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Ghost Towns of Texas. By T. Lindsay Baker.
Norman: University of Oklahoma Press,
1986. Map, photographs, bibliography,
index. ix + 196 pp. \$24.95.

T. Lindsay Baker, curator of agriculture and technology in the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, Texas, brings back to life eighty-eight Texas ghost towns. In describing each town, Baker relates its founding, its former significance, and the reasons for its decline. In addition, for each townsite he includes a map and full directions for reaching it.

Ghost Towns of Texas presents a mosaic of Texas history, with towns ranging from the Fourieristic French utopian settlement of La Reunion, the dissident Mormon colony of Mormon Mill, and the black freedmen's community of Peyton Colony, to Judge Roy Bean's infamous Langtry, the exclusive thoroughbred race horse breeding and training center of Morris Ranch, and such oil boom towns as Comyn, Fry, and Silver. An extensive bibliography authenticates the entries and expert photography highlights the text.

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