus directly on the trail.

Journeying west from Lawrence on the trail, viewing some swales, we come to LeCompton, the first territorial capitol of Kansas Territory. There we will have a lunch prepared by the United

Methodist Church volunteers followed by a presentation by the LeCompton Reenactors depicting the events of the Kansas Territory and Border War eras.

On our way to Topeka on the trail, we visit some spectacular trail ruts at Leo Pellant's house, who will receive OCTA's Friend of the Trail award at our convention.

In Topeka, we will tour the magnificently renovated Great Overland (Union Pacific) Station at the site of the Papin's Ferry Crossing of the Kansas River. That will be followed by a visit to the site of trail swales that are adjacent to Cedar Crest, the Kansas Governor's Mansion.

Tour #5 - Quantrill Raid

Monday and Saturday

Itinerary for the day.

- 9:55 – McDonalds in Gardner – (restrooms, snacks & water)
- 11:55 – Lunch @ UP Visitors Center in Lawrence – (restrooms)
- 1:00 – 40 min walking tour of downtown Lawrence
- 1:50 – 30 min walking tour of west Lawrence
- 2:35 – Stop at Oak Hill Cemetery
- 3:10 – McDonalds – (restrooms, water & snacks)
- 4:10 – Stop at Quantrill's watering stop
- 5:00 – Return to Holiday Inn

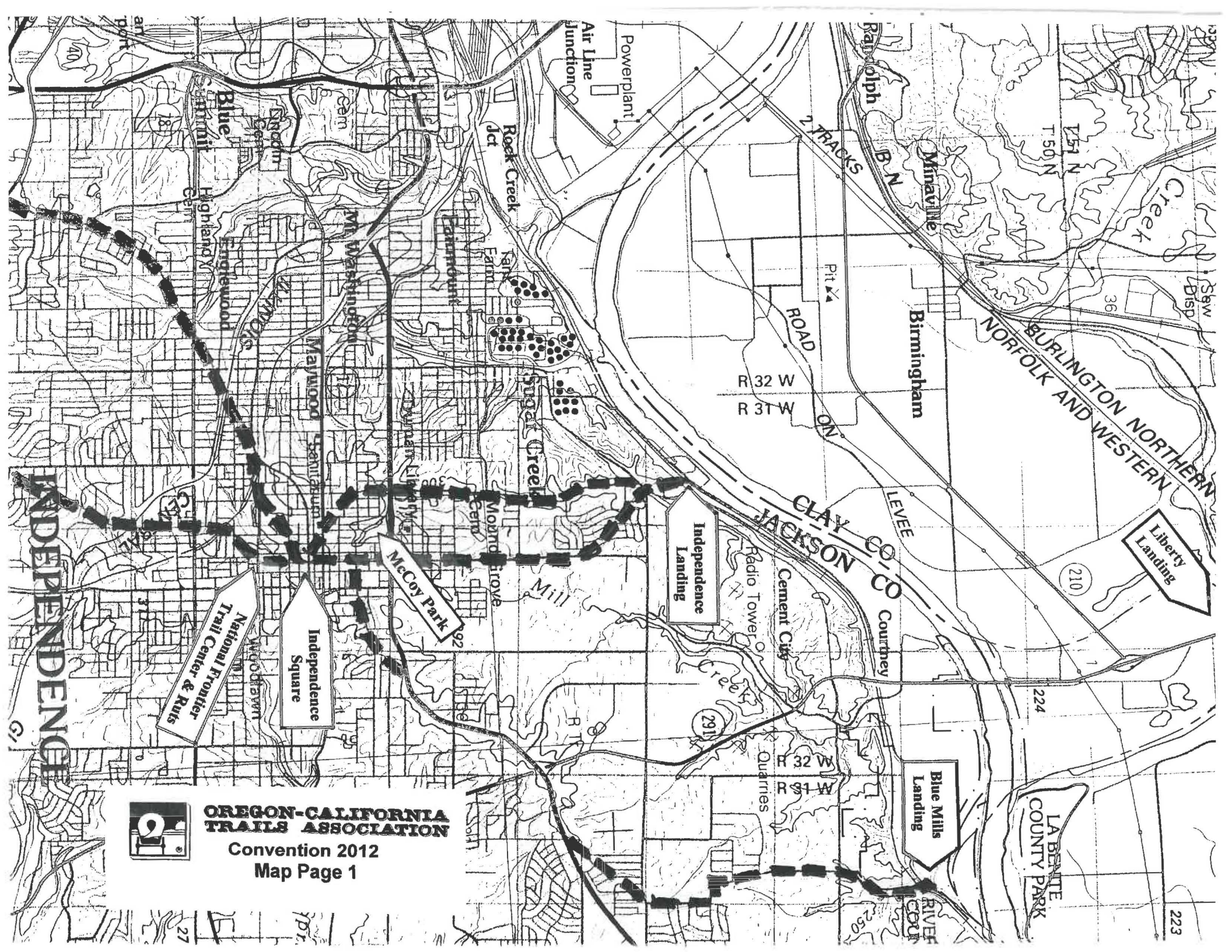
One of the deadliest raids on a civilian population occurred on August 21, 1863 – the William Quantrill Raid on Lawrence. At least 150 men and boys were killed and much of the town was burned and sacked by a force of 450 well-armed mounted raiders.

The bus will leave Holiday Inn and travel to Olathe, KS for the first stop at the site of one of Quantrill's raids in 1862. Then south about ten miles to Aubry (today's Stilwell), Kansas near the Missouri border. This was the site of another Quantrill raid in 1862, but it was also near the point where the raiders entered Kansas on early on August 20.

We will follow and see sites, such as Spring Hill, Gardner Junction Park and the Tuscarora claim, on the route of the raiders as they made their way to Gardner and picked up the Oregon-California Trail there. We will keep following their route and see various sites on the trail as they approached Lawrence. Daylight was approaching as they arrived at the edge of Lawrence.

After following their route into town, we will lunch at the Union Pacific Visitor's Center. A guided walking tour of downtown and the destruction there, including an inside visit to the historic Eldridge Hotel destroyed during the raid, will follow. After reboarding the bus, we will see various sites around the edge of downtown and do a short walking tour of a neighborhood just west of downtown where several houses were attacked and/or burned.

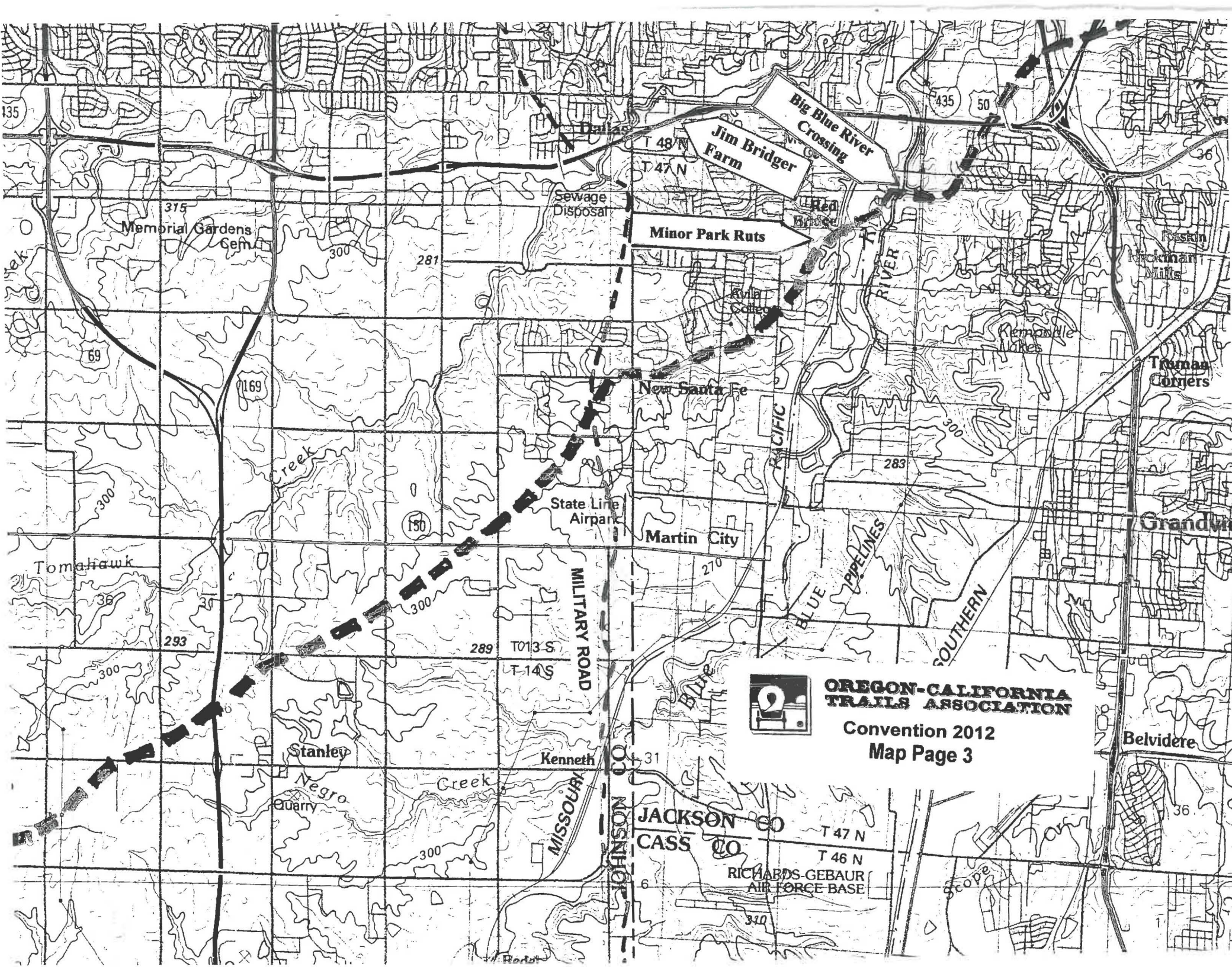
A visit to the Oak Hill Cemetery and the stones of many of the victims of the raid follows. The bus will then make its way south out of town on their escape route. We will briefly stop at the site of Brooklyn, a village burned by the raiders. A short visit to a still-existing stone farmhouse where the raiders stopped to water horses will be made before we return to the Holiday Inn.



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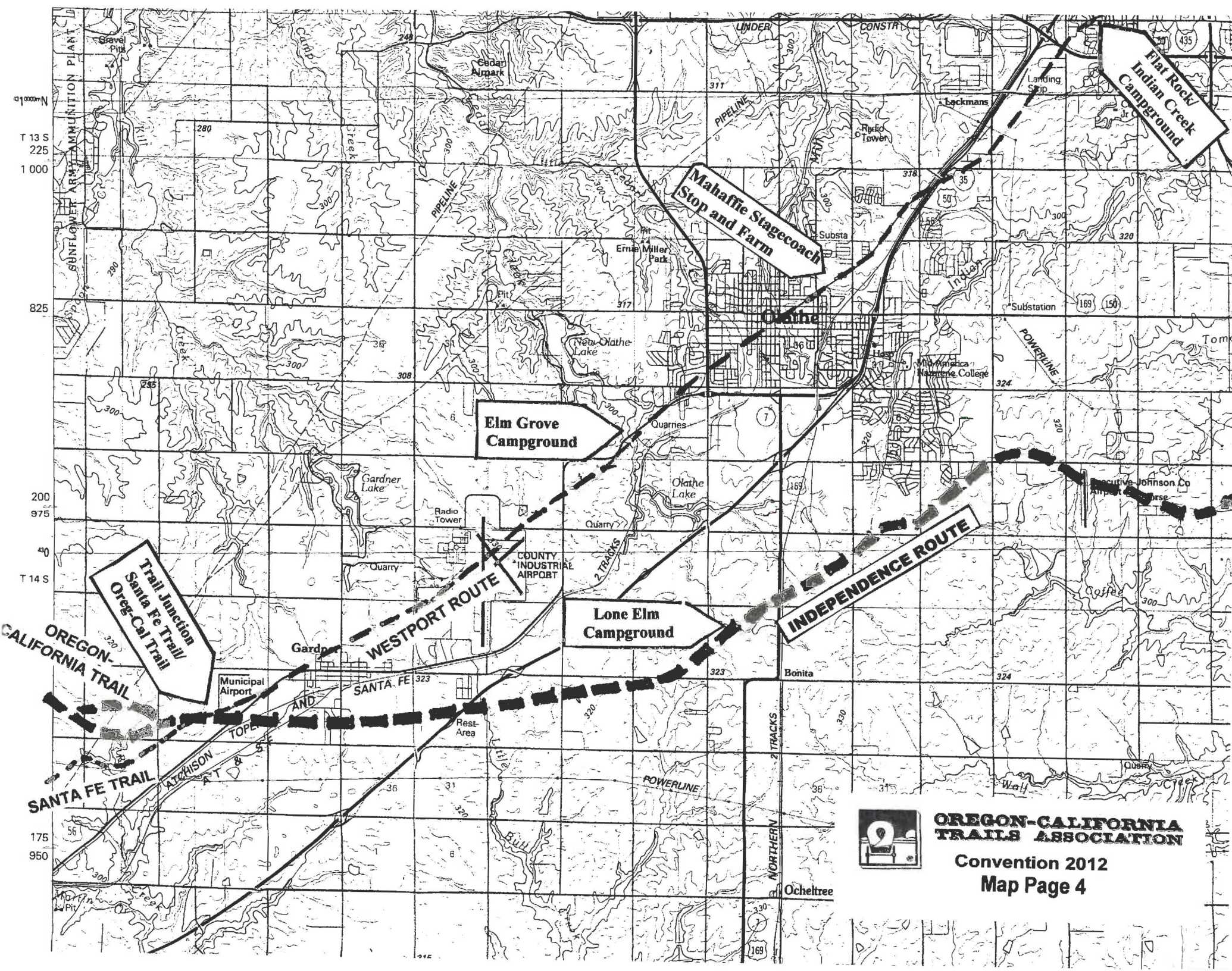
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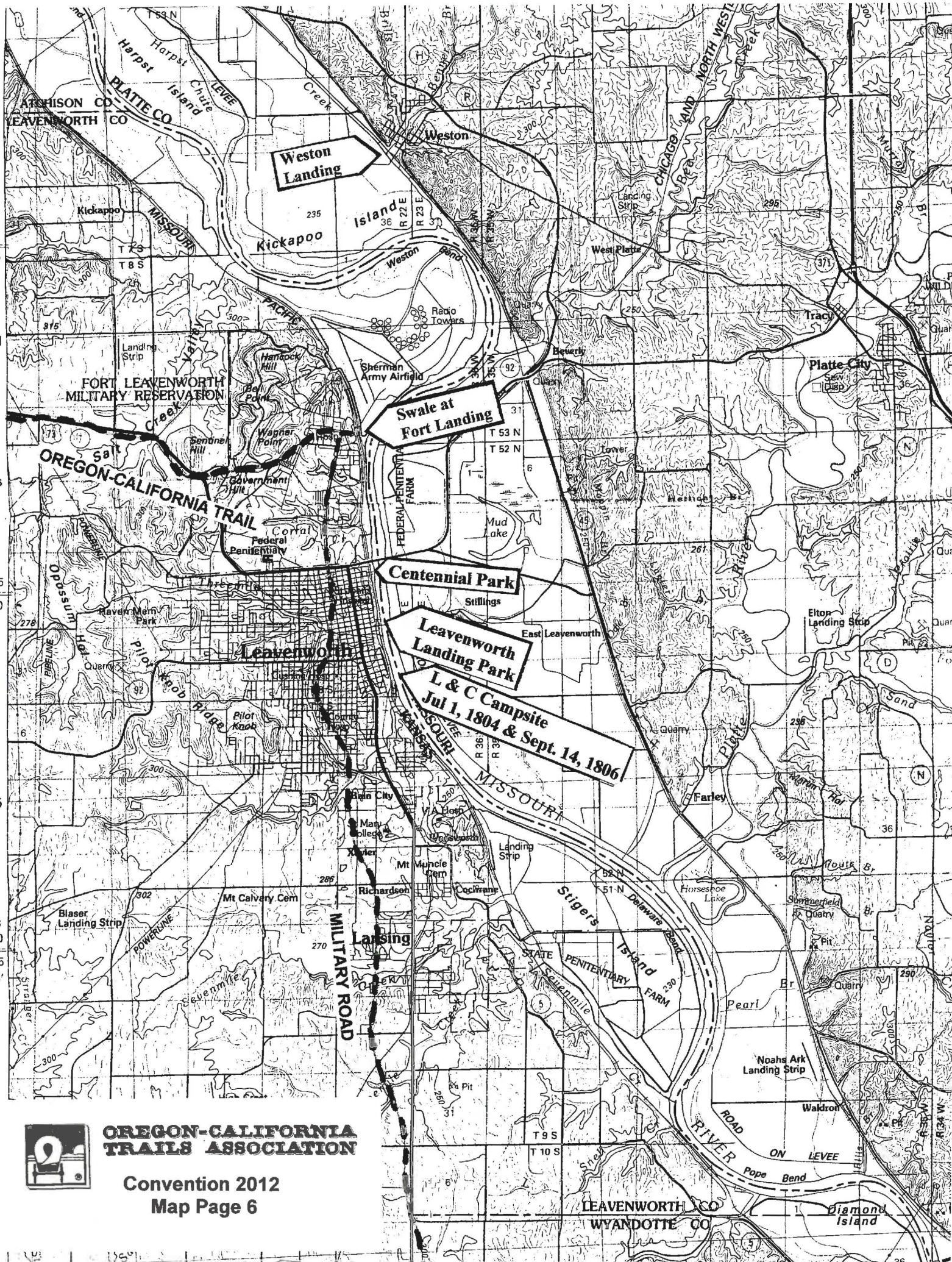
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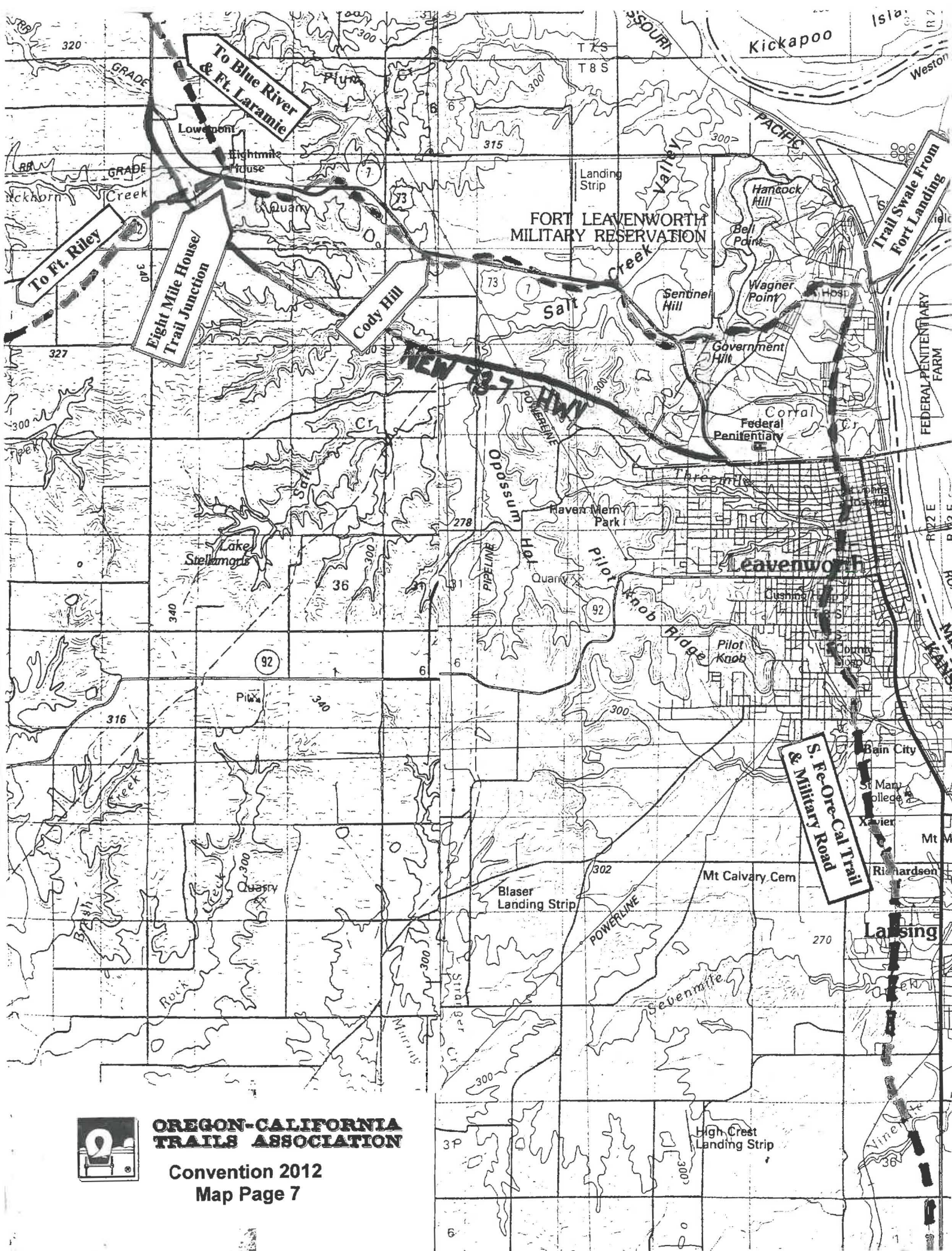
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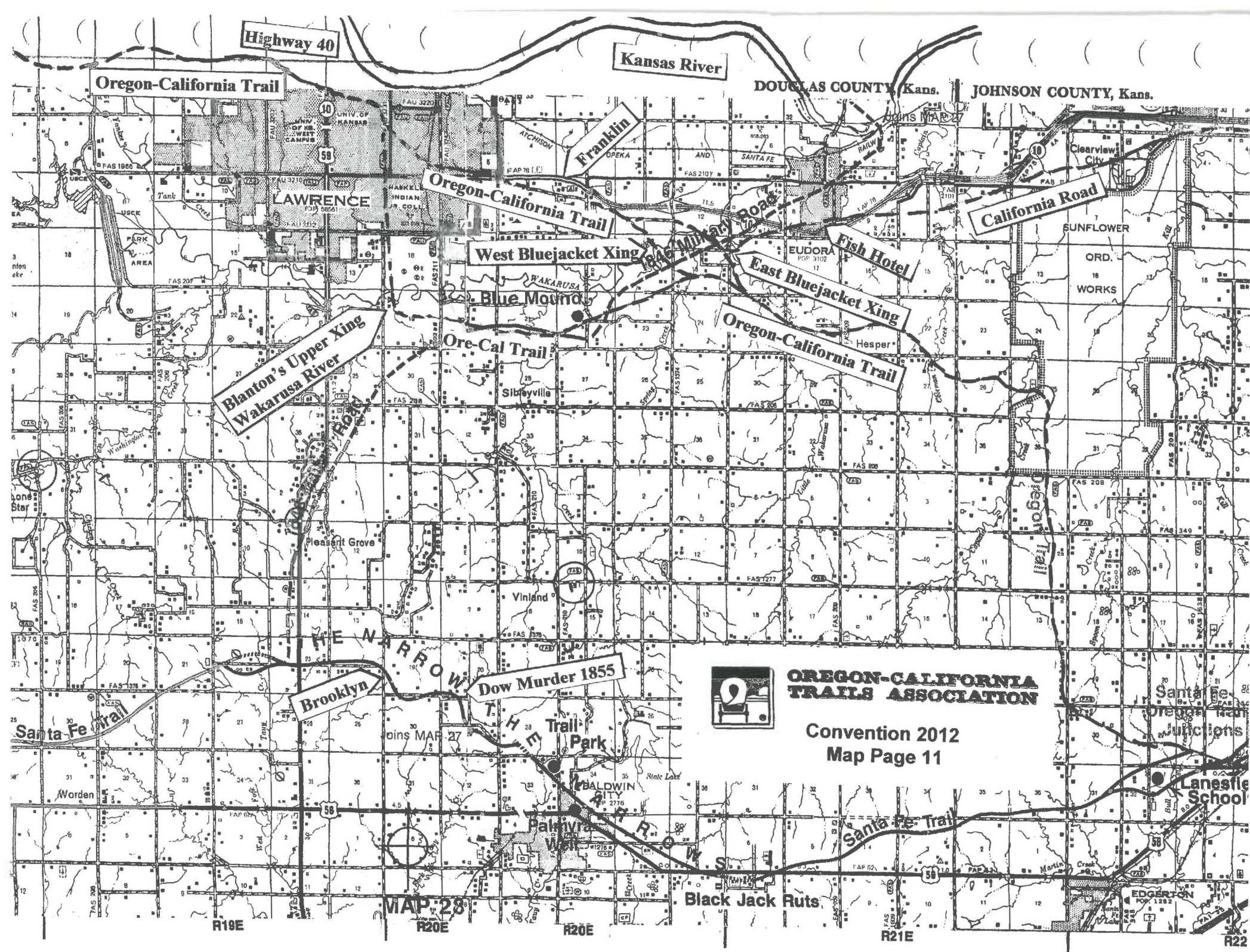
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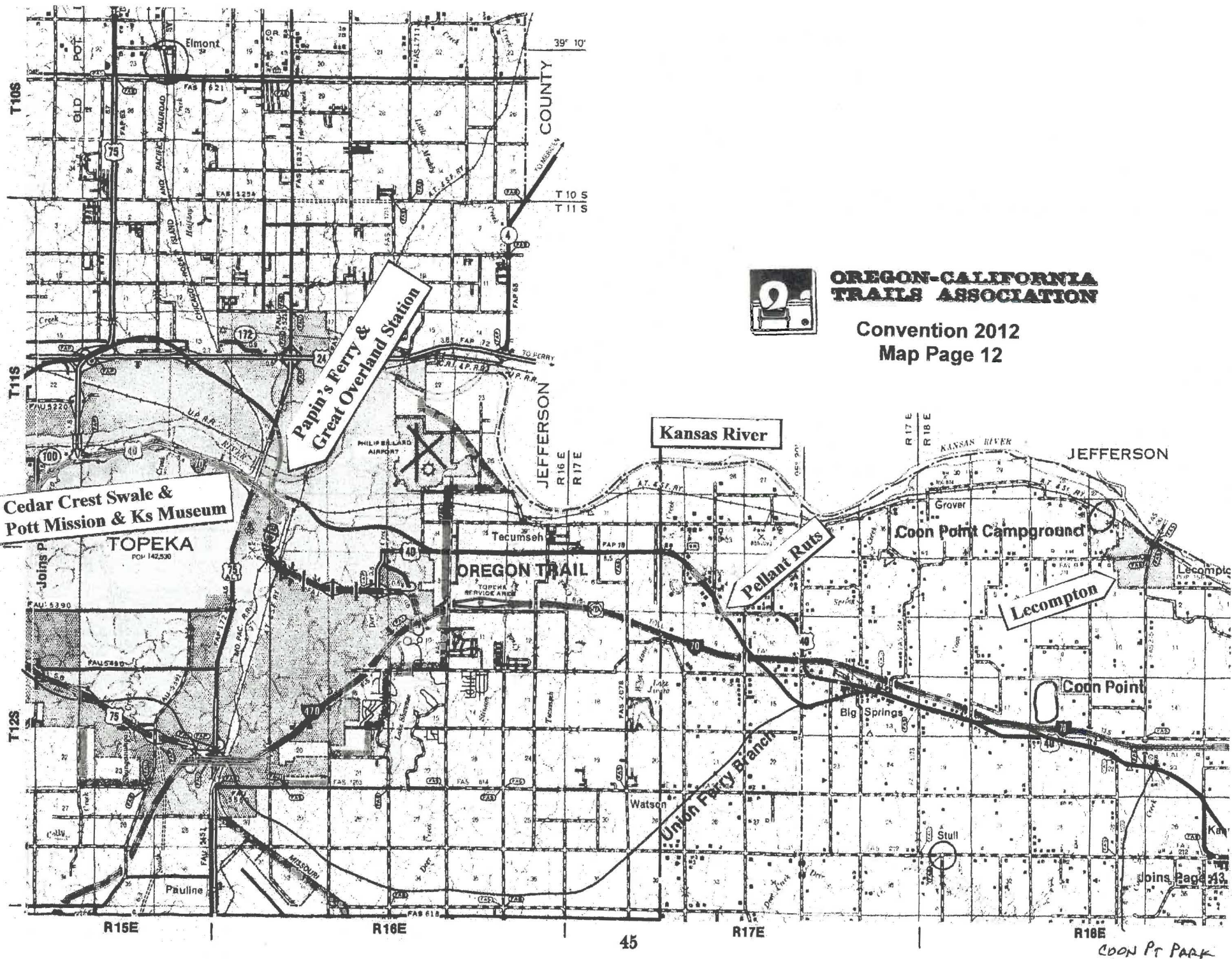
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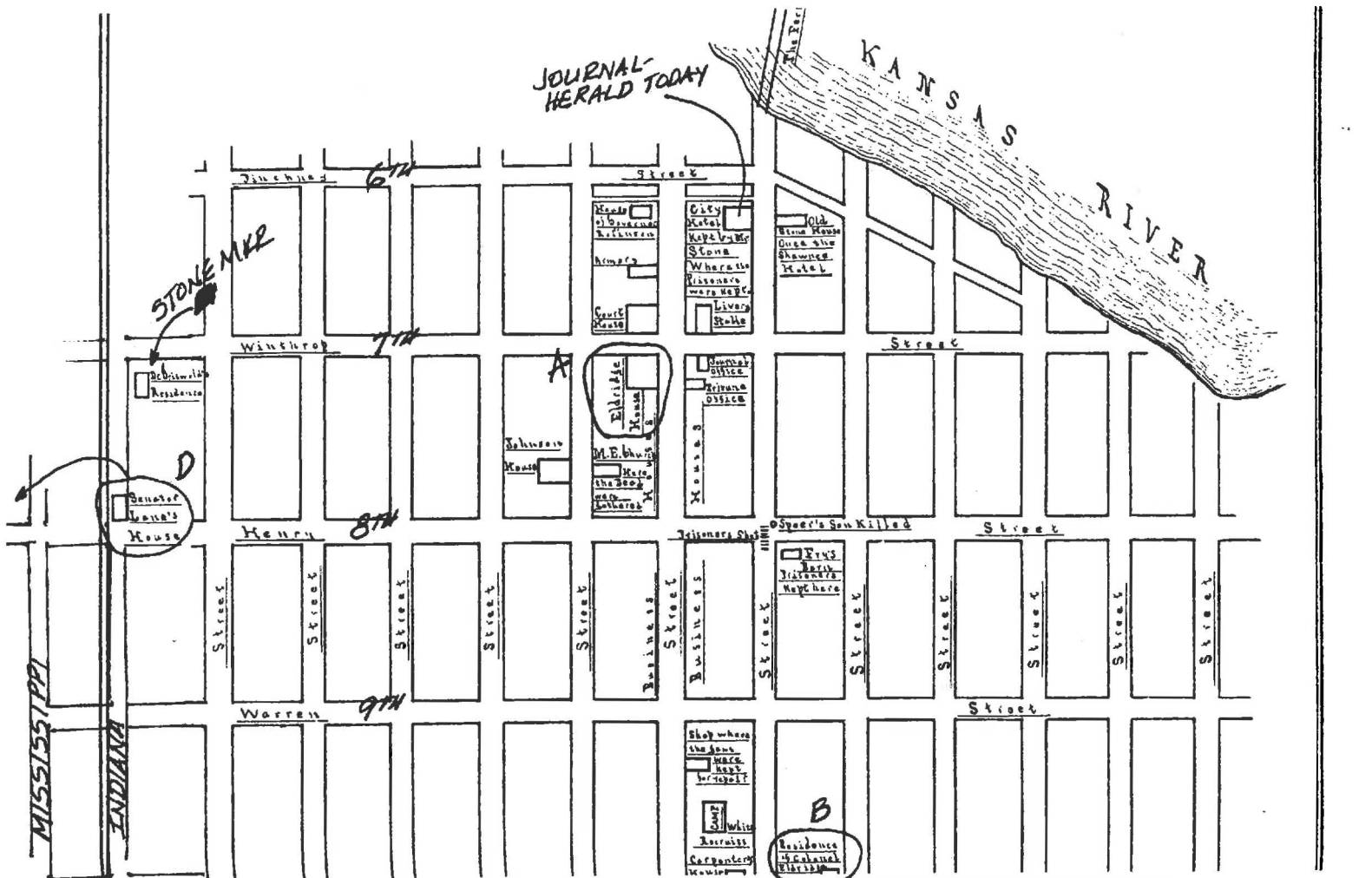
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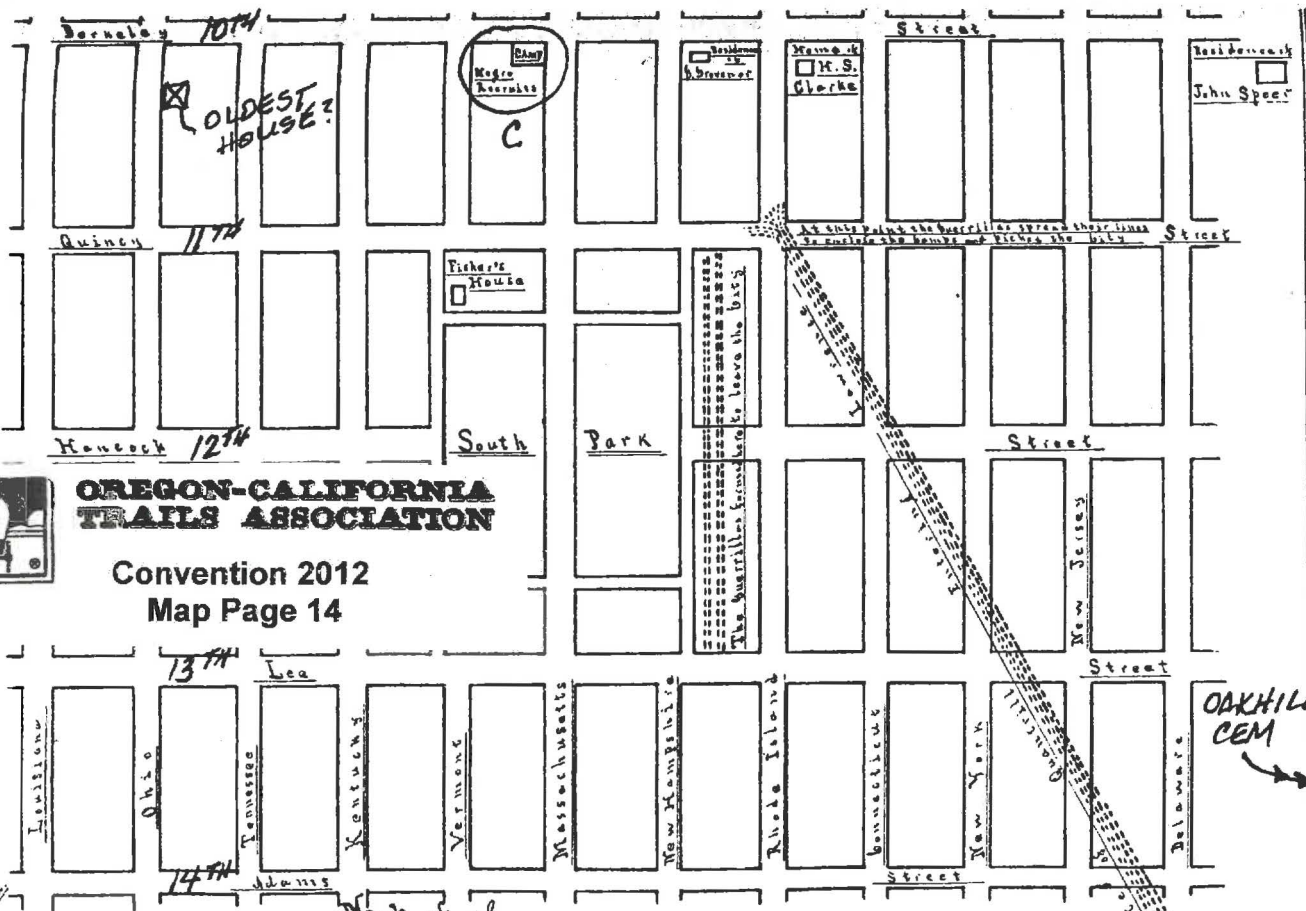
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Map of Lawrence

Quiantrill Massacre

Drawn by William Elmer Connelley

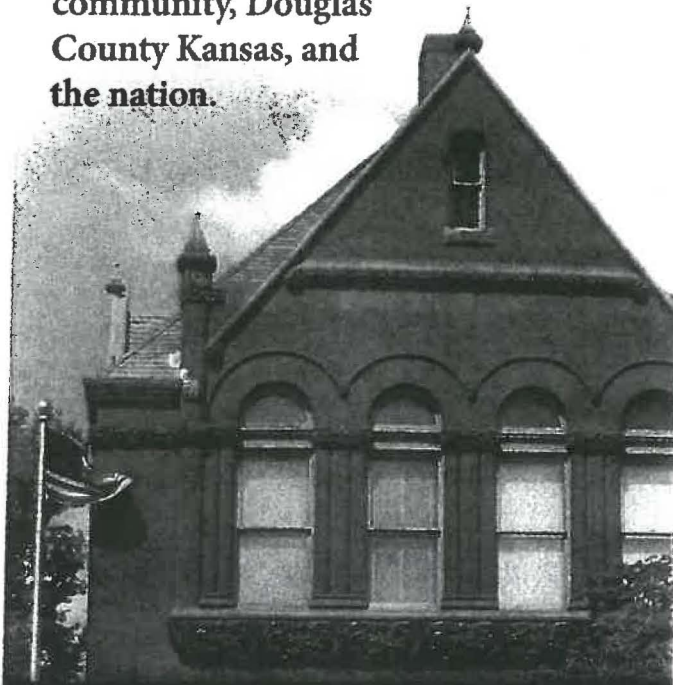
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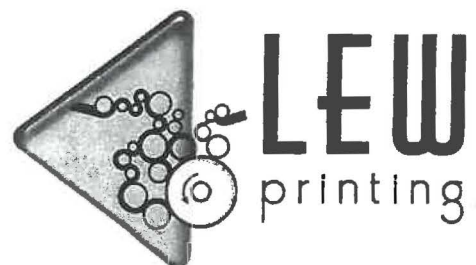


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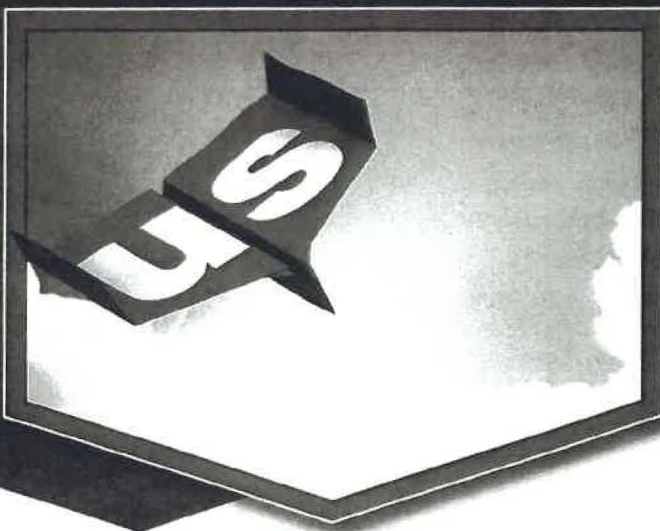
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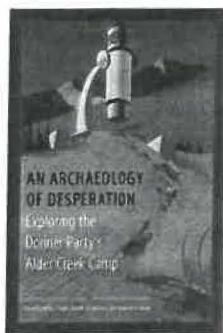
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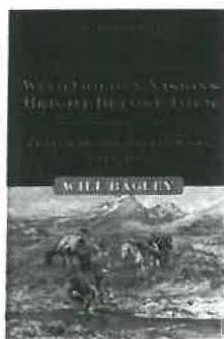
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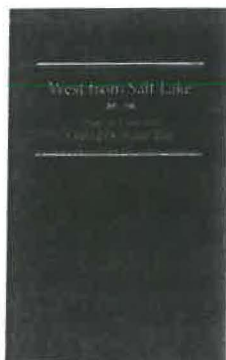
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