

Scott D. Sheffield
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Scott D. Sheffield was born in Dallas, Texas. His father worked for ARCO and was offered the position of Chief Engineer in Iran. The family moved overseas and Scott attended the American School in Tehran. Back in the U.S., he earned his B.S. in petroleum engineering from the University of Texas at Austin, then began his career as a reservoir engineer with Amoco Production Company. In 1979, Sheffield signed on as the fifth employee of Parker & Parsley Petroleum Company - and its only staff engineer. In 1984, he was named CEO of Parker & Parsley and, in 1991, was elected Chairman of the Board when the company went public. Under his leadership, Parker & Parsley was active in the mergers, acquisitions, and development of the Spraberry oil field in West Texas. Their merger with MESA, Inc. in 1997 formed Pioneer Natural Resources. Today, Pioneer is considered a world leader in developing liquids-rich shale plays and is one of the largest public oil and gas independents in North America.

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