

A LOOK BACK IN HUTCHINSON COUNTY HISTORY



The Land of Cowboys & Roughnecks

This photo illustrates the striking collision of two cultures. Boundary lines that were laid in 1876 marked the establishment of Hutchinson County, Texas. The County's future then appeared to be dependent on ranching and farming. Large, established cattle ranches were abundant. New farming practices were beginning to transform the arid high plains into productive farm land we know today. Agriculture was king.

But in 1923, the Gulf Oil Company drilled its first well on the Dial Ranch. The Dial No.1 produced 135 barrels of oil a day. The resulting "Oil Boom" drastically changed the lives of those early settlers. Nothing "around these parts" would ever be the same.

The change that came to this isolated region of Texas transformed this quiet, rural region into a noisy frenzy of industrial growth and development. The oil boom made millionaires people of many of the early land holders and made many of those flocking to the area to seek their fortunes wealthy. These fortunes helped lay the groundwork for this place we call home. ■

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