

John H. Galey **1840 - 1918**



Mr. Galey was a pioneer oil and mineral developer. Galey drilled the first oil well in the Pennsylvania fields. His activities in the oil fields covered a period of half a century. He, in partnership with James M. Guffey, supported the drilling of T. J. Norman No. 1 near Neodesha, Kansas in 1892. This well was the discovery well of the Mid-Continent Oil Field. This partnership was also active in Oklahoma and Texas, financing the great Lucas Gusher in the Spindletop Field near Beaumont, Texas in 1901; This well flowed at an estimated 80,000 to 100,000 barrels a day and when he passed was said to have been the greatest oil well ever known.