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An aerial view of Woldert Cannery in Lindale in the late 1940s. J. W. Ogburn is believed to have founded the first cannery in Lindale in 1895. He left the business about 1910 and was succeeded by his nephew John Stone Ogburn who founded Lindale Canning Company. By the 1930s the operation was called Ogburn Canning Company,

packaging strawberries, peaches, sweet potatoes, and especially blackberries. The factory stood partially on the railroad right-of-way, west of the tracks and 600 feet north of the depot.

Ogburn sold his interest in the business in 1938. Woldert Canning Company acquired the operations in the mid-1940s.

## Early Lindale Businesses

### COMPILED BY VICKI BETTS

The Mercantile Agency Reference Book ..., published semiannually by R. G. Dun & Co. of New York, attempted to rate the creditworthiness of all businesses in every Texas community. Many early volumes are housed in the Barker Texas History Center on the University of Texas campus in Austin. Various issues from 1880 to 1897 were abstracted for the businesses in Lindale. Information included the name of the firm, type of business, and, when sufficient information allowed, a letter and number rating.

The letter represented "Estimated Pecuniary Strength."

#### Jan. 1880

Arthur, J. J.  
Harper, A. N.  
Lawley, W. T. & Sitton  
Read & Sons  
(See B. F. Read & Co., Mineola)

F = \$10-20,000  
G = \$5-10,000  
H = \$3-5,000  
K = \$1-2,000  
L = under \$1,000  
M = under \$500

The number represented "General Credit."

3 = Good  
3 1/2 = Fair  
4 = Limited

The publication also estimated the population of the town as 120 in 1880, 50 in 1882, 100 in 1885-1887, 150 in 1889, and 500 in 1891-1897.

Drugs	L	-
Saloon	L	-
General Store	-	-
General Store	-	-

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MURRAY, T. J., transferred from Co. K,  
3rd TX Cav. 1 May 1862, promoted to  
4th Sgt. 16 May 1862, d. 31 Dec 1862  
Battle of Murfreesboro, TN.

SMITH, A. B., Pvt., enlisted 12 Mar  
1862 Jacksonport, AR, d. 1862,  
father was Nathan Smith, Smith Co.,  
TX.

SMITH, E. H., Pvt., enlisted 12 Mar  
1862 Jacksonport, AR.

SMITH, S. M., Pvt., enlisted 15 Mar  
1862 Jacksonport, AR, died 9 Jun  
1862, father was Nathan Smith, Smith  
Co., TX.

STRICKLAND, PETER, Pvt., enlisted 20  
Jan 1863 Shreveport, LA.

WHITE, JAMES S., Pvt., enlisted 18 May  
1862 Camp Vandorn, AR, paroled 9 May  
1865, residence Smith Co., TX.

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### July 1880

Cheek & Copeland  
Harper, A. N.  
Lawley, W. T. & Sitton  
Morris, S. J. & Co.  
Read & Sons

(See B. F. Read & Co., Mineola)

Drugs	L	3 1/2
Saloon	L	-
General Store	-	-
General Store	L	-
General Store	-	-

### Jan. 1882

Duke, R. P.  
Harper, A. N.  
McCrary, E. R. W.  
Morris, S. J. & Co.  
Skiley & Thorn  
Sitton, Mrs. M.

Saloon & Grocery	L	4
Saloon	M	-
Physician & Drugs	M	-
General Store	M	-
General Store	M	-
General Store	-	-

### July 1885

Curry, J.  
Dorsey, H. C.  
Gunter, J. U.  
McCameron & Bowen  
Morris, S. J. & Co.  
Smith & Cannon  
Yarbrough & Pierce  
York, G. W.

Furn. & Undertaker	L	4
Drugs	L	4
General Merchandise	H	3
Blacksmiths	M	-
General Store	M	-
General Store	K	4
General Store	G	3 1/2
Drugs & Grocery	M	4

### July 1886

Cannon, W. P.  
Curry, J. P.  
Dorsey, H. C.  
Gunter, J. U.  
McCameron & Bowen  
Yarbrough, Geo.

General Store	H	3 1/2
Furn. & Undertaker	K	3 1/2
Drugs	K	3 1/2
General Merchandise	M	3
Blacksmiths	M	-
General Store	-	-

### July 1887

Alewine, J. M.  
Cannon, W. P.  
Curry, J. P.  
Gunter, J. U.  
McCameron & Bowen  
Smart, John  
Yarbrough, Geo.

Drugs	L	4
D. G.	H	3 1/2
Drugs	K	4
D.G.	H	3
Blacksmiths	M	4
Blacksmith	M	4
D. G.	-	-

### Jan. 1889

Cannon, W. P.  
Curry, J. P.  
Gunter, J. U.  
Oden, T. J. & Bro.  
Yarbrough, Geo.

D. G.	H	3
Drugs	K	3 1/2
D. G.	-	-
General Store	K	4
General Store	-	-

### July 1889

Cannon, W. P.  
Clay & Matthews  
Curry, J. P.  
Gunter, J. U.  
Ogburn & Oden

D. G.	H	3
General Store	K	3 1/2
Drugs	L	4
D. G.	K	4
-	-	-

### Jan. 1891

Crook, J. I. & Co.  
Gunter, J. U.  
Ogburn & Oden  
Smith & Davie  
Thedford, J. A.

Drugs	L	4
D. G.	H	3 1/2
General Store	-	-
General Store	M	4
Grocery	-	-

### July 1892

Dunaway & Bullard  
Jarvis, T. W.  
Morris & Copeland  
Ogburn & Oden  
Parker & Pierce  
Thedford & Parker

Grocery	M	4
Blacksmith	M	-
Drugs	K	3 1/2
General Store	-	3
Grocery	M	-
General Store	-	4

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# WELLS' NEW MAP OF THE CITY OF TYLER TEXAS 1888

This ornate title block shows the artistic and the scientific abilities of Eliab Horatio Wells at age 52 when he prepared "Wells' New Map of the City of Tyler, Texas" in 1888. Some eight years earlier, as City Engineer, Mr. Wells had completely resurveyed the entire original "town of Tyler" by re-establishing the Southwest Corner of that first 100 acre tract sold by E. A. Pollett on February 6, 1847. (For the full report by Mr. Wells to the Tyler

City Council, see Chronicles of Smith County, Texas, Vol. 12, Issue 2, Winter 1973.) Dr. Wells was paid \$56.00 for the full survey which had divulged many errors, variations in bearings and overages/underages in length. The Wells' map included not only blocks and lots, but added many details on public buildings, schools and store buildings. Copies of this 1888 map are available from the Society.

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### Jan. 1894

Covington, Wm.  
Davidson & Harpole  
(See also M. N. Davidson, Tyler)  
Dunaway, Bullard & Co.  
Human, G. G.  
Jarvis, T. W.  
Morris & Copeland  
Ogburn & Oden  
Parker & Tucker  
Thedford, J. A.  
York, S. C. (Mrs. W. F.)

Ret. Saddlery & Harness	M	-
General Store	G	3 1/2
Grocery	K	3 1/2
Harness &c.	M	-
Blacksmith	M	-
Drugs	K	3 1/2
General Store	F	3
Grocery	K	4
General Store	L	4
Grocery	M	-

### Jan. 1895

Davidson & Harpole  
Dunaway & Evans  
Human, G. G.  
Jarvis, T. W.  
Maxwell & McGill  
Morris & Copeland  
Ogburn & Oden  
Rhodes, J. H.  
Thedford, J. A.

General Store	G	3 1/2
General Store	K	4
Harness &c.	M	-
Blacksmith	M	-
Grocery	M	-
Drugs	K	3 1/2
General Store	F	3
General Store	H	3 1/2
General Store	H	3 1/2

### Jan. 1897

Agburn, J. W.  
Dunaway, Mrs. J. M.  
Dunaway & Evans  
Goldthwaite, S.  
Hammon, I. Z.  
Jarvis, T. W.  
Latham & Odum  
Lindale Knitting Mills  
Maxwell, E. W.  
Morris, J. T.  
Oden, T. J.  
Ogburn, J. W.  
Rhodes, J. H.  
Thedford, J. A. & Co.

General Store	G	3
Millinery	M	-
General Store	L	4
General Store	L	4
Grocery	M	-
Blacksmith	M	-
Drugs	M	-
-	G	3
Grocery	M	-
Drugs	-	4
General Store	K	4
General Store	G	3
General Store	H	3 1/2
General Store	G	3 1/2