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NOMINATION FORM
HALF MILE OF HISTORY

Section A: Nomination Information

Name of Nominated person, place or event: H.L. and LYDA BUNKER HUNT

The nominee is being honored for outstanding contributions in the area(s) of (please check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment/Media	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Philanthropy
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Government/Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Culture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science
<input type="checkbox"/> Aviation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Invention/Innovation	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business/Corporate Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/> Law	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oil/Gas	

Section B: Nominator's Information

Name of person making nomination: CAROLINE ROSE HUNT

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Relationship to nominated individual: DAUGHTER

Nominated Individual's year of birth: BOTH 1889 Nominated Individual's year of death: H.L. 1972 LYDA 1955

Section C: Narrative

The narrative section of the application is the most important. It is the primary source of information judges use to make their selection of new inductees. The two-page narrative submittal must utilize size 12 Times New Roman font and be double spaced. Please include a recommended 25-30 word marker caption at the end of the narrative. Any additional material will be referred to only for verification of accuracy of the nomination. No submitted materials will be returned.

The narrative section must contain an explanation of the nominee's enduring contribution that make this person/place/event worthy of the honor. Please describe the impact the nominee has had on the community, county, region, nation and/or world. For Individuals, please include any honors earned by the nominee as well as a list of organizations in which the nominee has been involved. Also, please indicate their educational background as well as the length of time the individual has lived in Smith County. Inclusion of photos is preferred but optional. Do not send original photos. All submitted materials will become property of the City of Tyler and its Historical Preservation Board.

Please submit nominations to:
City of Tyler Historical Preservation Board
Attention: Half Mile of History
P.O. Box 2039
Tyler, Texas 75710

Following his success in the Eldorado, Arkansas oil field, H. L. Hunt was one of the earliest investors in the East Texas Oil Field, moving his family to Tyler in 1931. The family first lived on Woldert Street while beautifully restoring an 1855 mansion and stable at 223 East Charnwood Street. The home had been used as a girls' school and as a hospital during the Civil War. My first year as a boarder at Hockaday in 1936, the third floor (which I had almost burned down with my little electric play stove) was renovated adding three more bedrooms and creating a central atrium for light by the architect son of Mrs. Melvin Wilcox, my mother's best friend in Tyler and my Sunday School teacher who led me to my personal commitment to Christ. The family kept a horse in the large pasture behind the home for pleasure.

Lyda Bunker Hunt was noted for her generosity during the depression, when she kept a table on the back porch to facilitate feeding as many as 12-15 well-dressed but desperate men a day who appeared at their door seeking work. The family was active in the Presbyterian Church on Broadway and Lyda in the Tyler Woman's Club. Daughters Margaret and Caroline attended Tyler Public Schools.

Their home was the site of many social functions in the adjacent garden with pergola designed by Lambert Landscaping of Shreveport, Louisiana, especially during the reign of oldest daughter, Margaret, as Third Queen of the Tyler Rose Festival.

H. L. originated and practiced in the oil field the idea of changing from two twelve-hour shifts to four six-hour shifts, doubling employment at his additional expense. After World War II he

encouraged conservation of oil by regulation of the number of wells allowed to be drilled per acre – spacing. H. L. traveled the United States promoting ratification of the amendment to the U. S. Constitution limiting the Presidency to two terms.

A leader in the industry, he was an active member of the American Petroleum Institute. In 1966, he was honored with the Chief Roughneck Award, presented by U. S. Steel recognizing “the one individual whose accomplishments and character best represent the highest ideals of the oil and gas industry.” He was elected posthumously to the Texas Business Hall of Fame in 1986 and awarded the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers Legends Medal posthumously in 2002, which is given to those who “have distinguished themselves in their profession and been a tribute to their communities and country.”

Suggested Caption:

H. L. and Lyda Bunker Hunt

Tyler residents nationally recognized for development of the East Texas Oil Field, important during WWII. Shortened work shifts, doubling employment. Supported oil conservation regulations. Daughter Margaret was Third Queen of the Tyler Rose Festival.



