

## Erasmus Haworth

### 1855 - 1932



Erasmus Haworth was born in Warren County, Iowa, on April 17, 1855, and moved to Cherokee County, Kansas, at an early age. He was dean of the school of geology at the University of Kansas from 1892 to 1920, and during most of this period he also acted as the first state geologist of Kansas. Since 1890 he had been engaged in private work and research. Professor Haworth was widely known among the geologists and was well liked by all who knew him.

As a scientist, his theory was that geological anticlines signaled possible oil concentrations. He located such an anticline in the El Dorado area and recommended the city drill a test well southwest of town. Although that well was dry, later drilling in the Stapleton Farm northwest of town would prove Haworth's theory correct with the discovery of the El Dorado Oil Field.

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