

Theodore Gore 1905 - 1982



Mr. Gore was an independent oil producer and operator. He worked with his father, Harry, and his brother, Ralph, on many ventures. They entered into partnership operating as Harry Gore, Oil Producer. The partnership continued to drill wells and operate oil leases until the late 1940's, when the cable tool rigs were sold. Subsequent to that sale the partnership continued to explore for oil, utilizing contract drillers, and to operate properties on their behalf as well as other joint interest owners.

Ted attended the University of Pennsylvania from the Wharton School of Business. Through Harry's will, Ted and Ralph acquired 100% of the Harry Gore partnership and continued operations as Theodore Gore and Ralph Gore. In July 1951 Theodore Gore, Ralph Gore and Dan Kornfeld formed Empire Drilling Company, and they began drilling wells for others on a contract basis, acquiring interest in oil properties and operating properties for themselves and other joint interest owners.

In 1956, Ralph Gore moved away from Wichita, and withdrew from Empire Drilling and from the partnership with Theodore Gore. Theodore Gore and Dan Kornfeld acquired his interests in Empire, and Empire continued as operator of those properties in which it owned a working interest. Theodore continued as operator for those properties previously operated by Theodore and Ralph.

Theodore “Ted” Gore was instrumental in discovering and developing oil and gas fields in Northwestern Kansas. Operating as Theodore Gore, Oil Producer, he expanded into the Russell, Kansas area and opened a field office there. He also prospected in the Southwest Nebraska area and successfully developed many producing wells there. Another field office was opened in McCook, Nebraska shortly before his death in 1982.

After the death of Theodore, Gore Oil Company was created with his widow Rosalyn W. Gore and his son Andrew on the Board of Directors.

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