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JAMES M. GUFFEY

A wanderer, James Guffey was always ahead of the oil crowd. With his partner, John Galey, he opened oilfields in Armstrong and Butler County, Pennsylvania in the 1870's. Huge Guffey and Galey oil wells came in on Thorn Creek in 1884. The quintessential wildcatters, they led the great bonanza at McDonald, Washington County, Pennsylvania in 1891. Developing areas of the virgin Mid-Continent Field in Kansas & Oklahoma was their next venture.

James Guffey and John Galley financially backed Anthony Lucas and brought in the famous Spindletop dome near Beaumont on the Texas Gulf Coast in January, 1901. Spewing oil at a previously unheard of 100,000 barrels per day, the Lucas gusher at Spindletop began the Texas oil boom.

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