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Charles Hoya is significant in Nacogdoches for being the most trusted land surveyor of his time in East Texas and as a cofounder of the Stone Fort National Bank.

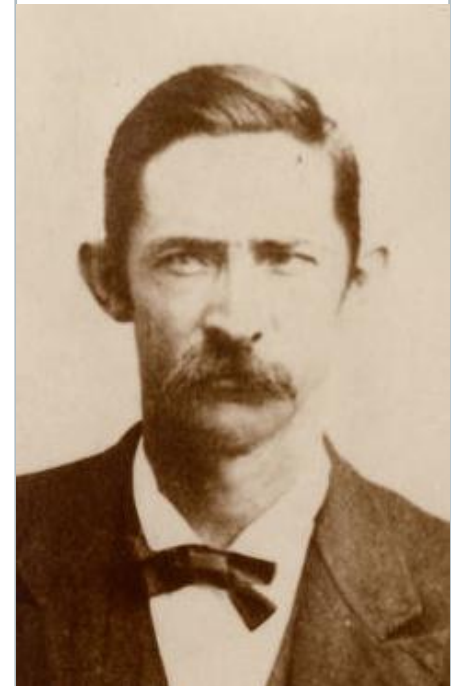


Misty Hurley, a Graduate Student in Public History at Stephen F. Austin State University, created this brochure as part of her thesis on cemetery preservation and creation of interpretive materials connecting Oak Grove Cemetery of Nacogdoches with historic sites, museums, artifacts, and archival records.



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Charles
Hoya



Businessman and
Land Surveyor



Charles Hoya was born in 1848, the fifth child of Joseph and Ida von der Hoya, both of Damme, Germany. Charles attended classes at Nacogdoches University on Washington Square.

After leaving school, Charles began working for Captain A.A. Nelson, the county surveyor, where he learned all about the surveying business. Charles is responsible for resurveying the original land grants of East Texas and gained the trust and respect of the owners of large holdings such as those in the Chireno area. He became so trusted in this area of the state that he and his assistant were the only surveyors the residents of East Texas trusted. Anyone else who tried to survey the land was removed at gun point, even the state's Land Commissioners.



he built the first fireproof building in Nacogdoches in 1897, the Charles Hoya Land Office. As the financial part of his business grew, he and several others organized the Stone Fort National Bank in 1903. Hoya was the bank's first president.

Charles Hoya was remembered as an adept businessman, a trusted land surveyor, and a generous man by his family and the community. His daughters, Jennie and Clara, carried on his tradition of generosity by gifting their grandparents' home, the Sterne-Hoya house, to the city of Nacogdoches in 1958 for use as a library and museum.

Visit these sites associated with Charles Hoya

- Charles Hoya Home – 210 South Lanana St. (this home is not open for tours)
- Sterne Hoya House Museum – 211 South Lanana St.
- Hoya Buildings – 120 East Pillar St. and 116 South Pecan St. (these locations are not open for tours)
- Clara and Jennie Hoya Houses – 620 and 616 Logansport St. (these homes are not open for tours)
- Regions Bank, Formerly the Stone Fort National Bank – 300 East Main St.
- Charles and Fannie Hoya Graves at Oak Grove Cemetery – North Lanana St.