

FACTS ABOUT THE EARLY HISTORY OF HURST

- 1841 Peter's Colony formed, Hurst part of this grant.
- 343 Bird's Fort built south of Euless. Named for Jonathan Bird.
- 1843 Sept. 29--Treaty signed by Sam Houston, Gen. Edward H. Tarrant, Ed Terrell and the following Indian tribes: Wacos, Teuacanos, Caddos, Delawares, Chicasaws, 30 scattered Cherokees, Ionics, Boluxies, and Andaress. Hostile Comanches continually gave trouble. First treaty between Tarrant County settlers and Indians.
- 1849 December 20--Tarrant County created from Navarro County. Named for Gen. Edward H. Tarrant, Indian fighter, hero of the Mexican War, and member of Texas Congress. Birdville, at the site of the present Haltom High School, named county seat.
- 1850 August--First county election held in log cabin at Birdville.
- 1850 Isaac Parker built a log cabin on land in southwest corner of City of Hurst. South of Hwy. 183 and across railroad tracks. Cynthia Ann Parker, his niece, was captured in May 1836 by Comanche and Kiowa Indians from fort near present town of Groesbeck. Upon recapture from Indians in 1860, she and her little daughter, Prairie Flower, were returned to relatives at this farm. She died of grief in East Texas in 1864.
- 1856 November--Fort Worth was made county seat. Won election by 3 illegal votes.
- 1857 Randol Mill built south of Hurst on Trinity River. Operated by R. A. Randol until 1916.
- 865 Daniel Arwine came to Texas from Indiana. In 1879 he deeded six acres for school, church and cemetery. School was first in area. Called it Red Sulphur Spring, later Arwine School, now Bellaire.
- 1866 Isham's Chapel Methodist Church founded. Now First Methodist Church of Hurst. 11 charter members. First one room building used for a school house.
- 1870 William L. Hurst came from Horse Show Bend, Tenn. with his wife and seven children. Hurst family settled first near Grapevine, then moved to Bedford before finally settling about a mile north of Hwy. 183 in Hurst.
- 1870 Hurst first settled.
- 1912 Railroad came through. Called Hurst Station.
- 1949 First Post Office.
- 1950 Population 200
- 1951 Ground breaking ceremonies for Bell Helicopter Plant.
- 1952 Incorporated into City of Hurst.
- 1956 City Charter adopted -- Home Rule Government. Population 5,700
- 1960 Population 10,520
- 1963 Population 15,000
- 1964 Population 17,756
- 1966 Population 20,000
- 1968 Population 23,000
- 1970 Population 26,887 (Official)