

Stanley Weiner 1918 - 1969 Inducted 1989

Stanley Weiner was born in 1918 in Oakland, California, the son of Sam "Skipper" Weiner, who emigrated from Latvia to work in the Pennsylvania coal mines and, in 1898, moved to Texas to work the oil fields in Corsicana. Before Stanley joined them in the business, Sam and his eldest son, Ted, drilled the Monroe Field discovery well near Barstow and the linkage well between the Langley and Mattix fields near Jal, New Mexico. In 1938, Sam and Ted made the Weiner Pool discovery in Winkler County, prompting them to form Texas Crude Oil Co. Stanley joined the family business in the 1943 after his service in World War II, later moving to Midland in 1950 to oversee the formation and operation of two Texas Crude drilling subsidiaries. Texas Crude and the Weiner boys were responsible for over 100 major discoveries in the Permian Basin. They acquired the acreage that led to the Spraberry field discovery, and they promoted and drilled the discovery well in the Tex-Harvey Field, Midland County's first commercial producer. The Weiners were among the first independents to use the "carried interest" concept in financing oil and gas operations.

