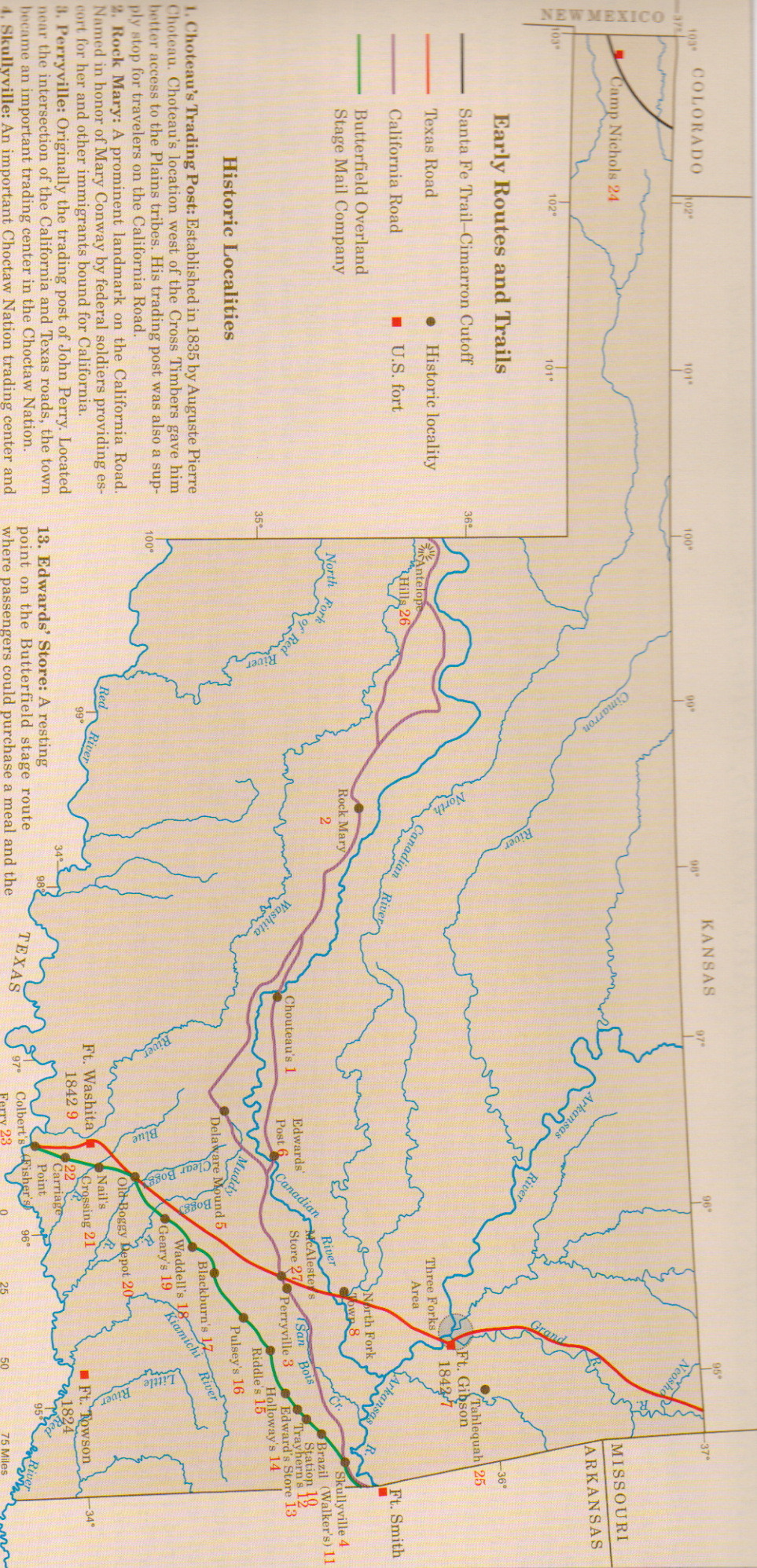


## Early Routes and Trails

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## Historic Localities

1. **Chocteau's Trading Post:** Established in 1835 by Auguste Pierre Chocteau. Chocteau's location west of the Cross Timbers gave him better access to the Plains tribes. His trading post was also a supply stop for travelers on the California Road.
2. **Rock Mary:** A prominent landmark on the California Road. Named in honor of Mary Conway by federal soldiers providing escort for her and other immigrants bound for California.
3. **Perryville:** Originally the trading post of John Perry. Located near the intersection of the California and Texas roads, the town became an important trading center in the Choctaw Nation.
4. **Skullyville:** An important Choctaw Nation trading center and capital for the nation during Chief Moshulatubee's administration. Both the California Road and the Butterfield route passed through this area.
5. **Delaware Mound:** A natural landmark on the California Road.
6. **Edwards' Post:** Established by John Edwards on the Canadian River. Edwards was a licensed Indian trader; his establishment was an important supply point on the California Road and also served as an exchange location for Indian captives.
7. **Fort Gibson:** Located near the Texas Road, the fort was established in 1824 and served as a supply point for many travelers using the Texas Road.
8. **North Fork Town:** Early Creek settlement that provided supplies for travelers using the Texas Road.
9. **Fort Washita:** Established in 1842 on the Texas Road.
10. **Brazil Station:** Although not an official station for the Butterfield Overland Mail, the station was a supply point for travelers.
11. **Walker's:** Butterfield Overland Mail station located at Skullyville, Choctaw Nation. Named for the Choctaw chief Tandy Walker.
12. **Trayhern's:** Butterfield Overland Mail station named for James N. Trayhern, stage station agent and local merchant.



13. **Edwards' Store:** A resting point on the Butterfield stage route where passengers could purchase a meal and the team of horses rested after pulling the stage up a steep grade, in preparation for the rest of the pull up over a much steeper grade called the Narrows. The store was owned and operated by Thomas Edwards.
14. **Holloway's:** Butterfield Overland Mail station thought to have been named for William Holloway, the original owner of the station.
15. **Riddle's:** Butterfield Overland Mail station named for local merchant and toll-bridge concession holder John Riddle.
16. **Pulsey's:** Butterfield Overland Mail station named for local merchant and farmer Silas Pulsey.
17. **Blackburn's:** Butterfield Overland Mail station named for local merchant Casper B. Blackburn.
18. **Waddell's:** Butterfield Overland Mail station. The first name of Waddell remains unknown.
19. **Geary's:** Butterfield Overland Mail station named for A. W. Geary, a local toll-bridge operator.
20. **Old Boggy Depot:** An important trade center in the Choctaw Nation and the largest settlement on the stage route between Fort Smith, Arkansas, and Sherman, Texas. Like Walker's station, Boggy Depot included a station and post office.
21. **Nail's Crossing:** Butterfield Overland Mail station named for Jonathan Nail, a prominent Choctaw who established a store, sawmill, and toll bridge on the Blue River.
22. **Fisher's:** Butterfield Overland Mail station known locally as Carriage Point. The first name of Fisher remains unknown.
23. **Colbert's Ferry:** An important crossing site on the Red River. The ferry was owned and operated by B. F. Colbert, a prominent Chickasaw.
24. **Camp Nichols:** Established in 1865 to protect the traders on the Santa Fe Trail from the Plains tribes.
25. **Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation:** An important rendezvous and supply point for emigrants moving south to the California Road.
26. **Antelope Hills:** The Antelope Hills, also known as the Boundary Mounds, was a landmark guide for the emigrants on the California Road and during the opening of the high plains.
27. **McAlester's Store:** In 1870, James J. McAlester established his store at the crossroads of the Texas and California roads.