

## HISTORY

The Cooke's Meadow neighborhood lies eight-and-a-half miles east of the Fort Worth Central Business District and includes two original surveys, the 1873 C.P. Madden Survey and the 1878 Enoch S. Johnson Survey. It is bordered on the north by I-30, on the east by Cooke's Lane, on the south by Meadowbrook Drive, and on the west by Morrison Dr.

Cooke's Meadow and Cooke's Lane derive their name from Jacob Cooke. Cooke owned and operated a campground and trading post in the area of Cooke's Meadow in the late 1870s for teams coming from Johnson's Station, which was the small community later renamed Arlington. The teamsters usually departed over the dirt lane to Birdville (now Haltom City) to the north before turning west to gather buffalo hides for later sale in Dallas. This road became known as Cooke's Lane.

Around 1841, Comanche Indians in the area had been trying to protect their lands from settlers by generally disturbing the peace. Subsequently soldiers were sent to protect the settlers. General

Ed. Tarrant and his troops, including Col. Wm. Cooke, embarked on an expedition to find the Indians. They followed a lone squaw, who had been washing clothes in Village Creek, to her camp and routed the Indians. In this battle, only one casualty occurred, an old Indian man who refused to run or surrender was killed. He was buried where he fell in an unmarked grave.

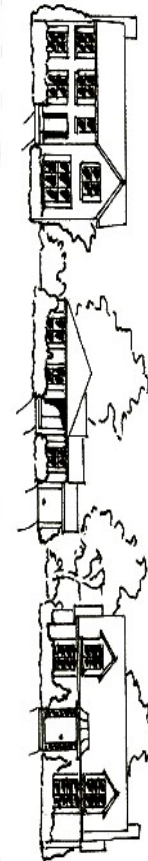
This was before Major Ripley Arnold established the fort he named Fort Worth in 1849 and before Texas joined the Union in 1845. When Texas became a state in 1845, Cooke and Tarrant were honored as peacekeepers by having counties named after them.

An early landowner in Cooke's Meadow was Mrs. George T. Clower, who purchased land in 1931. In 1953, Louise Gause Ware permitted the Magnolia Gas Company to lay underground pipelines under her land. She granted further easements in 1974 when Cooke's Meadow Development Company purchased the land for development.

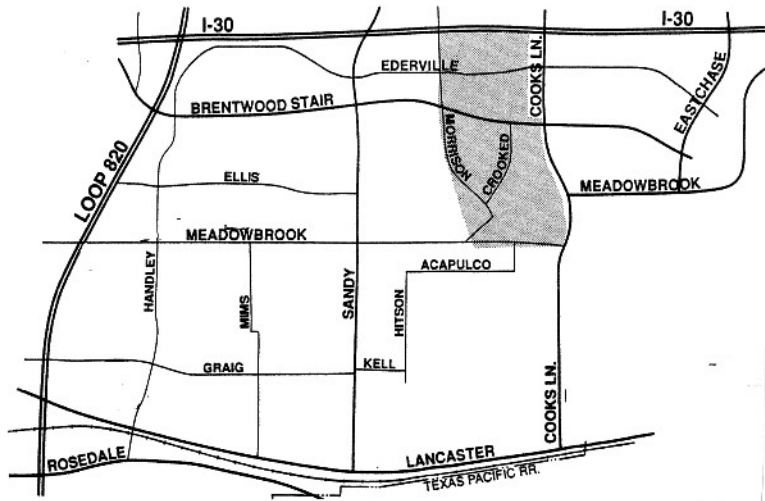
## NEIGHBORHOOD DESCRIPTION

Cooke's Meadow is a neighborhood full of large, mature trees towering mainly over traditional ranch-style brick homes with low-pitched roofs. There are a few two-story Tudor and contemporary homes, as well as a few duplexes. No apartments or commercial shopping strips exist in the area.

To ensure a quality development, restrictions were filed which forbade the following items: no animals but pets, no unreasonable amount of noise, no mobile homes or campers and no noxious fumes. Other restrictions that were not so usual were the forbidding of clothes lines, dog houses visible from neighboring property, servants quarters not more than 1,200 square feet in size and garages which hold no more than four cars and open to the rear. In addition, all fences were to be wood or masonry.



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## **SCHOOLS**

Elementary: Atwood McDonald  
1850 Barron Lane, 817/496-7445

Middle School: Handley Middle  
School, 2801 Patino Rd.,  
817/496-7450

High School: Eastern Hills High  
School, 5701 Shelton St.,  
817/496-7600

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

Nearest Fire Station: 7601 John T.  
White, 817-871-6800,  
emergency 911

Nearest Medical Hospital:  
John Peter Smith, 1500 S. Main  
St., 817-927-1110

Nearest Post Office: Riverbend,  
2414 Gravel Dr., 800-275-8777

Nearest Library: Meadowbrook  
Branch, 5651 E. Lancaster,  
817-451-0916

Nearest Grocery Shopping:  
Kroger, 1050 Bridgewood

Albertson's, 850 E. Loop 820

Nearest Mall: North East Mall

Nearest Park: Sandy Lane Park

City Council District Number: 4

School District Number: 2

Voting Precinct Number: 2126

## **FORT WORTH FACTS**

History: Fort Worth was established as a frontier army post in 1849 and named for Gen. Wm. Jenkins Worth. The outpost became a stopping place on the Old Chisholm Trail and a shipping point for great herds of cattle being sent to northern markets.

Population: 700,000

Land Area: 293 square miles

Altitude: 670 feet above sea level

Weather: Normal sunshine

averages 250 days a year

Average mean temperature: 65.5 F

Annual avg. precipitation 29.46 in.

Medical Facilities: 46 hospitals

Education: 66 elementary schools,  
19 middle schools, 12 high  
schools, 13 special education  
schools, 11 major private and  
parochial schools, 9 college and  
university campuses.

Libraries: 1 main library with 1  
regional library and 9 branches

Museums: 11

Parks : 9,026 + acres

Churches and Synagogues: more  
than 910 with 45 denominations

Communications: 1 daily  
newspaper, 2 weekly papers, 10  
TV stations plus cable.