Tan Atlas Placenames File

This FAQ describes the contents of the file: "tan_atlas_gbk.txt" which can be accessed from the CHGIS working papers downloads page.

See also Lex Berman's Tan Atlas Index Search Engine.

The ZIP archive contains two TAB DELIMITED TEXT files. Each file contains over 32,000 records, in GBK Simplified Chinese encoding, listing all the names found in the:

"Historical Atlas of China" (8 Volumes)
Edited by Tan Xixiang.
Shanghai: Ditu chubanshe, 1987.

The file was originally produced by the Center for Historical Geography (Fudan University).

Each record contains the following information:

Place name (Chinese GBK only)

Dynasty (Chinese GBK only)

Feature Type (Chinese GBK only)

Volume Number

Map Plate Number