

A LOOK BACK IN HUTCHINSON COUNTY HISTORY



Electric City

The town was built in 1926 during the Hutchinson County oil boom. The name is a reference to the Riverview Power Plant, constructed by the Panhandle Power & Light Company to provide electricity to the oil fields, thus allowing drilling at night. Following a rigorous 24 hour, round-the-clock construction schedule, the plant produced its first commercial power in November 1926. A camp grew around the facility as the oil boom continued and began to evolve into an actual community. Electric City might have survived if not for the improvement of Texas State Highway 136 and its proximity to Borger. A few residents hung on and as late as the 1980's and several families still called Electric City home. Large scale electrical generation at the Riverview Power plant ended in the 1980's, but a remaining generator at the facility was utilized during peak power demand periods until 2013 when that generator was removed and the plant was demolished. ■

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