History of Kyle

The City of Kyle was founded in 1880 by nearby settlers from the communities of Blanco and Mountain City.

Fergus Kyle, for whom the town was named, and the family of David Moore donated 200 acres of land for a town site when the International and Great Northern Railroad built a line from Austin to San Antonio. Lots were first sold in October 1880 at an auction held beneath a Live Oak tree at 204 Sledge Street. And thus the rich history and tradition of Kyle began.

Kyle is now a booming community and home to thousands of citizens. Straddling I-35, eight miles north of San Marcos and 20 miles south of Austin, Kyle is the second largest city in Hays County. Approximately 60 miles north of San Antonio, 200 miles west of Houston and 250 miles south of Dallas, the community of Kyle enjoys a south central location convenient to most major population centers in Texas. With a strategic location close to major highways, airports and rail, Kyle is a great community to live and conduct business.

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For more history on the City of Kyle, please refer to The Prairie City, A History of Kyle, Texas 1880-1980, published 1981, written by Ann Miller Strom or Clear Spring and Limestone Ledges, published in 1986. Authors include Louise Simon, Dorothy Wimberley Kerbow, Gene Johnson, Dorothy Woods Schwartz, Maxine Storm and Frances Stovall.

Supporting Documents

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