

Albert Dixie “Dick” Barnett

1891 - 1972



Mr. Barnett was born on December 11, 1891 in Denham Springs, Livingston, Louisiana. He was the first tool pusher to bring the rotary drilling rig to Kansas in 1923. It was located near Hoisington. He formed Harbar Drilling Company with partner, Harry Conley in 1937. In 1939, Mr. Barnett formed his own company, Barnett Drilling, Inc. Most of his drilling was in the Winfield Hittle Pool and Western Kansas. His discovery well was the Ray Pool in Phillips County. Mr. Barnett was a member of the Wichita Crime Commission and Director of the Fourth National Bank.