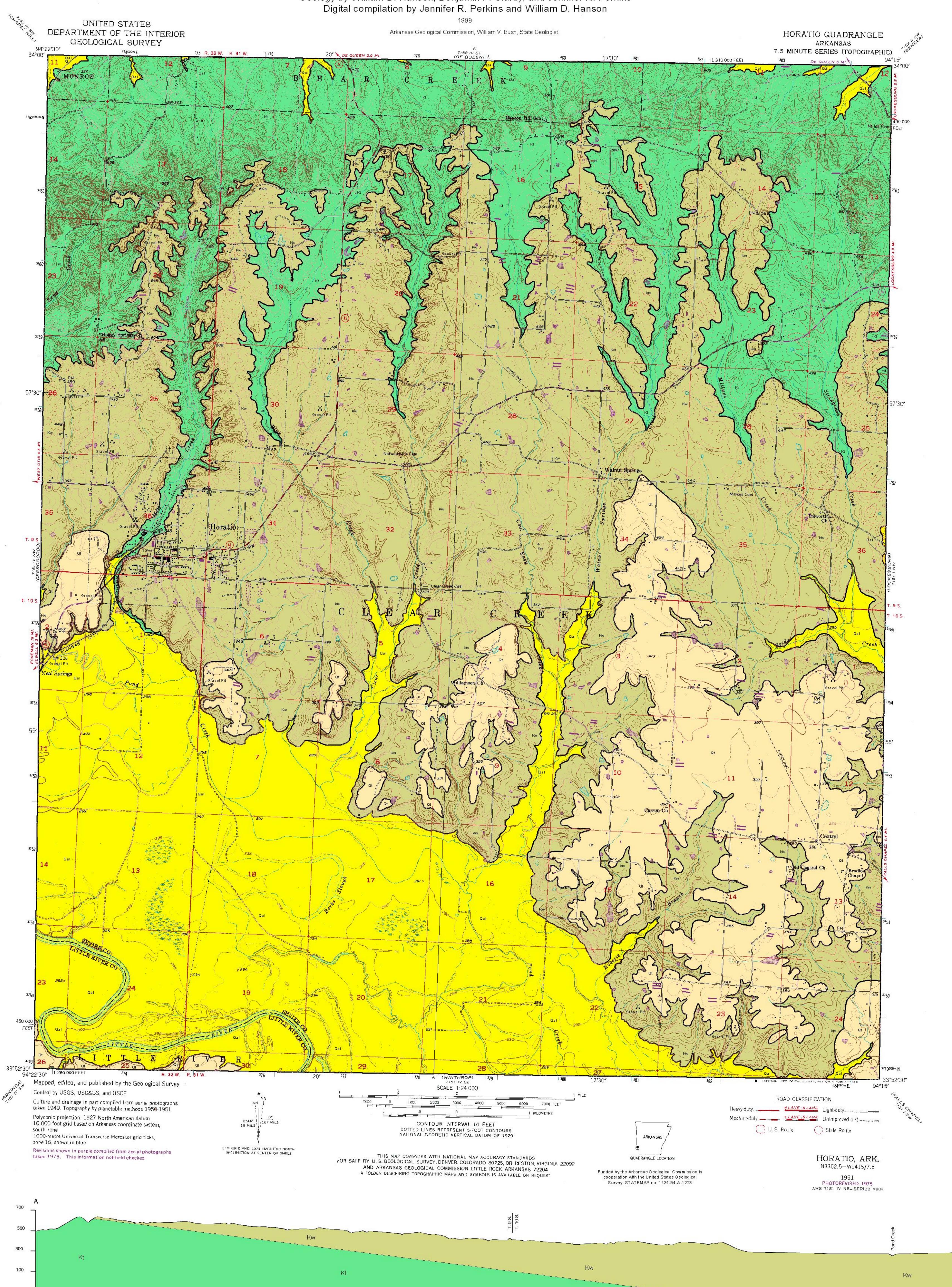
GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE HORATIO QUADRANGLE, LITTLE RIVER AND SEIVER COUNTIES, ARKANSAS

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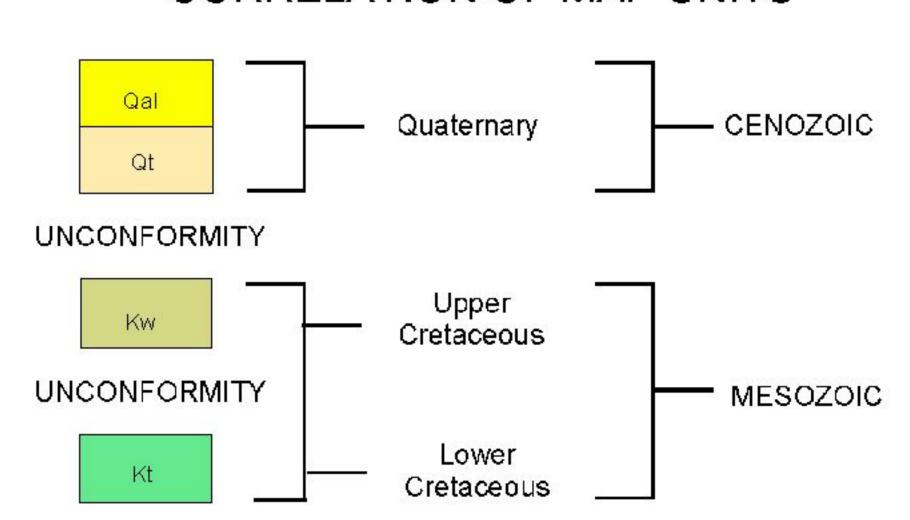


GEOLOGIC CROSS SECTION A-A'

(Quaternary Deposits not shown) Horizontal scale 1: 24,000

Vertical exaggeration X5

CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS



DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

- Alluvium (Quaternary) Variably sized gravel overlain by unconsolidated sand, silt, and clay comprises this unit. This unit occurs in the floodplains of streams and rivers. The sediments form a rich loam and are excellent for agriculture. Gravels, primarily novaculite, originated in the Ouachita Mountain region and from local Cretaceous formations. Thickness varies from 0 to 25 feet. Areas of alluvium are presently receiving sediment deposition.
- Terrace Deposits(Quaternary) Terrace deposits generally grade from basal gravel to silt and clay at the top. Gravels, primarily novaculite, originated in the Ouachita Mountain region and from local Cretaceous formations. Thicknesses vary, but are generally less than 50 feet. Terraces are topographic features which are former floodplains of the river. The sediments form a rich loamy soil. The basal gravel is sometimes utilized for water well production and gravel mining operations.
- Woodbine Formation (Upper Cretaceous) The Woodbine Formation consists of water-laid, cross-bedded tuffs, tuffaceous sands, gravel, and red and gray clay. Basal cross-bedded gravels are approximately 20 feet thick and form a cuesta in the area. Thinner beds and lenses of gravel occur within the water-laid tuffs of the unit. Gravels are 1/2 to 6 inches in diameter, well-rounded, and are composed of novaculite, quartz, sandstone, and quartzite. Iron-oxide cemented conglomerates may be present locally. Pebbles of igneous rocks are interbedded within the tuffs. Unweathered tuffs range from green to blue in color while weathered tuffs form a red waxy clay. The source for the volcanic sediments was probably centered in the area between Murfreesboro and Lockesburg, Arkansas. The source area for the gravels was the Ouachita Mountain region and from the local Lower Cretaceous units. The formation outcrop belt extends from the valley of the Little Missouri River, near Murfreesboro, west to the Arkansas-Oklahoma state line, and dips approximately 80 feet per mile to the south. The unit was deposited in a near-shore marine environment following a major unconformity which separates it from the underlying Trinity Group (Lower Cretaceous). The approximate thickness in the quadrangle is 30 feet.
 - **Trinity Group (Lower Cretaceous)** The Trinity Group consists of gravel, sand, clay, gypsum, celestine, and barite. The group is exposed in a east-west trending belt and dips southward approximately 100 feet per mile. Sediments comprising this unit originated to the north in the Ouachita Mountain region and were deposited following a major unconformity on an upturned and eroded Paleozoic surface in a near-shore marine environment. The Paluxy Sand Member is the only member of the Trinity Group exposed on this map.

The Paluxy Sand Member is composed of cross-bedded medium- to fine-grained quartz sand, minor gravel, and bedded gray, light-gray, and brown clay. Sands weather from yellow to orange-red in color. The thickness of the unit in the quadrangle is approximately 300 feet. Near the base of the Paluxy Sand Member, sandstones with barite cement form topographic highs.

SYMBOLS



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