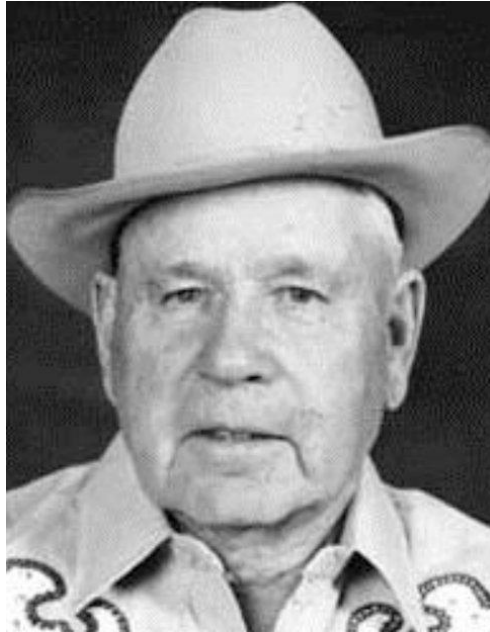


John B. Hogoboom 1909 - 2003



John B. Hogoboom was born in Butler County, Kansas and began his work in the oilfields digging slush ponds with a draft horse team. At the age of fifteen, he became a “teamster” moving heavy oilfield equipment and boilers. While working for Cities Services, he also worked as a tool dresser, a caser and a roustabout. In the 1940s, Mr. Hogoboom purchased two trucks and a dozer and began his own dirt contracting business which he operated until his retirement.

John Hogoboom took two stagecoach trips across Kansas along U.S. 77. He built the Butterfield Stageline from scratch without blueprints. He made the first stagecoach trip from the east border to the west in 1976. The second stagecoach trip was from the north border to the south in 1999.

Mr. Hogoboom died on August 16, 2003 and was the first confirmed death in Kansas from the West Nile virus.

Mr. Hogoboom wrote the book, *The Long Line Kansas Skinner*, recounting his early oil boom days when draft horse teams were the power in the oilfields. “I did everything in the oilfield but get rich,” he said.

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