

Elgin Breeding Service



Elgin Breeding Service was founded by Dr. Wallace H. Cardwell as the pioneer facility for introduction and development of artificial insemination of cattle. Today semen samples from various breed champion bulls are collected, frozen and sold all over the world from Elgin Breeding Service and Elgin Breeding Service West in Capitan, New Mexico.

Southwest Stallion Station



Dr. Charles Graham is the founder and owner of the Southwest Stallion Station. For years Southwest Stallion has been one of the nation's premier equine breeding and broodmare farms.

Set for Movie Making



Scene from the "Great Waldo Pepper"

Elgin is becoming known in the "movie set" industry because of its pristine historic preserved downtown section which appears to be in the 1920s or 30s. Many movies and advertisements have been filmed in the town since the 1970s.



Hogeye

Oh, the Hogeye Man is the man for me,
He was born way down in Tennessee,
With a hogeye, with a hogeye.

Here comes the man with the hogeye,
Here comes the man with the hogeye,
All I want is a hogeye man.



Elgin, Texas

My Hometown

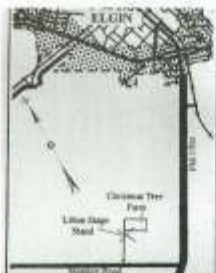


Identification of city as seen on US Hwy 290



City Hall
Originally known as The Nofsinger House

First Settlement



The first community in northern Bastrop County was at Young's Settlement, a/k/a "Hogeye," approximately 2 1/2 miles south of Elgin, off FM Road 1704 on "Monkey Road."

John Litton Stage Stand



Mable Condron at her grandparents' home.

The Litton Stage Stand was a point where horses were changed on the Old Concord Stage line. It was a large 2 story house and dances were held on the ground floor.

Wm. B. Standifer Home at Hogeye



Martha Standifer Arbuttle Standing in Front of the Hogeye Home Built by Her Father, William B. Standifer

William Bailey Standifer was a veteran of San Jacinto, raised his family at Hogeye and is buried in a family cemetery off of Monkey Road.

First Train Through Elgin

December 25, 1871



H&TC Railroad was required to complete the rail line from Houston to Austin by January 1, 1872. First train ran through the Elgin area on way to Austin on Christmas Day, December 25, 1871.

New Station Is Elgin

Robert Morriss Elgin



The City of Elgin, Texas was created by the H&TC Railroad on August 18, 1872 near the watering stop called Glasscock. The railroad named the new point on their line for Robert Morriss Elgin, the railroad's land commissioner.

Elgin Became A Melting Pot of Nationalities New Sweden Lutheran Church



Immigrants from Sweden, Germany, Czechoslovakia and Mexico came to the Elgin area to work and obtain land. Many kept their homeland religions and practices.

King Cotton



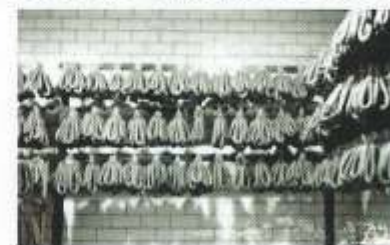
The rich black land prairie to the north and west of Elgin was very conducive to growing cotton and Elgin became known for its cotton production. The city soon had 5 gins in the immediate vicinity.

Brick Capital of the Southwest



In 1885 Thomas O'Conner found unusual clay deposits in the town site and east of town and he began making sun dried brick. Brick manufacturing has been the major industry for over 100 years and there are now 3 large brick plants operating that claim Elgin as home.

Sausage Capital of Texas



Elgin "hot guts" began in 1886 when Southside Market (the oldest barbeque joint in Texas) made sausage on Saturdays for the farmers and workers who would come to town to shop. Meyer's Sausage began in 1949 with its smoked sausage. Today both places are booming businesses and ship sausage all around the nation.