



Thomas S. Hogan
1869 - 1957
Inducted 1969

Born to Irish immigrants near Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, Thomas Hogan graduated from high school, started teaching, and then went to Montana to work the silver mill at the Anaconda Reduction Works. From 1896 to 1900 Hogan served Montana as Secretary of State, during which time he became an attorney. He was elected to the state senate in 1910. While living in Billings, Hogan sold his law practice, started ranching and became interested in oil. He participated in the development of oil properties in Colorado and, in 1925, moved to Midland. His first big property deal in West Texas was the sale of the massive J.T. McElroy ranch in Crane and Upton counties. Hogan made numerous trips north and east, looking for investors for the Permian Basin. He was involved with the construction of the “oil headquarters” of West Texas—the 12-story Petroleum Building, completed in 1930. Known by his peers as a “one-man Chamber of Commerce,” Thomas Hogan was often referred to as “Mr. Midland.”

