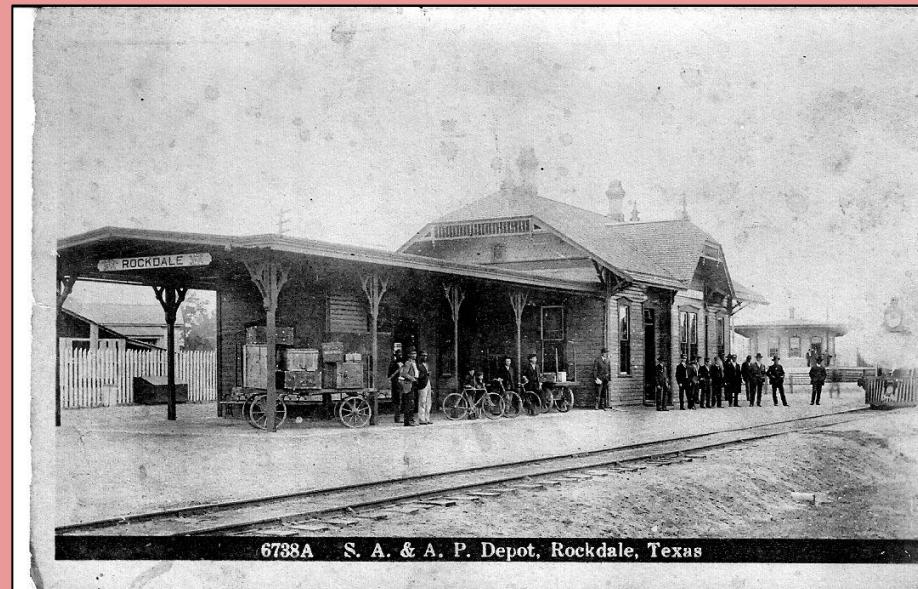


Rockdale railroads

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What year did they start and finish building ?

In 1873, George Green, B. F. Ackerman and Frank Smith sold 400 acres of land to the International-Great Northern Railroad, which was laying track from Hearne to Austin. The track was completed in early February 1874.



6738A S. A. & A. P. Depot, Rockdale, Texas

Why did they build railroads?

The railroad gave area farmers access to markets for their crops, gave the people transportation and Rockdale became a shipping point for farmers and other local businesses.



COTTON YARD, ROCKDALE, TEXAS
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What railroads went through Rockdale?

The first railroad going through Rockdale was International-Great Northern Railroad and the second railroad through Rockdale was the San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railway.



Timeline

1885 San antonio and Aransas pass railway was built

Sandow and Southern Railroad chartered in 1923 to carry lignite coal



In 1873 International Railroad was being built

the last passenger train left Rockdale in 1970.