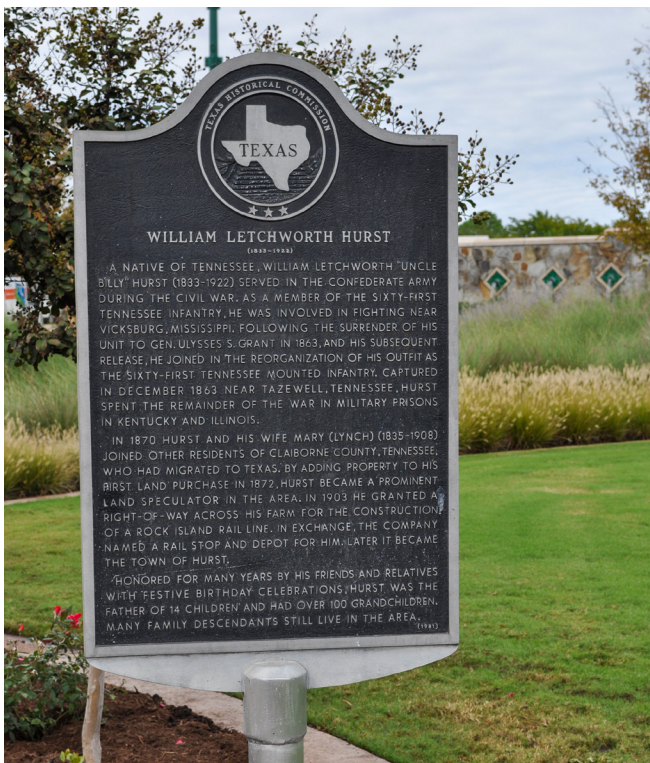


A Texas Historical Marker recognizes the founding father of Hurst.



Past & present City of Hurst Mayors are recognized.



HERITAGE VILLAGE PLAZA CITY OF HURST HISTORICAL PLAZA



The Historical Plaza, located in the common area of Heritage Village, includes a Texas historical marker, the City of Hurst 50th Anniversary Time Capsule, and a bust of the founding father of Hurst, William Letchworth Hurst. The focal point of the Historical Plaza is "Remembrances of My Home Town" by Janice Hart Melito.

On the ledge surrounding the artwork are plaques recognizing each Mayor that has ever served the City of Hurst. Plaques recognizing the past and present City of Hurst Councilmembers are on the outer walls of the Historical Plaza.

The Historical Plaza is designed to be welcoming to the public. Visitors can walk around the artwork to view it from all angles.

The City of Hurst invites you to come to experience the Historical Plaza at Heritage Village to remember where the City has come from and appreciate where we are today.

Bust of William "Uncle Billy" Hurst with 50th Anniversary Time Capsule underneath.



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Heritage Village Plaza and the Hurst Historical Plaza are located at 841 W. Pipeline Rd. Hurst, TX 76053





"Remembrances of My Home Town" by Janice Hart Melito is an exterior site-specific sculpture created for the City of Hurst. The piece is comprised of three monolithic columns that symbolize the past, present, and future. Each column is banded with sculptural reliefs that tell the story of the City and celebrate the community spirit of Hurst. Janice Hart Melito has been a full-time professional artist focusing on sculpture, painting, and drawing mediums since graduating from Texas Christian University with a Masters of Fine Arts Degree. Her work has been shown throughout the United States as well as in Madrid and Buenos Aires, and she has created public art for many cities in Texas.



Enticed by opportunities for land as part of the Peters Colony, early settlers began to trickle into the area around the Trinity Basin. Still, it was not until after the Civil War that settlement of the area started to pick up. In 1853, Isaac Parker built a log cabin on land in the southwest corner of present-day Hurst (depicted in the bas relief). Cynthia Ann Parker, his niece, was captured in May 1836 by Comanche and Kiowa Indians. After being recaptured from the Indians in 1860, she and her daughter were returned to relatives at this farm.

Remembrances of My Home Town

Dedicated October 17, 2013, at Heritage Village Plaza as part of the City of Hurst Art in Public Places Program



In 1870, William Letchworth Hurst ("Uncle Billy" as he was popularly known) moved into the area with his family, where he found success trading

and speculating in land and horses. William Hurst made a deal in 1903 with the Rock Island Railroad that eventually led the community to take his name. He agreed to let the railroad lay track connecting Fort Worth and Dallas on his land with the condition that a stop be established there and a depot built and given his name. The Rock Island Station was built in 1903 and, along with the surrounding community, was finally officially given the name Hurst in 1909.

The Hurst School, as it was previously known, was built between the years of 1938-40 by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) during the Great Depression.

This building is one of the few constructed by the WPA in Northeast Tarrant County. It served as the primary schoolhouse for the children of Hurst in the 1940s and 1950s. Also, it served as a Union Hall and recreational facility for Union Auto Workers Local No. 218 from 1975-1999. In 2000, the building was sold to New Haven Fellowship Church. Today it is a significant landmark on Hwy 10.



Hurst saw little growth in the first half of the 20th century, with developments like the Hurst School in 1940 and the 1949 establishment of the Hurst post

office constituting big news for the 1,000 or so residents they served. In 1951, however, everything changed when Bell Helicopter opened a \$3 million plant in Hurst that pioneered the helicopter aviation industry in Texas and caused a growth boom for the area. During the height of the Vietnam War, the Bell Helicopter workforce topped 11,000, many of them building Hueys (depicted in the bas relief along with the V-22).

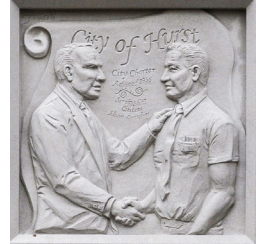
Rivaling the North East Mall Expansion in size and importance, the Transforming Hurst Redevelopment Program changed the City for the better. The redevelopment project featured Heritage Village Plaza, Fire Station 2, the Senior Activities Center, improvements to Hurst Town Center, the Hurst Conference Center, and the Justice Center and parking garage. Hurst will continue to serve its citizens for decades to come by transforming sections of the City to improve our community.



The City Seal is the official symbol used to signify Hurst as a government. Since the City's incorporation, it has had several different seals. The current one incorporates part of the original design and has been used since the early 1990s.

The City was incorporated as a general law city on September 25, 1952 (artistically represented in the bas relief). Hurst now operates under a home-rule charter adopted in 1956, which provides for a council-manager form of government.

Hurst has a City Council composed of the Mayor and six Councilmembers dedicated and working hard for its citizens. The Council is responsible for all matters of policy, and the City Manager is directly accountable to the Council in carrying out that policy.



Hurst is a great place to live and raise your family. It is truly a "Community Built on Connection" and offers excellent amenities,

including the beautiful Parks system with its trails, playgrounds, trees, and open areas for everyone to enjoy.



The City of Hurst Historical Plaza at Heritage Village
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Find more information about this and other City of Hurst Parks and Attractions on our website: www.hursttx.gov