

#### DOWNTOWN HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR



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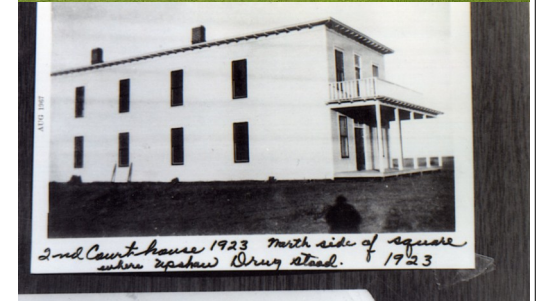


*Making history one step at a time...*

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## HOCKLEY COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The Hockley County Courthouse is the central point of Downtown Levelland. This model is a traditional design for an American downtown. This was not the original layout for Levelland though. The current algonite stone courthouse is actually the third courthouse of Hockley County. The first courthouse was a simple two room frame building that served as both the courthouse and living quarters for the county clerk and his family. It was built as soon as the county was formed. A second courthouse was built on the North East corner of the square. It was constructed behind the first courthouse. This courthouse was used until the current courthouse was finished. The third courthouse was built with materials that were much more sustainable than the first two courthouses, however it was still meant to be temporary. It was designed by an architect named Preston Lee Walker. Ropesville was thought to be the ideal seat for Hockley County because of the rail-road depot that was stationed there. However many of the farmers and ranchers in the area wanted the county seat to be in a more central location. The election was a close one—52 votes to 45 votes. The mound of dirt that had been surveyed in 1912 was the elected choice for the county seat and was temporarily named Hockley City. The town was later renamed Levelland due to a pre-existing city named Hockley City.



Top Photo: Present Day Courthouse built in 1928

Middle Photo: 2nd Courthouse built in 1923

Bottom Photo: 1st Courthouse built in 1921



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