

City of Wortham (1972)

Marker #: 9915

Marker Text:

The city of Wortham rejected a well drilled by C. L. Witherspoon in 1912 when it produced gas, not water. However, oil and gas wells in 1919-23 gave prosperity to neighbors north and south, and petroleum exploration began here.

Discovery well for the Wortham Field, Roy Simmons No. 1 (1 mi. S), came in as a gusher on Nov. 27, 1924. Within three weeks over 300 drilling rigs were in the field.

3,509,768 barrels of oil were produced in Jan. 1925; total for the year was 16,838,150 barrels.

Wasteful drilling slowed yield to 3,000 barrels a day by Sept. 1927, and the boom was concluded.

Notes: There are 3 historical markers in the park: two Texas State historical markers and one granite memorial marker for those who lost their lives in service to their country.

Directions:

Marker is on TX-14, on the left when traveling north through Wortham near the intersection of Main Street. Located in Wortham City Park next to the Methodist Church.

Address:

Marker is at or near this postal address: 108 TX-14, Wortham TX 76693

GPS:

31° 47.256' N, 96° 27.851' W

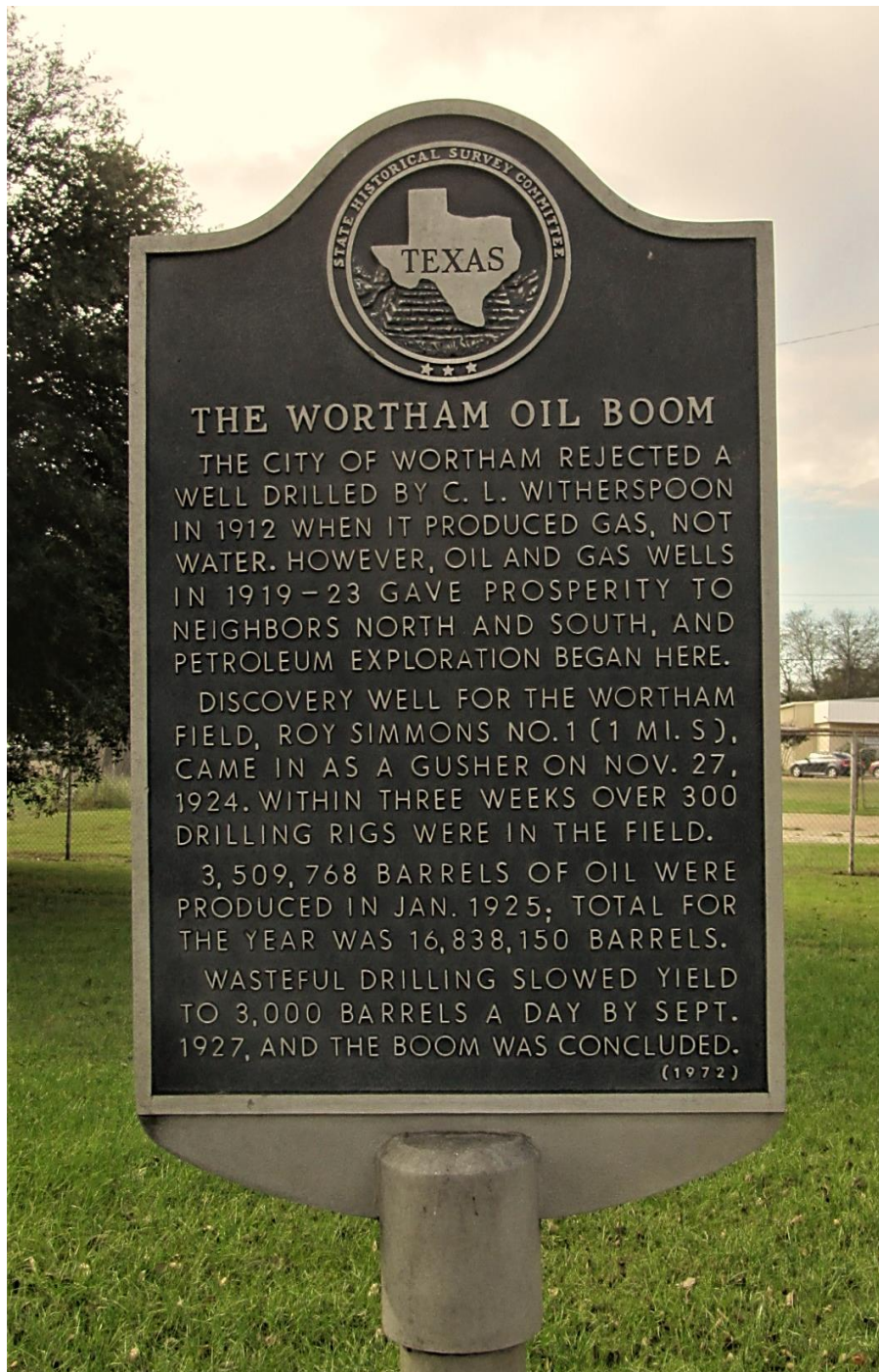


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