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## The White Point Gassers, San Patricio County, Texas

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### EXTENDED ABSTRACT

White Point peninsula is located in San Patricio County, approximately seven miles northwest of Corpus Christi, Texas (Fig. 1). Gas seeps on the west side of the peninsula and grains of sulphur within the sediments of some local outcrops, suggested the presence of an underlying salt dome. After the discovery of Spindletop in 1901, many explorers searched the Gulf Coast for similar surface indications of oil and gas.

Conflicting sources state that the first well drilled at White Point was in 1902, 1904, 1905, 1906, or 1907. Most of the sources do agree that this first well was drilled by a local artesian well driller, Randolph Robertson. The earliest year claimed for the Robertson well is 1902 (Walraven and Walraven, 2005; Pinter, 2008). Martyn (1930) and Warner (1939) placed the Robertson well in 1904 and Price (1931) as “about 1907.” The *Petroleum Gazette* (March, 1915) gives credit to “the Guffey company” in 1906.

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