

## HISTORY

Monticello is located two miles west of the Fort Worth Central Business District and was included in the 1854 Joseph W. Conner Survey. It is bounded on the north by White Settlement Road, on the east by Bailey Ave., the south by 4th Street and the west by Westview. It was called "the subdivision with a personality" when development began in 1928.

Wm. J. Bailey owned the land in 1901. He formed the Monticello Land Co. in 1928 and was assisted by V. P. Guthrie, the developer of the Park Hill neighborhood on the southwest side of Fort Worth. Guthrie served as secretary and treasurer of the Monticello Land Company, and Howard W. Peak was director of sales. Bailey first opened up 125 acres for development with five to six hundred home sites, several parks and smaller "breathing spots." The Elk's Club Lodge on White Settlement Road was formerly the Wm. J. Bailey mansion. The Lodge Now has been demolished.

The neighborhood included 160 acres, and homesites were required to be 50 to 150 feet wide, more than 100 feet deep and constructed

of brick, stone, stucco or a combination of any of the three. Hare & Hare, a Kansas City landscape firm, drew plans for the area with the assistance of Fort Worth appraiser Brooks Baker.

One of the first home owners in Monticello was Mrs. Ola Rizer who bought a total of four lots for \$3,750.

The Wm. E. Harmon Foundation donated \$2,000 for playground equipment which was placed on the land the Monticello Land Co. had designated and donated as a city park. The park is now named Harmon Park.

During World War I, Camp Bowie was the training area for the 36th Division of the Texas-Oklahoma National Guards. Most of the camp was in the present day Arlington Heights area, but the infantry division was in what is now Monticello.

The northern boundary of Monticello is White Settlement Road, which began as the east-west stage road between Fort Worth and Yuma, Arizona in the 1850s. The

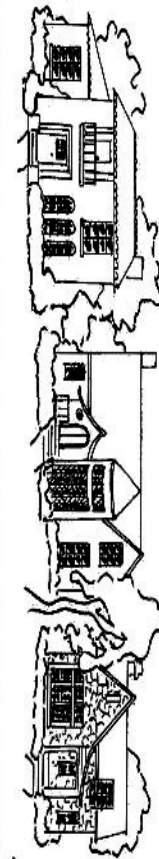
Butterfield Stage departed every day from the front door of the El Paso Hotel in downtown Fort Worth to proceed the 1,560 miles to Yuma.

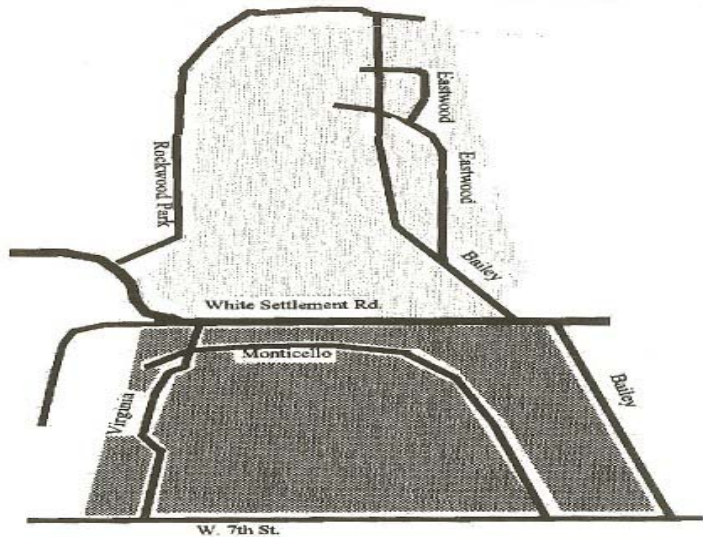
## NEIGHBORHOOD DESCRIPTION

Gently curving streets lined with tall trees wind through Monticello. The tornado that came through Fort Worth in 2000 demolished many of the trees, and developers are clearing some lots to build new homes in the area. Large two-story homes dominate some streets, with smaller one story homes on other streets. Styles include Spanish Colonial Revival, Mediterranean-Classical Revival, Tudor Revival and Period Revival, to mention a few. The entrance to Monticello is on West Seventh Street.



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## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

A very active Monticello Neighborhood Association sponsors Easter Egg Hunts, July 4th Parades, Christmas Caroling, Halloween Parties, beautification of the gates on West 7th St., Crime Watch participation, a quarterly newsletter and tree planting.

## SCHOOLS

### Elementary

North Hi Mount, 3801 W. 7th St., 817/815-1500

### Middle

W. C. Stripling, 2100 Clover Lane, 817/815-1300

### High School

Arlington Heights, 4501 W. Rosedale, 817/377-7200

## OTHER INFORMATION

Nearest Fire Station: 205

University Drive, 817/871-6800, emergencies 911

Nearest Post Office: 3301 Darcy, 817/336-7732

Nearest Grocery Shopping: W. 7th St., Camp Bowie Blvd.

Nearest Mall: Ridgmar Mall

Nearest Park: Harmon Park, Rockwood Park

City Council District Number: 7

School District Number: 7

Voting Precinct Number: 4116

## 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.