

## A LOOK BACK IN HUTCHINSON COUNTY HISTORY



### John and Maggie Weatherly

John and Maggie Weatherly arrived in Hutchinson County in 1898. They filed on four sections of land and lived in a stone dugout for seven years before they built the six room, two-story house shown above on a site northwest of what is now Frank Phillips College in Borger. They established the town of Granada and opened a store, cafe, early telephone exchange and the first post office in the county - of which Maggie was the post-mistress. They later changed the name of the town to Isom, the name of Maggie's home town in West Virginia.

Hearing of the oil potential nearby, Ace Borger and his partner, John Miller bought 240 acres from the Weatherlys to establish a townsite in 1926. The Weatherlys lost interest in the town they founded and moved to Panhandle in 1922 but retained ownership of all that was Isom. When oil was discovered in 1926, they returned and re-established Isom closer to the oil field spur of the railroad that had recently come to Borger in the hopes of cashing in on the oil boom, but Isom was absorbed by the town of Borger when the United States Post office was established there. Isom disappeared into history.

The Weatherlys were among the areas' earliest known pioneers. The couple exemplify the spirit, work ethic and tenacity that was essential to survival in the early years of Hutchinson County. ■

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