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Sam Weiner, known as “Skipper”, emigrated from Latvia to America where he worked in the Pennsylvania coal mines before entering the oil fields in Corsicana, in 1898. After a brief stay in El Dorado, Arkansas, he moved to the boomtown of Wink where he established the Westerly Supply Company. By this time his eldest son, Ted, had entered the oil field. Ted and “Buck” Sturm drilled the first commercial oil well in the Royalty Field. The Weiners drilled the Monroe Field discovery well near Barstow and the linkage well between Langley and Mattix Fields near Jal, New Mexico.

In 1943 Texas Crude was established by Ted and later joined by his brothers, Stanley and Charles. Texas Crude was responsible for over 100 major discoveries in the Permian Basin. They promoted and drilled the discovery well in the Tex-Harvey Field, Midland County’s first commercial producer.

The Weiners were also among the first independents to use the “carried interest” concept in financing oil and gas operations.

After the Korean War, Charles opened an office in New Orleans while Stanley headed drilling operations in West Texas. Sam “Skipper” Weiner died in 1958; Stanley died in 1969. Ted was organizing a new company when he died in 1979. Charles is Chairman of Texas Crude, Inc. in Houston, with offices in Fort Worth, Midland and Calgary, Canada.