

Some Hugo Firsts

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First livery stable in Hugo: 1901 by R.W. Caviness

First hospital in Hugo: 1903 in a residence on Ethel Street by Dr. Fling.

First drug store in Hugo: before 1903 by Dr. Fling.

First bank in Hugo: First National Bank. Charter application made December 1901.

First completed house of worship in Hugo: First Presbyterian Church. Rev. E. Brantly, pastor.

First school building in Hugo: large two story red brick building located on the present site of the Hugo Middle School. The school was built with a \$15,000 bond issue. Hugo's free public school system was founded on a ten mill tax levy. Hugo's first school had a seven month term and cost the taxpayers \$2,300. The second term was for eight months and cost \$3,000.

First surveyors of Hugo: S.B. Spring, J.J. Terry and J.C. Kirkpatrick.

First formal business in Hugo: Kelly-Smith Grocery Company followed by the Thomas Dry Goods Company.

First jail in Hugo: was constructed of wood with iron bars at the windows. It was located on North A Street in the 100 block.

First construction plan for Hugo: called for a town square, bounded on the west by Broadway, on the east by Second Street, on the north by Jackson and on the south by Duke Street.