

OLD OCEAN RECREATION CLUB

This document attempts to record the history of the Old Ocean Recreational Club which, like the town of Old Ocean, has faded into history. Thanks to Bill Long for extensive research and editing help. This is a work in progress and inputs/comments are welcome.

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In 1934 the Harrison/Abercrombie companies bought 1900+ acres of land which in 1942 they leased back to the individuals Harrison/Abercrombie for stated reasons of grazing and hunting. The aerial photograph below was taken DECEMBER 31, 1942 and no infrastructure is evident at that time. The pins show where the clubhouse and the number 1 green would later be located.



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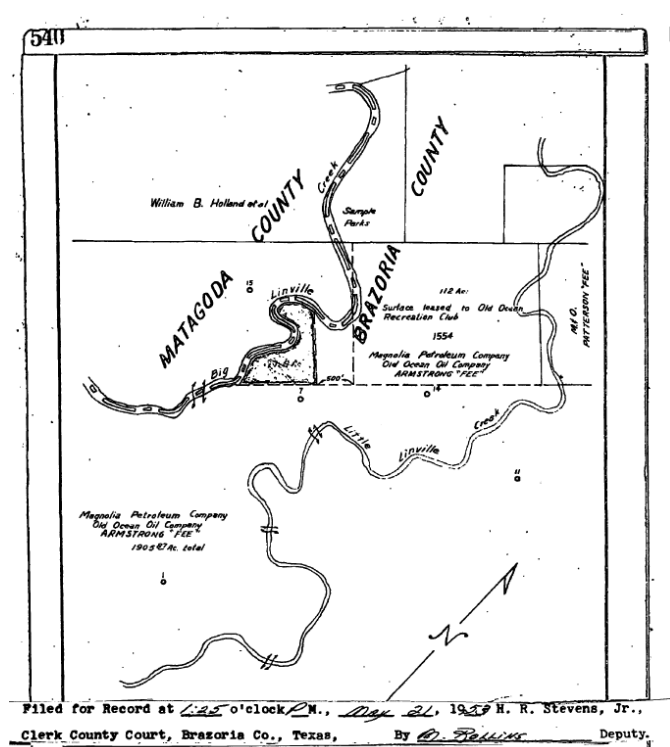
Sometime about 1946 it is thought that Abercrombie & its employees built the club.

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to all of the employees about joining the club. These old records were moved from the existing Amoco office at the plant, back into the old instrument shop for storage, and that is where I found them. The letter was dated 1946, and unfortunately don't remember the month. It gave all of the information about the initiation fee and the monthly dues. I believe, but maybe wrong since it has been 30 years ago since I read this letter, but I think the initiation fees were \$7, and don't remember how much the monthly dues were. This letter was typed and signed by the Superintendent on that old paper you could see through. There were a lot of letters and pictures from the '40s and 50's, and wished I had taken them home, as they probably ended up in the dumpster after we left."

On October 20, 1947 the club land was leased by Magnolia Petroleum and Old Ocean Oil Companies (partners with Abercrombie) to the Old Ocean Recreational Club, a Texas corporation, for 25 years @ \$1.00 a year. The lease was signed by R. M. Chan (V. P. Magnolia), J. A. Butler (V.P. Old Ocean Oil) and W.A. Howell (President Old Ocean Recreational Club. No infrastructure is mentioned. The majority owners of the club corporation were initially Abercrombie employees (see excerpts of lease terms). **COPY OF LEASE AT END OF DOCUMENT**

In addition to the club, in 1953 Magnolia and Old Ocean Oil leased 14 acres to the Sweeny Old Ocean Girl Scouts. Bill Arnold and R. Y. Linn signed the lease as representatives of the Girl Scouts. See plat below:



This December 31, 1943 aerial photograph has been overlaid with the outlines of the property leased to the club:



When Stanolind Oil and Gas (later Pan American and then Amoco) bought out Abercrombie in 1954 the lease was amended and updated from time to time. Copies of these updates have not been located, however we know that over time the club grew in membership and hosted many events.

Thru the years, the Old Ocean Recreational Club was a great asset for the community. The facility had a large clubhouse, swimming pool, snack bar, nine hole golf course, large BBQ pits and tennis courts. It provided a fun place for generations of local people.

The swimming pool had large changing rooms and showers. To exit the building to the pool you were required to step into a tray that might have contained bleach, probably to control athlete's foot. The pool had elevated life guard stations and a high diving board that terrified many a little kid back in the day. The following photo shows the pool, changing rooms and snack bar.



photo permission Nina Lindamood Arnold



Pictures from Janie Munnerlyn Weatherly

Janie Munnerlyn Weatherly in her front yard (manager's house) with pool changing rooms, snack bar and tennis courts in background.



Butch Munnerlyn standing in front of pro shop with clubhouse in background 1956



Butch Munnerlyn, George & Bobby Burkett hanging out at clubhouse 1956



Janie Munnerlyn & Nancy Shannon on club grounds 1957



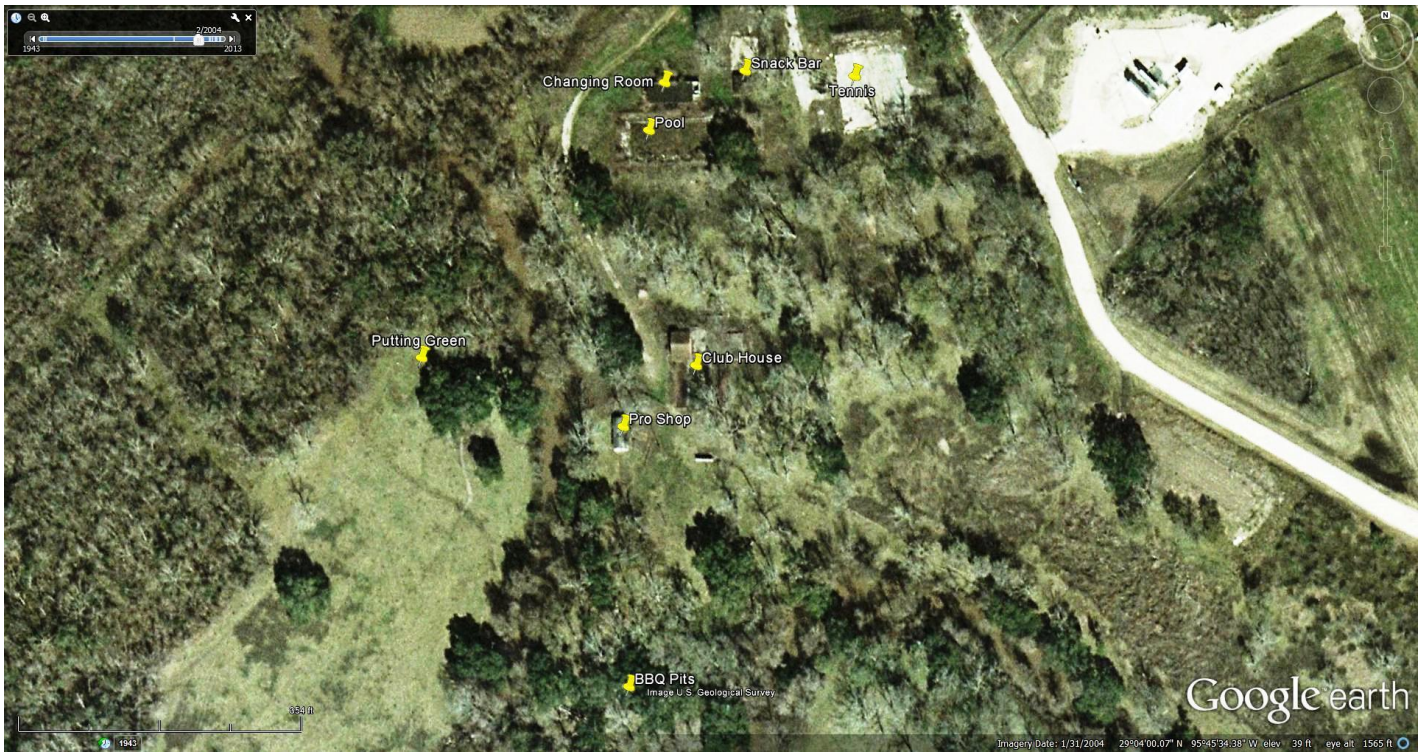
Ceremony at golf course. Right Clarence Leroy Shannon (1916-2002) Others???

There were two steel suspension bridges that crossed the creek which have been moved and restored at the nature preserve on 35 just west of Old Ocean.



In early 1998 Phillips Petroleum bought 1500 acres that included the club and the lease agreement with the club from Amoco. It was closed soon after due to planned Phillips expansion and safety concerns of being located so close to a major oil refinery. Remaining golf club members were offered a free membership in Bay City (one year?) as a consolation.

The following pictures are from the 2004 satellite pass showing details of what was left of the club infrastructure:





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snack bar

tennis

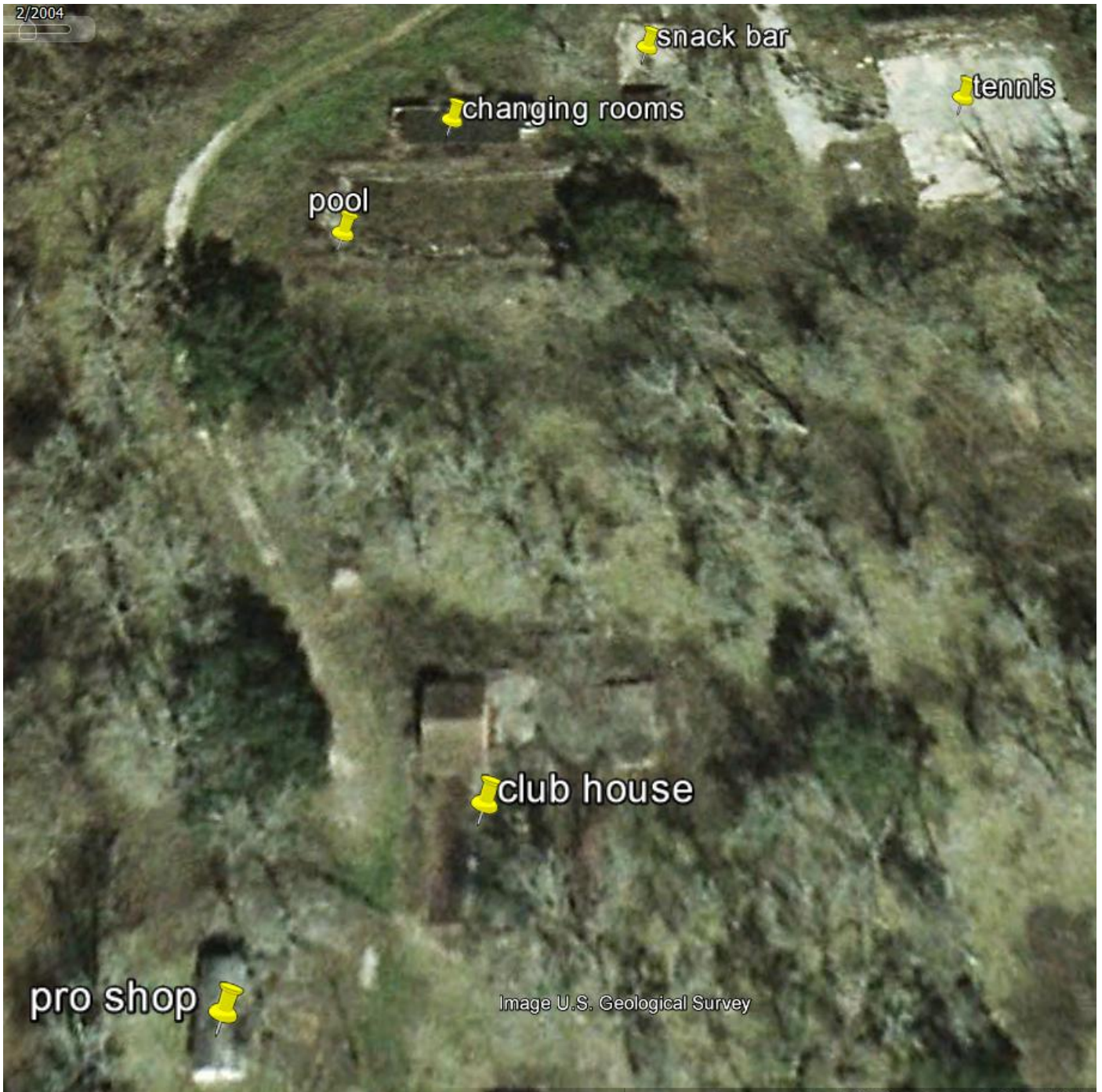
changing rooms

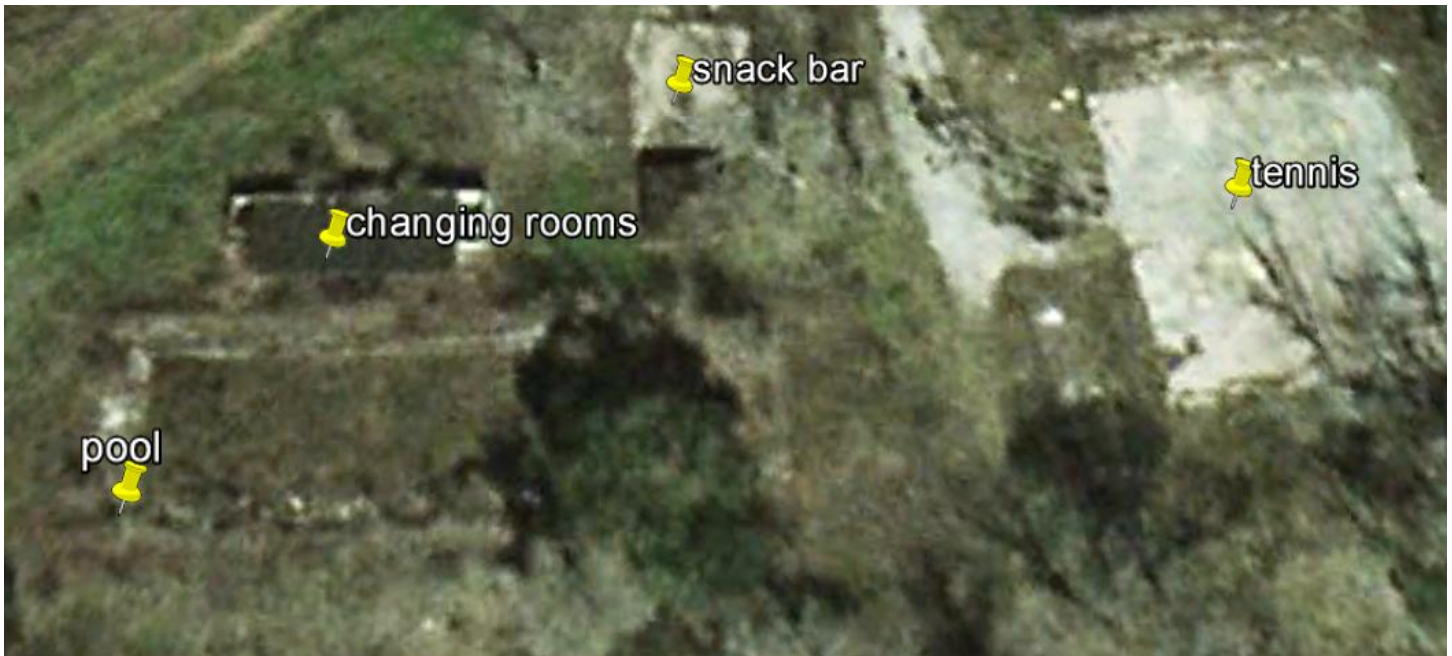
pool

club house

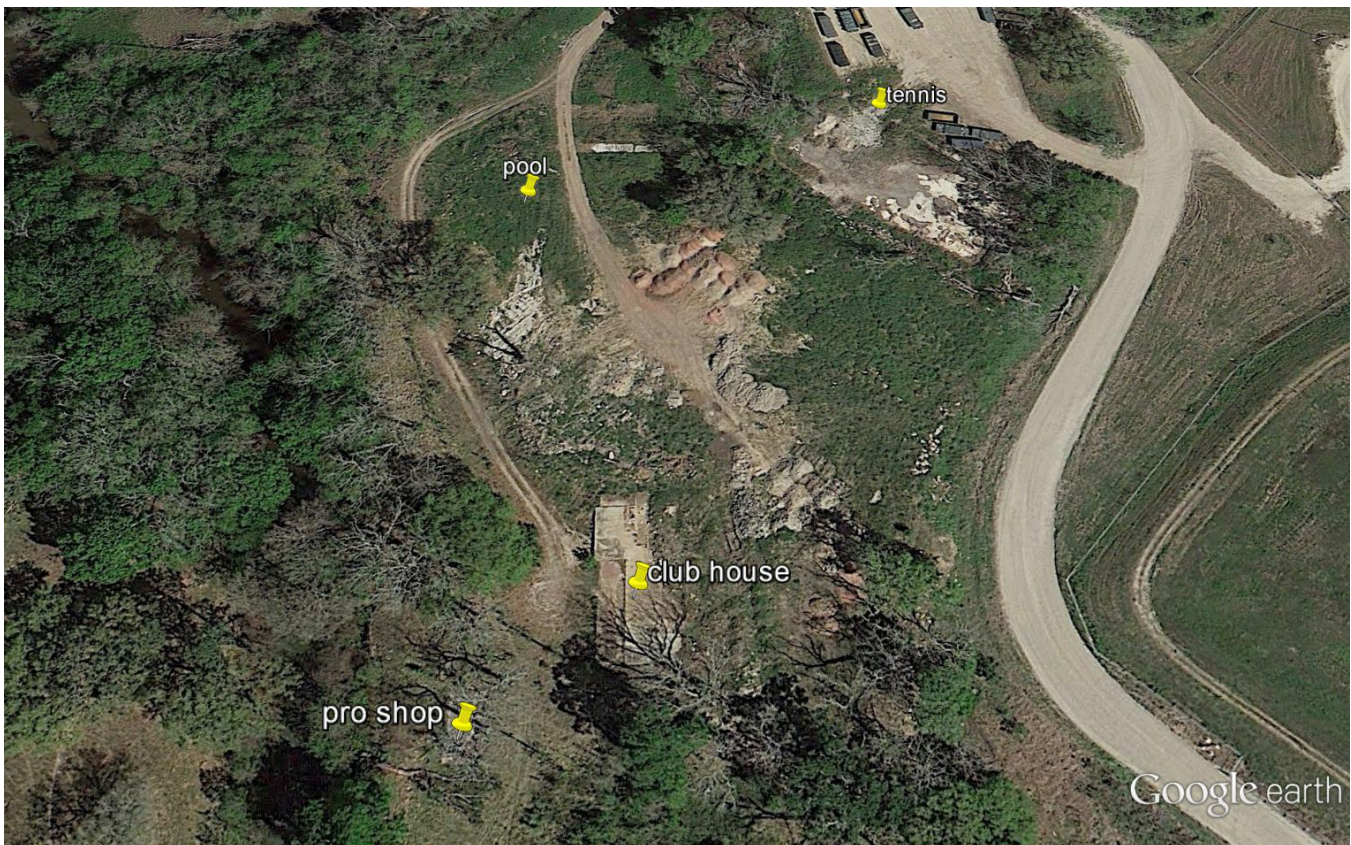
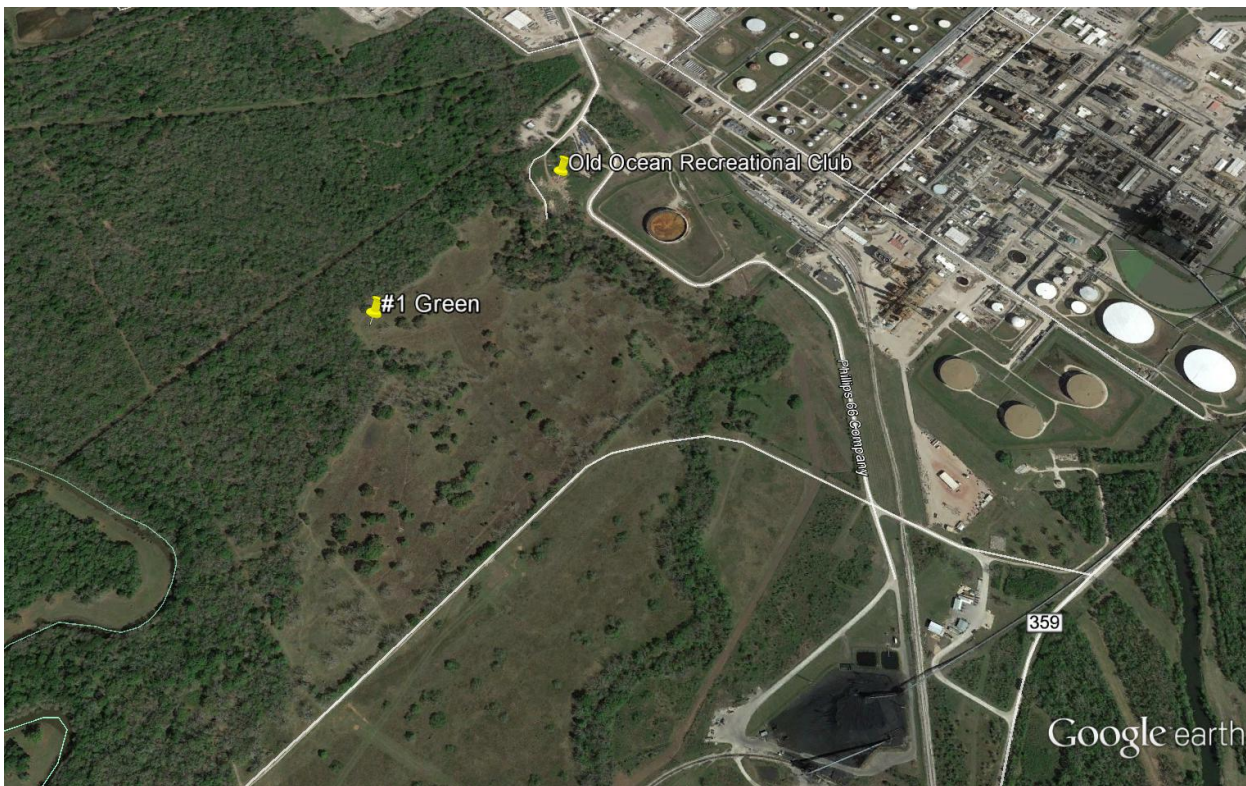
pro shop

Image U.S. Geological Survey





The following pictures from a March 25, 2013 satellite pass show the foundations of the club house and pro shop. The basic outline of the course can be seen. From the pro shop, men teed off across the creek (women on the other side) and down a long par 4 to the #1 green.. A slice would put your ball into impenetrable woods on the right. You then doubled back parallel to the #1 fairway to #2, #3 and so forth up and down the course. A hook or slice often put you on an adjoining fairway. On #9 you again teed off over the often cursed creek to the #9 green by the clubhouse.



Little else exists today to show the club was ever there as it passed into history.

The following was lifted off a golfing destination website that still showed the club as a place to go golfing in 2014 (Obviously not up-to-date):

. Old Ocean Recreation Club

No Member Rating - ★★★★★ (Rate it!)

Contact Info

Address:

County Rd 514
Old Ocean, TX 77463
([get directions](#))

Phone: 409-647-9902 **(Wonder if anybody will answer? Probably not.)**

Course Description

This is a wooded course with water that comes into play on several holes. The greens are medium-sized, undulating and fast, and are protected by bunkers on several holes. Green fees indicated are for all-day play.

Club Features

Proshop: None?????
Driving Range: Hit from grass
Chipping Green: No
Practice Bunker: No
Guest Policy: Open
Dress Code: Shirt and Shoes Required
Reservations: 7 Days in Advance --

Starting at 8:00

Food: Beer Only, Convenience Food

Course Information

Course Type: Semi-Private

Year Built: 1942 (No evidence of this date)

Type of Green: Bermuda Grass

Hazards: Yes

Walking Allowed: Yes

Cart Access: Course

Prices

**Weekday - \$10.00 (18 holes),
\$10.00 (9 holes)**

**Weekend - \$12.00 (18 holes),
\$12.00 (9 holes)**

Senior Discounts: Yes -- Min. Age:
62

Other Discounts: Twilight Rates

Club Rental: Yes

Golf Cart Rental: Yes

Pull Cart Rental: Yes

Caddies Available: No

Teaching Pro: No

MANAGERS (known)

Rudy Kannapy (sp?)

James Mouzon Munnerlyn, June 1951-June 1957, died 1997

Roy Payne

Kathy Brown: I learned to swim there, then many years later lived and worked there for 5 years while managing the pro shop.

MISC PICTURES

1969 Sweeny High School golf team photo taken at OO golf course [Matthew Reddoch](#)



Flag from #9 green. Photo Henry Hanson



" I took down the flag on hole #9 which you see posted. By that time the feral hogs has ruined all the greens on the old Golf course. The flag for #9 hole is framed and hanging above my computer desk "

MEMORIES (Among thousands tucked away in our hearts & minds)

Linda Holcumb.....Playing singles or doubles tennis for hours at the Old Ocean Country Club was so much fun. Swimming, playing "Follow the Leader"even though we sometimes jumped off the high diving board... was great fun. Girls wore

one piece bathing suits and rubber swim caps. Enjoyed going to the concession stand and getting snacks. Good memories.

Basil Shannon..... From the #9 tee you lost ball after ball as you crossed the creek heading for the clubhouse. About 1956 Jamie Crisp, Charlie Mayer, maybe Troy Hicks and I used to dive in the creek for golf balls which we sold to the pro shop for spending money. **Afterwards, leeches had to be removed from your skin, sometimes from unmentionable places.**

Bubba Smith..... About the funniest thing I remember is when Gary Coker drove about 4 tee shots in the creek one after another on #9. He then turned around without saying a word, walked over and wrapped his driver around a huge oak tree.

Bill Long.....The #1 tee was on both sides of the creek. Men's on pro shop side, women's across the creek. The suspension bridge (actually there were two) that crossed the creek was made by men out at Abercrombie. It was barely wide enough for the 3-wheel Cushman scooters that many of the golfers had. They would buy them used from Phillips and convert them into golf carts.

Sandra Horn SmithI remember the pool & golf course well! Also remember when I was a little girl, went to the club house (beautiful) with my parents. Big party the night of the elections when Eisenhower was elected. Don't remember if there was a tv or if they listened to it on the radio. Also, had my high school (BCHS) graduation party /bbq at the end of the road where all the big pits were. Wonderful memories!

.Do any of you remember back when there was a polio epidemic? We were allowed to swim in the pool for only 30 minutes a day, then had to get out....pool rules.

Anita Shannon Shaw Warren..... My sister Nancy and I spent every day (except Monday, when they cleaned the pool) at the pool every summer. Loved going out there. The swimming, tanning, diving off the high board. The hamburgers at the concession stand were the best, especially after swimming for several hours. And when that wasn't open we would walk to the pro shop for cold pop and a candy bar. I can still hear the metal cleats on the cement floor as the golfers came in. Oh and did I mention that we also went out there for the boys.

Just one more personal story. My hair, which was very blond, all natural, would always turn a light shade of **green** from all the chlorine in the pool. I hated those swim caps, so didn't wear one.

Sue Mitchell..... Yes, Anita, we did go out there for the boys! But before that my Dad was going to teach me to play golf.... so I lined up to swing while he was walking down the rough. I hit the ball bee line to my Dad and hit him in the back and knocked him to his knees. (Scared me to death). After that he would not let me play anymore so I would go to the swimming pool and played.

Marilyn Pierce Simpson..... The golf course was open but the clubhouse was gone when we moved to Sweeny. What happened to it? (Torn down) **There was just a small golf shop and the swimming pool when we moved here in Dec 1977.** The kids spent lot of time swimming, playing golf and bow hunting for Gar at the Old Ocean golf course. It was such a pretty place out there and such a shame that Amoco decided to sell it.

Selling the golf course and closing the Phillip Reservoir to the public sure cut down on places for Sweeny people to enjoy outdoor activities without driving a long distance.

Jim Culpepper..... Old Ocean Golf Course sure bring back lots of great memories. In my mind's eye, I can easily envision diving off the high diving board at the pool and sometimes spending the entire day there. Also, great memories about playing golf, that include losing your ball in the fairway due to the cracks in the ground. (ha)

Basil Shannon You're right. In the summer, the clay soil especially on #1 cracked as wide as 4 or 5 inches wide. I remember being able to see my lost ball about 3' down in the ground but unable to extract it with an iron.

Kathy Brown I learned to swim there, then many years later lived and worked there for 5 years while managing the pro shop. **I was there when Phillips closed the place down. It was a very sad day for all the golfers and the community!**

- **Dwayne Ryman_** Since we were down by Four Forks this was always a big treat to get to go to the pool. All of us Ryman kids learned to swim there and how to play Marko Polo. I recall no swimming for 30 minutes after you ate something thinking this would give you cramps and cause you to drown. Having a lightning strike anywhere within earshot meant you had to get out of the pool till the storm passed. As others have mentioned...who does not recall that monster on the deep end of the pool...the HIGH dive? **It is sad that Sweeny which had so little to do to begin with to know that the Country Club is now closed.**

Steve Pourteau Since the land the OO Rec Club still belonged to Amoco, going back to the days of Abercrombie, Amoco was responsible for the electricity that fed the golf course for many years. The golf course power actually came out of an overhead 3-phase feeder that ran from the Amoco plant, and in the late '80s, and due to the condition of that feeder, the Amoco management at the time decided to remove the line and install a meter at the golf course still paid for by Amoco. I can remember my Dad getting called out as I&E Supervisor back in the early '60s when that feeder would lose a fuse during a lighting storm. This same feeder also fed the Girl Scout camp behind the golf course. The land that was sold to Phillips by Amoco was a total of 3500 acres when they sold out to BP. Was our (Amoco employees) private hunting/playground most of my life.

When I got into the I&E dept in the mid-80s at Amoco, I ran across a letter from the Abercrombie's Superintendent (and can't remember the name) to all of the employees about joining the club. These old records were moved from the existing Amoco office at the plant, back into the old instrument shop for storage, and that is where I found them. The letter was dated 1946, and unfortunately don't remember the month. It gave all of the information about the initiation fee and the monthly dues. I believe, but maybe wrong since it has been 30 years ago since I read this letter, but I think the initiation fees were \$7, and don't remember how much the monthly dues were. This letter was typed and signed by the Superintendent on that old paper you could see through. There were a lot of letters and pictures from the '40s and 50's and wished I had taken them home, as they probably ended up in the dumpster after we left.

Editors note: This reinforces the need to digitize hard copy historical information before it is gone in a generation or two.

Steve Pourteau The Club was started by Abercrombie for it's employees in '46 not in '42 according to the letter I ran across in '86 in the records in our office. Amoco bought out Abercrombie in '54 and assumed all of the ownership of the land and agreements. Amoco owned the land at that point and was responsible for the utilities (electricity) until it's end. Even in the late '70s when I started out as a roustabout, would get sent over to the golf course to work on some things. Our electricians were always called to see about issues at the golf course. The deed said it would be a golf course as long as it was maintained as a golf course and rec club. It was shutdown when Amoco sold the land to Phillips in '99. Those old files had a lot of letters and documents from back in the '40s and even some pictures, but I did not take any of them home. I wish I would have, as like I mentioned, they all probably ended up in the dumpster.

Butch Munnerlyn (father was manager 1951-1957)

..... the Old Ocean Recreation Club.brought back so many good memories of the time I spent there. I have always considered those times as the best part of my life. We moved out there in June of 1951 and left in June of 1957.

In your history of caretakers I noticed that you did not have Rudy Kannapy (not sure of the spelling) who was the caretaker before my dad , who started in 1951.

I can remember your mother and dad (Clarence & Lil Shannon) playing golf all the time.

When we moved out there I thought I had gone to Heaven, since we were in paradise every day. You could play golf, go swimming, play tennis, go fishing, go hunting, look for golf balls, play ping pong or shuffle board in the club house, or many other things.

Golf, fishing and hunting were my favorites. And speaking of Fishing, my friend George Burket and I were hunting, fishing and playing golf constantly. Back to the fishing, we discovered a species of fish that we never did identify, that we caught in the Irrigation pond to the right of #8 green. These fish were built like a goggle eye perch but were black all over with orange fins.

We caught lots of them and showed one to the high school biology teacher, but he didn't know what it was either, still a mystery.

I can remember the time it rained so much that the big ditch in front of our house was full of water (probably 10' deep).

We had a boat and daddy borrowed an outboard motor for

it. Every day Joe (his hired hand) would load up a greens mower in the boat and go out on the course and mow the greens. Of course the course was closed but something about keeping the grass in good shape.

Yeah I do recall the leaches in the creek because Dick and some of his friends would go in there at time for balls and come out with leaches on them.

When I heard about them shutting the club down it just took something out of me, so many good times we had there.

Now at the swimming pool we had at least 3 lifeguards while We were there. In order of their service were:

Jimmy O'Banion, Rufus Ivy, and Charlie Rose

Mother and Dad opened up a café in the club house for a few Weeks at one time. There was a dining room behind the big Dance hall room and a big kitchen attached to that, so they Decided to open a café. I think they offered steak, hamburgers, And French fries and salad.

The club house burned down after we left, not sure when.

Mother wanted to say that was a good time for our family.

Just didn't realize how good it was at the time.

LEASE AGREEMENT

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Filed for Record at 2:00 o'clock A. M., JAN 2, 1947, H. B. Stevens, Jr.,
Clerk County Court, Brazoria County, Texas By Basile B. B. B. B. B. Deputy

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF BRAZORIA
AND MATAGORDA

This agreement of lease, made this 20th day of Oct.,
A. D., 1947, by and between Magnolia Petroleum Company, a Texas cor-
poration, and Old Ocean Oil Company, a Delaware corporation, having
a permit to do business in Texas, hereinafter called "Lessors" and
Old Ocean Recreational Club, a Texas corporation, hereinafter
called "Lessee":

W I T N E S S E T H:

That the said Lessors have let, leased and demised and do,
by these presents, let, lease and demise unto the said Lessee for a
period of twenty-five (25) years from the date above set out, unless
sooner terminated as hereinafter provided, and for the provisions
and upon the terms and conditions hereinafter provided, the surface
only of the following described property, to-wit:

All those two certain tracts or parcels of land lying
and being situated in the Polly & Chance League in Brazoria
County, Texas, and being described as 54.58 acres off of
the west or southwest end of the Silas C. Patterson 273
acre tract and approximately 112 acres of land out of the
north or northwest corner of the Armstrong Plantation tract
of 1941.11 acres, said two tracts being more particularly
described as follows, to-wit:

TRACT 1: Beginning at a concrete monument which marks
the west corner of the Patterson 273 acre tract and the
most northerly north corner of the Armstrong Plantation
tract;

THENCE N. 45°-23' E. along the north or northwest line
of the Patterson tract a distance of 1328', more or less,
to stake for corner;

THENCE S. 44°-44' E. at a distance of 241.7', more or
less, pass the west corner of the Defense Plant Corporation
37.63 acre tract as heretofore conveyed to Defense Plant
Corporation by Harrison Oil Company and J. S. Abercrombie
Company;

THENCE continuing S. 44°-44' E. along the west or
southwest line of the Defense Plant Corporation 37.63 acre
tract, 9.76 acre tract and 55.1 acre tract, all as hereto-
fore conveyed to Defense Plant Corporation by Harrison Oil
Company and J. S. Abercrombie Company, a total distance of
1901.7' to the south corner of the Defense Plant Corporation
55.1 acre tract, said point being also 200' S. 45°-14' W.
from a concrete monument which marks the most easterly north
corner of the Armstrong Plantation tract of 1941.11 acres
and which also marks the west corner of what was formerly
known as the C. N. Markle tract;

THENCE S. 45° -14' W. along the south line of the Patterson tract, the north line of the Armstrong tract a distance of 1301.4', more or less, to a concrete monument which marks the south corner of the Patterson tract and is also a re-entrant corner of the Armstrong Plantation tract;

THENCE N. 45° -32' W. along the west or southwest line of the Patterson tract, which is also one of the northeast lines of the Armstrong Plantation tract, a distance of 1905.3' to the place of beginning and containing 57.45 acres, SAVE AND EXCEPT a 1.87 acre tract and a 1.00 acre tract, heretofore conveyed to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, leaving a net acreage of 54.58 acres.

TRACT 2: Beginning at a concrete monument which marks the west corner of the Patterson 273 acre tract and the most northerly north corner of the Armstrong Plantation tract;

THENCE S. 45° -31' W. along the north or northwest line of the Armstrong Plantation 1941.11 acre tract and the southeast line of the T. J. Grovey tract a distance of 597.7' to the south corner of the Grovey tract;

THENCE S. 45° -53' W. along the north or northwest line of the Armstrong Plantation tract and the south or southeast line of the W. B. Holland et al and the Sample Parks tracts a distance of 1941.5' to an iron pipe which marks the west corner of the tract herein being leased;

THENCE S. 45° -15' E. a distance of 1933.8' to a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " iron pipe which marks the south corner of this tract herein being leased;

THENCE N. 45° -10' E. a distance of 2548.2' to a concrete monument which marks the south corner of the Patterson tract and which is also a re-entrant corner of the Armstrong Plantation tract of 1941.11 acres;

THENCE N. 45° -32' W. along the southwest line of the Patterson tract and one of the northeast lines of the Armstrong Plantation tract a distance of 1905.3' to the place of beginning and containing 112 acres of land, more or less.

It is expressly understood and agreed that this lease of the above described property is subject to all those certain oil, gas and mineral leases and mineral or royalty deeds and rights now covering or pertaining to all or any portion of the above described property and also subject to all future leases or renewals or extensions thereof and also subject to the exercise by Lessors of all rights under such present and future leases and deeds in producing, transporting, treating, repressuring and all other phases of producing, handling and disposing of oil, gas and other minerals; and it is further understood and agreed that Lessee shall not make any such use of the water in what is known as Little Linville Bayou and which bayou passes through the above described land which will have the effect of retarding the flow of water therein, and any pollution of the said water in the said bayou shall be on Lessee's responsibility only.

Lessors reserve the right to cancel this lease as to all or any portion of the above described land in the event such should become necessary in their sole judgment in order to exercise any or all of their said rights to which this lease is expressly made subject.

It is further expressly understood and agreed that should Lessee cease to exist as a corporation or should a majority of the

corporation stock or ownership of any kind of Lessee corporation cease to be owned by employees of J. S. Abercrombie Company, Lessors shall have the right, at their option at any time, to cancel this lease as to all or any portion of the land herein described; and Lessors shall have the same right to cancel this lease as to all or any part of the land herein described the use of which has been abandoned by Lessee.

It is further expressly understood and agreed that Lessee shall use the above described land for the present purposes for which Lessee was incorporated as set out in its charter now in effect. In so using the said land Lessee further agrees to observe and to abide by all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations. Any change of the purpose of said Lessee corporation or cessation by Lessee of the use of the above described land for recreational purposes, or any failure to comply with State and Federal laws and regulations shall give Lessors, at their option at any time, the right to cancel this lease as to all or any part of the land herein described.

It is further expressly understood and agreed that Lessee shall hold Lessor harmless in the event of injuries or damages to any person or to the personal property of any person occurring on the land herein leased, it being the intention of the parties hereto that Lessee shall have sole responsibility for any such injuries or damages in so far as the parties to this agreement of lease are concerned.

In the event of termination or cancellation of this lease as herein provided, Lessors shall have the right, at their option, to purchase from Lessee, any of the buildings, sheds or any other structures then situated on the above described property, together with all furnishings, equipment or other personal property of Lessee but as to any or all such properties as to which Lessors do not exercise that option Lessee shall have the right to remove and sell the same to any person whatsoever.

It is further expressly understood and agreed that Lessee shall have the right to construct on the above described land any structures, fences, equipment or any other facilities coming within and to be used for the announced purposes set out in the present charter of Lessee. In the event that it should become necessary for Lessors to sell all their interests in the above described land, including the surface herein described, Lessors shall have the right to cancel this lease in all respects, but, upon so doing Lessors shall pay Lessee for any and all improvements on the said land be-

longing to Lessee an amount to be determined by Lessors and Lessee in the event the said cancellation of lease referred to in this paragraph takes place.

Lessors agree to give Lessee such easement rights across Lessors' other lands and properties adjacent to the land described herein which may be reasonably necessary for Lessee's use and occupancy of the said land.

Lessees shall not have the right to assign this lease, or any portion hereof, to any person whatsoever, nor shall Lessee have the right to sub-lease any or all of the said land.

The consideration for this lease shall be the payment by Lessee to Lessors of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) per year for each year this lease is in effect and the further consideration of the covenants and conditions herein contained.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described premises with all the privileges thereto belonging unto the said Lessee for the period of time of the considerations and subject to the purposes, covenants, conditions and reservations hereinabove set out.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness the signatures of the parties hereto in triplicate originals, on the date first above written.

LESSORS:

MAGNOLIA PETROLEUM COMPANY

By: R. M. Chan
Vice President

APPROVED

J. W. W.
attorney.

ATTEST:

Secretary

OLD OCEAN OIL COMPANY

By: J. R. Butler
Vice President

APPROVED AS TO FORM
law
ATTORNEY

ATTEST:

Secretary

LESSEE:

OLD OCEAN RECREATIONAL CLUB

By: Wm. A. Howell
President

ATTEST:

Edna A. Bell
Secretary

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF DALLAS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for Dallas County, Texas, on this day personally appeared

R. M. CHAN, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and known to me to be the Vice-President of MAGNOLIA PETROLEUM COMPANY, a corporation, and acknowledged to me that he executed said instrument for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and as the act of said corporation.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this 20th day of October, 1947.

Dupree Fox
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas.

DUPREE FOX

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HARRIS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for Harris County, Texas, on this day personally appeared

J. R. Breen, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and known to me to be the Vice-President of OLD OCEAN OIL COMPANY, a corporation, and acknowledged to me that he executed said instrument for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and as the act of said corporation.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this 29 day of October, 1947.

Mildred Thielen
Notary Public, Harris County, Texas.

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Notary Public in and for Harris County, Texas

THE STATE OF Texas

COUNTY OF Brazoria

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for Brazoria County, Texas, on this day personally appeared

W. M. A. Howell, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and known to me to be the President of OLD OCEAN RECREATIONAL CLUB, a corporation, and acknowledged to me that he executed said instrument for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and as the act of said corporation.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this 10th day of November, 1947.

William H. Long
Notary Public, Brazoria County, Texas

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Notary Public in & for Brazoria County, Texas

Filed for Record at 2:00 o'clock A. M., Jan 12, 1947, H. R. Stevens, Jr.,
Clerk County Court, Brazoria County, Texas By Charles E. N. Deputy