

Courtney B. Davis

1895 - 1977



Courtney B. Davis was an independent oil and gas operator and owner of Courtney Davis Lake Resort. Mr. Davis, a Texan, who was an Army officer in World War I and came to Wichita in the early 1920s as a scout for Amerada Petroleum, then became an independent oil producer. His major success came with oil strikes in the mid-1930s in Rice County. He later served as landman and scout for the American Petroleum Company.

He developed Yentruoc Lodge, in southeast Harvey County, where he resided in the '30s. He opened the lake area as a public recreation spot in the early 1940s.

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