

Texas County Seats: II

Longview	Orange	Rockwall	Tahoka*
Lubbock	Ozona	Rusk	Throckmorton*
Lufkin	Paducah	San Angelo	Tilden
Madisonville	Paint Rock*	San Antonio	Tulia
Marfa	Palestine	San Augustine	Tyler
Marlin	Palo Pinto*	San Diego	Uvalde
Marshall	Pampa	San Marcos	Van Horn
Mason*	Panhandle	San Saba*	Vega
Matador	Paris	Sanderson	Vernon
McKinney	Pearsall	Sarita*	Victoria
Memphis	Pecos	Seguin	Waco
Menard*	Perryton	Seminole	Waxahachie
Mentone*	Pittsburg	Seymour	Weatherford
Meridian	Plains	Sherman	Wellington
Mertzson*	Plainview	Sierra Blanca	Wharton
Miami	Port Lavaca	Silverton	Wheeler
Midland	Post	Sinton	Wichita Falls
Monahans	Quanah	Snyder	Woodville*
Montague*	Quitman	Sonora	Zapata
Morton	Rankin	Spearman	
Mount Pleasant	Raymondville	Stanton*	
Mount Vernon	Refugio	Stephenville	
Muleshoe	Richmond	Sterling City	
Nacogdoches	Rio Grande Cty	Stinnett*	
New Boston	Robert Lee	Stratford	
New Braunfels	Roby	Sulphur Spngs	
Newton*	Rockport	Sweetwater	
Odessa	Rocksprings		

Well, that's the list. Pretty impressive, huh? You could spend an entire collecting career just trying to get a complete set of *Texas* county seats, never mind all of the county seats in the country!

Clem Pater, OH, [*Lone Star Bulletin*, Jan/Feb 1998] had this to say on the toughest of the tough...

“The rarest and toughest in Texas is Mentone. Don Gingrich went there several years ago, and there were only a couple of buildings left standing in the entire town. And, of course, there were no covers. The cover shown to the left is from Kurt Freier, who was a Superior Match salesman back in the ‘60s. I bought a sizeable quantity of covers from him when he was selling overruns. He would have these covers printed for the really tough county seats in Texas so that collectors would have something for their collections. So, a true County Seat collector would not consider this to be a legitimate cover from that town. This cover is the only one that’s ever been found with the name Mentone, Texas, on it (besides a Perkins Americana cover).”

Sort of adds a new dimension to the word ‘challenging’! But, for the brave of heart, at least you could see just how far you could get in this quest for Texas county seat covers.

And, don’t forget county seats actually change from time to time, so you’d want to get a current listing.