



# The timeline of rockdale

From 1873 to 1950.

# 1873-1874

The town of rockdale was founded after starting out as a “tent city”



# 1874-1880

It was established its own aldermanic government. By about 1875-1876.



# 1890-1900

Rockdale by now, had two very fine families of the Jewish faith.



# 1900-1910

The news service of “*The Rockdale Reporter*” was founded and was running. It sold its first copy in 1910.



# 1920-1930

A shallow oil field was discovered near Rockdale in 1920 prompting the establishment of an oil refinery on the outskirts of the city.



# 1930-1940

The City Hall served as home to the Rockdale Volunteer Fire Department for 80 years. The building retained its original structural lines until the 1930's when the upstairs bell tower was removed.



# 1940-1945

Rockdales population grew due to the rise in oil and natural gases in the area



# 1950

The aluminum company found a way ignite those gases and oil found in 1940-1950 to make aluminum.



# links.

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