



History of the Kirkpatrick Oil Company

John E. Kirkpatrick, a prominent Oklahoma business and civic leader, founded Kirkpatrick Oil Company in 1950. Although officially started in 1950, the family first began its oil exploration in the 1920s when Mr. Kirkpatrick's father-in-law M. B. Blake drilled his first well and the company has been family-owned ever since.

In 1995, Christian K. Keesee, the grandson of Mr. Kirkpatrick, purchased the company and currently serves as Chairman of the Board. To this day, Kirkpatrick Oil Company remains a well-established, family-owned, oil and natural gas exploration and production company. Headquarters are in Oklahoma City with district offices in Denver, CO and Midland, TX and a field office in Hennessey, OK.

Keesee's vision to double the size of the Company by 2014 has led to the 59% growth in production. Currently operating and exploring for oil and gas throughout Oklahoma and Texas, Kirkpatrick Oil Company averages over 40 new wells per year and will continue to be an active operator into the future.

In 2006, the company acquired two drilling rigs: Quad Eldorado and Logan Eldorado, both operating out of Enid, Oklahoma.

In 2010, Kirkpatrick Oil Company broke ground on its 9,400 square foot field office in downtown Hennessey with an expected completion date by the summer of 2011. Kirkpatrick will move the old office from Highway 81 to the heart of Hennessey.

Kirkpatrick Oil Company also takes special interest in the community, contributing to the Hennessey 2010 Rebeautification Project, Hennessey High School, Yukon High School, and its annual gift to the United Way.

Aside from business ventures, the Kirkpatrick family centers their focus in the arts, education and animal welfare by supporting local communities and organizations through their foundations: the Kirkpatrick Family Fund and the Kirkpatrick Foundation.