

## Hugo Firsts

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- Hugo's First Woman** – Mrs. William (Mary Rebekah) Smith.
- Hugo's First Business Woman** – Mrs. William Smith. Established a café-bakery along with her husband prior to townsite platting in 1902.
- First Public Worship Service** – March 1902 preached by Methodist minister Rev. J.F. Gates.
- First City Hall** – Located in the block east of Broadway and north of Duke St. Built by J.H. Brader. The building served as City Hall, town school, and a place for religious groups to meet.
- First City Officers** – J.W. Greer, mayor; C.G. Shull, city attorney; W.L. Lance, recorder and I.B. Rainey, J.P. Ward, E.L. DeWitt, J.L. Goolsby and Floyd Caylor, councilmen.
- First City Council Meeting** – November 3, 1903
- Hugo's Incorporation** – September 3, 1903
- First School** – Subscription school started by "Prof." W.D. Hoffman. Soon after the school was started it was found that Hoffman had stolen his teaching credentials and was wanted for theft and fraud.
- First Teacher** – Miss Mamie Smith later wife of C.G. Shull.
- First Public Supported School** – 1904
- First School Board** – Dr. B.W. Caldwell, president; Red Thomas, secretary; and F.L. DeWitt, R.L. Weddington, G.W. Herman and R.M. (Mac) Pyle, members.
- First School Superintendent** – W.C. Taylor
- First Public School Faculty** – S.P. Hendricks, principal; Mrs. Warner Hill, Mrs. C.G. Shull and Mrs. Charlie Weddington, teachers.
- First School Term** – Seven months at a cost of \$2,300.
- First Bond Issue** – \$15,000 to construct first brick school, at the site now occupied by the Hugo Middle School
- First Transfer & Drayage Business** – Established by J.D. Collier in 1902.
- First Livery Stable** – Established by R.W. Caviness.
- First Bank** – First National, charter application made in December 1901 and granted in February 1902. Officers were: J.J. Thomas, president; S.B. Spring and F.M. Sterrett, incorporators. F.M. Sterrett, Jr., first cashier.
- First Pharmacy** – Established early 1902 by Dr. Flint.
- First Hospital** – 1903 established by Dr. Flint on Ethel Street.
- First Permanent Building** – Construction started in Nov-December 1901 by F.M. Hopkins, founder of the Raymond Trading Company.
- First Post Office** – Bailey Springs' General Store on West Main Street east of the Frisco railroad.