

Foreword

Study of the Pennsylvanian strata in north central Texas has spanned more than half a century and has progressed from general surveys to more detailed studies. The early investigations of the U. S. Geological Survey and the Bureau of Economic Geology of the University of Texas have been supplemented by more recent studies which have been supported by various oil companies. Currently members of the geological faculties at Baylor, Southern Methodist and Texas Christian Universities together with several of their graduate students have undertaken more detailed studies of the Cisco, Canyon and Strawn Groups, respectively. The present volume is intended as a progress report on these studies.

This research has shown that, without question, the Pennsylvanian strata in north central Texas comprise a geologic province of unusual interest both to those interested in the taxonomy of stratigraphic units and to those scientists interested in a multi-faceted paleoecologic complex.

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