

# Rockdale Project

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A person

Loewenstein and his wife Carrie (nee Malsch) were among the first settlers in Rockdale. They moved here from Colorado County before the International and Great Northern Railroad came. Mr. Loewenstein was primarily a merchant; he opened his dry goods and grocery business December 24, 1873.



## Landmark

The Rainbow Courts Motel Marker is so special to Rockdales history because it one of the oldest family owned motel.



## Events

- Oil boom – In the early 1900s, oil was discovered near Rockdale
- Founding of Rockdale – Rockdale was founded in 1873, making it one of the oldest communities in Central Texas.
- Discovery of coal – In 1880, a local farmer discovered coal while digging a well