



**Neville G. Penrose**  
**1893 - 1977**  
**Inducted 1975**

A native of Philadelphia, Neville Penrose was one of the most aggressive wildcatters in the Permian Basin. He came to West Texas in 1928 and started operating independently just four years later. Of his many discoveries, possibly the most notable was the Cary No. 1 well drilled in 1935 in what became known as the Penrose Field. This field was later consolidated with the Skelly Field. Neville also discovered important fields in Andrews and Upton counties in Texas, as well as the Drickey Queen Field in Chaves County, New Mexico, and the Brunson Ellenburger Field in Lea County, New Mexico. Always interested in improving and maintaining relations between the United States and its neighbors to the south in Central and South America, Neville served as chairman of the Good Neighbor Commission and made notable gains fostering relationships throughout Latin America, calling himself a “grass roots diplomat.” Within the industry, Neville Penrose was widely regarded as a successful entrepreneur, energy-seeker, diplomat and, by all means, a wildcatter.