

Willis L. Hartman
1890 - 1978



Mr. Hartman was an owner and producer of oil within the Mid-Continent Field. He was an oil producer, horse breeder, and polo player. He began his career with Gulf Oil Corporation in Tulsa. Later, he and his son Ralph formed the Lonita Oil Company. Around World War II he bought 1700 acres of land just east of Wichita. All but 160 acres of that land was eventually sold and taken into the city. The 160 acres was known as Hartmoor Farms and included two polo fields. Hartman was active in polo from 1928 until 1977 and was the founder of the Fairfield Polo Club.

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