

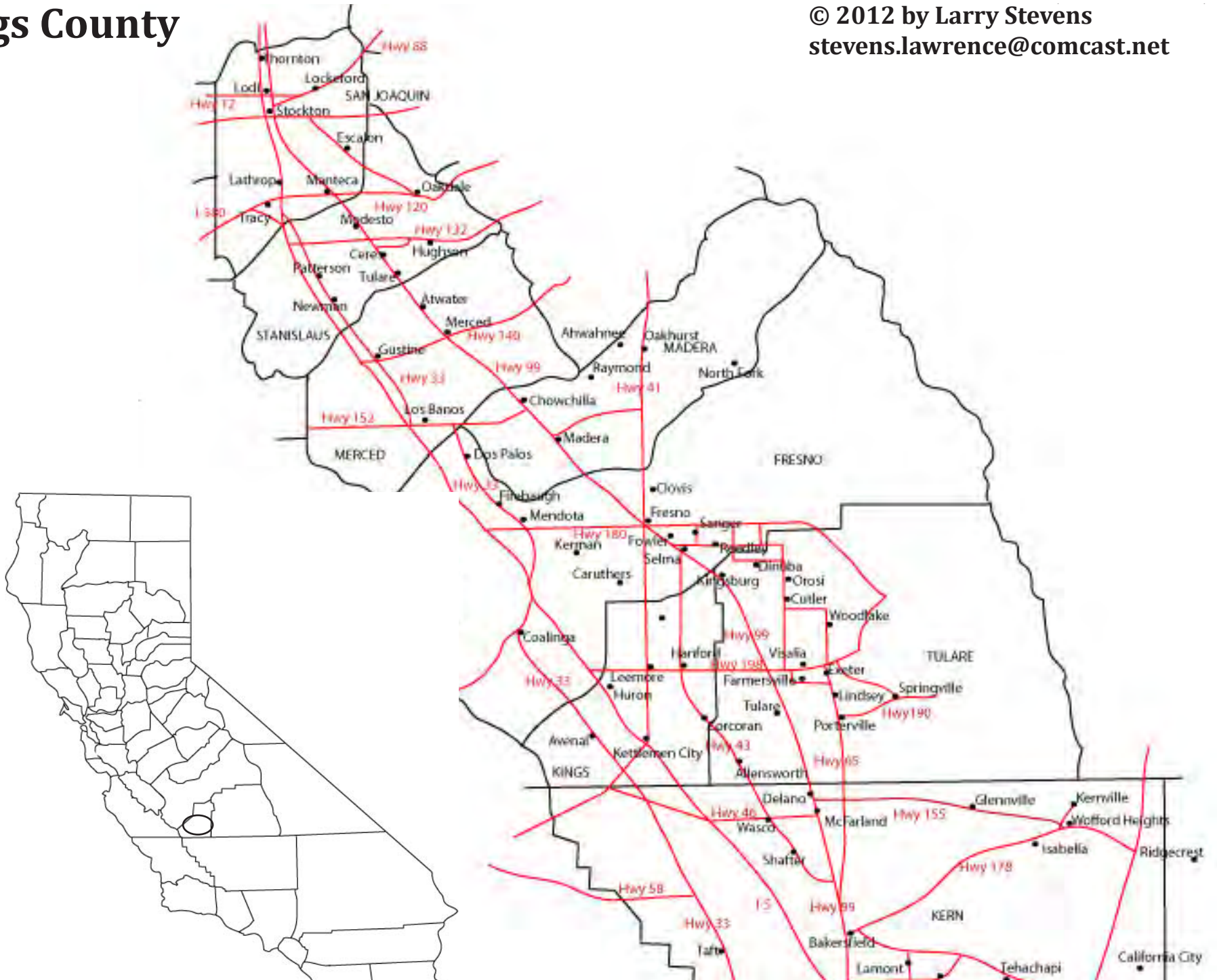
Kings County

The old Kings County Courthouse in Hanford.
Part 2 of 2: Stratford, Kettleman City, Avenal.



Kings County

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Stratford

Stratford is on the edge of Tulare Lake. This is now a dry lake. The population is about 1,300. The post office dates from 1910. (October 2003)



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Kettleman City

Kettleman City was founded in 1929 when oil was discovered in the Kettleman Hills the year before. The population is around 1,500. (October 2003)



Kettleman City

A large hazardous waste dump is located here and is the cause of much controversy because of a high rate of birth defects among the population. (October 2003)



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Avenal

Avenal sprung to life in 1929 with the discovery of oil in the Kettleman Hills. It became a city in 1979. Today the population is about 15,000. (July 2003)



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The prison was opened in 1987. It employs about 1,000 people.
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Avenal

The city's landmark theatre burned. We have not been back to see if it has been rebuilt. (May 2007)



Avenal

The city hall. (May 2007)



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