



Charles V. "Cap" Lyman
1894 - 1977
Inducted 1981

Cap Lyman was a native of Taylor, Texas. Left fatherless as a boy, he earned a degree in mining engineering from the University of Virginia, then went on to study at the University of the South, also known as Sewanee. He served with distinction in World War I, then returned to Texas in 1921 to begin his oil career, establishing a company that operated wells and a casing pulling unit. He moved his company headquarters to Midland in 1936 and began wildcatting. He chose the location for the discovery well in Fisher County and drilled the discovery well that opened up production in Winkler County. Between 1941 and 1966, Cap owned and operated 85 wells in Jim Wells and Nueces Counties. Lyman was one of the first conservationists in the industry, starting a pipeline company to collect and use the tremendous amount of gas being produced from his wells and others in the area during a time when it was common to simply "flare" it as waste.



