

John A. "Jack" Vickers 1891 - 1940



Mr. Vickers was born in Lowell, Kansas in 1891. In early boyhood he moved with his parents to Liberal, Kansas. He attended the University of Kansas and from there went into the grain commission business in Kansas City, Missouri.

When oil was discovered in Butler County in 1918, he immediately went there and became active in oil production and refining, establishing Vickers Oil Company, a refining plant at Potwin, Kansas. He became a Wichita resident at the time he began the development of his Butler County interests and in 1934 built one of the largest and most modern suburban residences in Kansas at 6500 East Central on Highway 54. It was known as "Vickridge".

He was married to Miss Helen E. Brown in Chicago on December 28, 1916. Mr. Vickers was an operator, refiner, and marketer of oil. He was a pioneer in the El Dorado field. He discovered the North Elbing pool in Butler County Kansas in 1918. Mr. Vickers founded Vickers Oil Company in 1918.

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