



Morgan J. Davis
1898 - 1980
Inducted 1973

Morgan Davis was born in Anson, Texas, attended Texas Christian University, and graduated from The University of Texas in 1925 with a degree in geology. After graduation, he joined Humble Oil and Refining Company in Roswell, New Mexico, working as a geologist for four years. He then joined Nederlandsche Koloniale Petroleum Mij and was sent to Java and Sumatra, where he led geological exploration work in these East Indies islands. He returned to Roswell in 1934 and went back to work for Humble as district geologist for the state. He remained there for two years before moving to the Gulf Coast as division geologist and, later, chief geologist. Morgan Davis was named president of Humble Oil in 1957. From there he headed what was called the southwestern affiliate of Standard of New Jersey, which was the core of Jersey Standard's worldwide exploration and production organization. In 1960, the Humble name was carried over to the new national company that took over all of Jersey Standard's domestic interests. Morgan Davis was named its president. His work in Roswell and later in the management of the company's exploration work were factors in Humble gaining a major position in the Permian Basin.