



**Lovic P. Garrett**  
**1880 - 1943**  
**Inducted 1969**

Lovic Pierce Garrett was born in Georgia and moved with his family to DeLeon, Texas when he was 12 years old. He studied geology at the University of Texas, graduated in 1902, and went to work at the Rio Bravo Oil Company (a subsidiary of Southern Pacific). In 1908, he was recruited by Guffey Petroleum Co. — soon to be part of the Gulf Production Co. — as chief of the land and lease department. He organized the company's first geological department and staffed it with the best from all areas. Eventually, it became the most successful department of its kind in Texas. He introduced German seismologists to the industry in the U.S. In 1924, he added seismograph parties and torsion balance to the company's exploration department and pioneered an application of these methods outside the Gulf Coast. Garrett persuaded Gulf Oil Corp. to drill the first commercial oil well through a salt dome overhang, and he proved instrumental in the formation of the Mexican-Gulf Co. Along with Ben Belt and others, Garrett helped develop a major position for Gulf Oil in the Permian Basin.