



**Mac O. Boring, Sr.**  
**1890-1966**  
**Inducted 1987**

Mac O. Boring was born in August 1890 in Homer, Louisiana. He attended Tulane University and was first employed by the Producers Oil Company, the forerunner of Texaco, in Louisiana and Wyoming before joining Gulf Oil Company in 1920 as a driller.

In 1922, he was transferred to San Angelo office as head the land department. He and two geologists, H.B. Fuqua and O.C. "Kip" Harper opened the office there to be close to the action as West Texas oil discoveries pushed further west. Two Permian Basin legends, R.W. "Bob" Patterson and Joe Kilburn were two scouts under his supervision.

In 1928, Gulf transferred Boring to Midland to open the Gulf office, and then a few weeks later promoted and transferred him to Fort Worth where he oversaw all West Texas exploration and production. He personally oversaw Gulf's leasing of thousands of acres in the Permian Basin, with many of the leases developing in to major oilfields.

It was during this time that geologist Kip Harper developed his famed map, "Deep Permian Basin-Post Cretaceous Uplift", the first comprehensive geological map of the Permian Basin. With this map, Boring was able to convince Gulf executives of the potentials of the Permian Basin. He helped usher in a new era for Midland and Gulf was one of the earliest major companies to establish roots in West Texas.

In 1933, he oversaw Gulf's drilling of the McElroy 103, the deepest well in the world at the time. The well was completed in 1935 at a depth of 12,786 feet. Many of the drilling innovations pioneered in this well soon became industry standards.

Boring retired from Gulf in 1945 and partnered with his son, Mac O. Boring, Jr. to form Dixilyn. The two men built the company from one \$75,000 National 75 rig to a publicly-owned enterprise listed on the American Stock Exchange with worldwide deep land and offshore operations.

Boring's work with Gulf was instrumental in the development of the Permian Basin's oil reserves in the twenties and thirties and in making Gulf a major force in the exploration

and development of the area. His work in the exploration and shaping of the future of the Permian Basin oil industry is indisputable.