



This reconstruction is based on the legal description contained in the Minutes of 14th District Court annulment decree of the 21st of February 1891. Boundary is overlaid on a fragment of the Sam Street map of 1900. Points on the eastern boundary are approximate. Reconstructed by Jim Barnes during October of 2002.

The First Incorporation of the City of Oak Cliff, Texas: 1890

"...confusion and disagreement over what Oak Cliff's boundaries are and should be were rampant even at this earliest of dates. On Feb. 21, 1891, the City of Oak Cliff [ordained by the County Commission on October 6th, 1890 following a 392 to 37 vote balloting on September 27th] was dissolved by the local courts. Mrs. S.E. Pollard, a farm owner, sued to void the incorporation claiming the boundaries took in too much uninhabited territory. A second election was held June 9, 1891 to shrink the City of Oak Cliff boundaries...to incorporate a 3.5 mile area instead of a 10 mile area. Only 19 people voted against Oak Cliff becoming a city."

Bill Minutaglio & Holly Williams, *The Hidden City: Oak Cliff Texas*
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Superimposed over a 2000 Mapsco Street Map

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