

Pioneering Petroleum...

EDWARD OCTAVIUS EMERSON

E. O. Emerson, cousin of Ralph Waldo Emerson, moved to Titusville, Pennsylvania in 1878. Emerson was a producer at nearby Pleasantville and Church Run. He formed a natural gas partnership with Joseph N. Pew to pipe natural gas to fire the boilers at oil wells throughout the growing Bradford Field. As the Keystone Gas Company, the firm sold natural gas for heat and light in the cities of Bradford and Olean, NY. They were involved in the Penn Fuel Gas Company. After the great fire was extinguished at the famous Haymaker Well in Murrysville, Edward and Joseph purchased the gas well and founded Peoples Natural Gas Co.

Active independent oil producers in Ohio's emerging Lima Field, Emerson and Pew formed Sun Oil Company in 1890. Vertically integrated with production, pipelines, a Toledo refinery and rail cars, Sun Oil prospered.

