





## **Tulsa's Early History**

1836 Settled by the Muscogee Creek Nation *Tallasi*, meaning "old town" in Creek

1882 St. Louis-San Francisco Railroad western terminus

1885 First Presbyterian Church established

1898 Tulsa Incorporated

1901 Sue Bland No. 1 discovered the Red Fork Oil Field

1905 Glenn Pool Oil Reserve discovered, triggered local oil boom



## NOTABLE TULSA BUSINESS LEADERS

- Frank Abagnale(born 1948), fraud expert, former con man, subject of "Catch Me If You Can"
- Cyrus Avery (1870–1963), businessman and "father of Route 66"
- Bill Bartmann (c. 1949–2016), businessman, named as "One of the Top 100 Entrepreneurs of the Last 100 Years"
- W. Tate Brady (1870–1925), businessman, owner of the Brady Hotel
- James A. Chapman (1881–1966), oilman and philanthropist
- Robert Galbreath Jr (1863–1955), oilman who moved to Tulsa after he drilled the first oil well in Glenn Pool Field
- J Paul Getty (1892–1976), oilman founder of Getty Oil Co., made his first million in Tulsa between 1914 and 1916
- Thomas Gilcrease (1890–1962, oilman, founder of Gilcrease Museum)
- J. M. Hall (1851–1935), pioneer merchant in Tulsa, organized First Presbyterian Church in 1885
- George Kaiser (born 1942), founder of Kaiser-Francis Oil Co., Chairman of BOK Financial Corp.
- Henry Kravis (born 1944), [7] co-founder of Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co.
- James H McBirney (1870–1944), co-founder and president National Bank of Commerce in Tulsa
- Sam P. McBirney (1877–1936), football coach and co-founder National Bank of Commerce in Tulsa
- Robert M. McFarlin (1866–1942), oilman and philanthropist
- Waite Phillips (1883–1964), oilman and philanthropist
- Harry Ford Sinclair (1876–1956), founder of Sinclair Oil, co-founder of Exchange National Bank
- William G. Skelly (1877–1957), founder of Skelly Oil Company, Spartan School of Aeronautics, philanthropist
- William K. Warren Sr (1897–1990), founder of Warren Petroleum Corporation; philanthropist
- John Smith Zink (1928–2005), engineer, owner of John Zink Industries, automobile racer



#### INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXPOSITION

- Held 1923 1979
- Over 300,000 Visitors in 1950's and 1960's

# Tulsa's Golden Driller, built in 1953 for Tulsa's Golden Driller grounds.

- Stands in front of Int'l Petroleum Exposition (IPE) Bldg.
- 75-foot tall
- 43,500 pounds
- Built in 1966
- Sixth-tallest Statue in the US

## Philbrook Museum of Art

- Top 50 fine art museums in the US
- One of only five to offer a combination of:
  - a historic home,
  - · formal gardens,
  - and an art collection
  - Pablo Picasso
  - Andrew Wyeth
  - Giovanni Bellini
  - Domenico di Pace Beffacumi
  - Willem de Kooning
  - William Merritt Chase
  - Auguste Rodin
  - Georgia O'Keeffe





### Gilcrease Museum

Holds the world's largest, most comprehensive collection of art and artifacts of the American West.

The museum includes numerous works by:

- Frederic Remington
- Thomas Moran
- Albert Bierstadt
- John James Audubon
- and many others

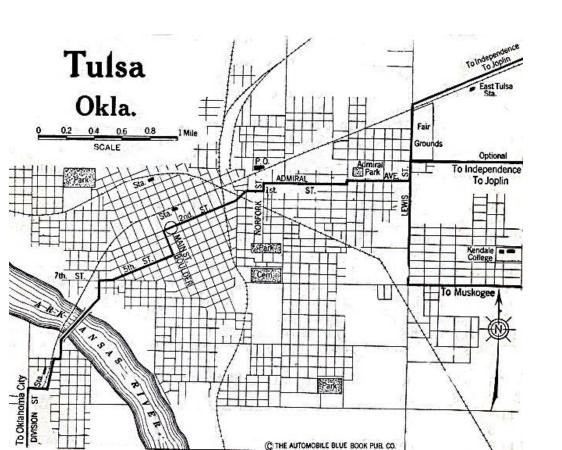


## Tulsa Flag adopted in 2018

In 2023, it became one of two city flags to receive an A+ rating from the North American Vexillological Association

# Getting lost in Tulsa is difficult

Streets run east-west (Admiral is the dividing line between North and South Avenues run north-south (Main is the dividing line between East and West



Streets south of Admiral ending in 1<sup>st</sup> are Section Lines Streets south of Admiral ending in 6<sup>th</sup> are Half-Section Lines

Avenues west of Main are named alphabetically for cities west of the Mississippi River

- Boulder
- Cheyenne
- Denver

Avenues east of Main are named alphabetically for cities east of the Mississippi River

- Boston
- Cincinnati
- Detroit
- Elgin
- Frankfort





# **The BOK Tower**

Designed by Minoru Yamasaki & Associates



# **The Mid-Continent Tower**









## **Tulsa's Ports**

- Port of Catoosa
- Port of Inola

Northern terminus of McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System

Connects barge traffic from Tulsa to the Mississippi River via the Verdigris River and the Arkansas River

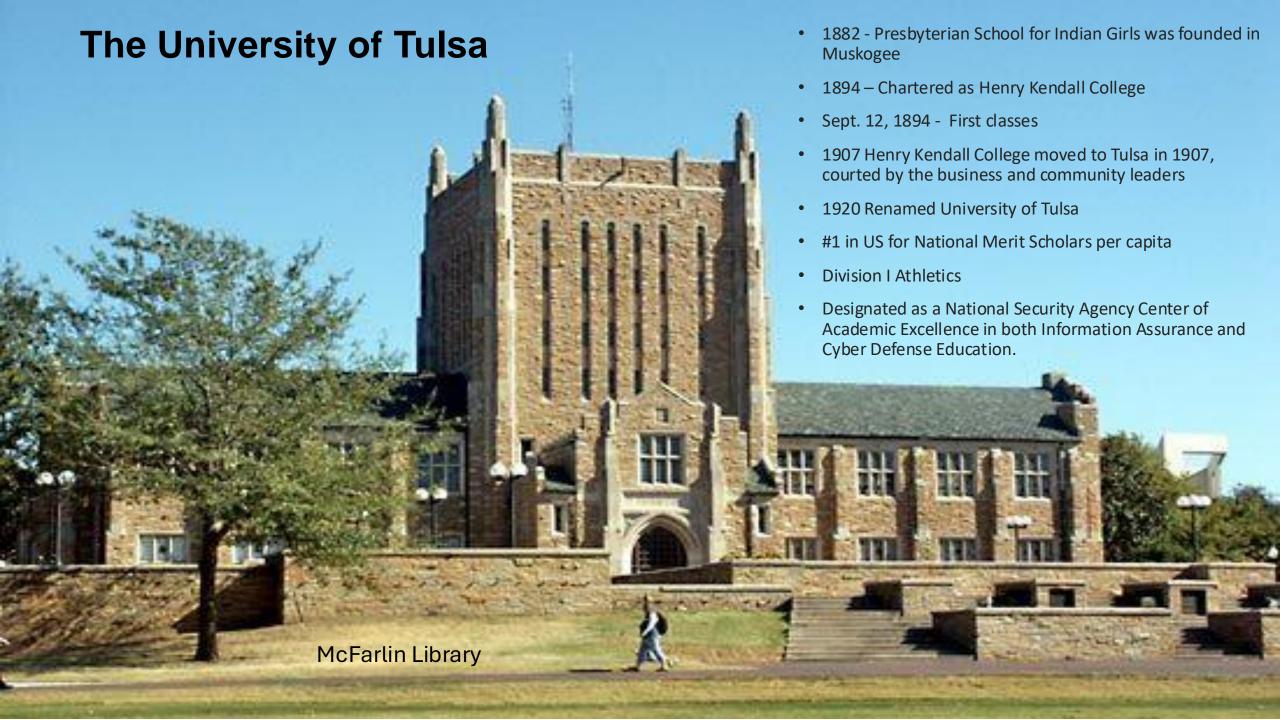


## **Tulsa's Convention Center**

- The 19,199-seat BOK Center is the centerpiece of the Vision 2025 projects and was completed in August 2008; the BOK Center was in the top ten among indoor arenas worldwide in ticket sales for the first quarter of 2009
- Designed by Cesar Pelli, the architect of the Petronas Towers in Malaysia



- 1984 A stalled weather front dropped 15" of rain overnight
- 14 Deaths, 288 Injured, 7,000 buildings destroyed, \$180 M damage
- In 1990's and 2000, FEMA honored Tulsa as leading the nation in flood plan management



# Chapman Adventure Playground Gather Round Stage Ramble Semony Garden Charlle's Water Mountain Helmerich Sky Garden ONEOK Boathouse PSO Reading Tiee Williams Lodge Riverside Swings Reverside Swings Reverside Swings Restaurants QuikTrip Great Lawn Restrooms Stephenson Family Wetland Gardens Stephenson Family Wetland Gardens CTCA Willow Boach CTCA Willow Boach CTCA Willow Boach

# **The Gathering Place**

**USA Today's Best City Park 2024** 













- In 1925, Cyrus Avery established the US Highway 66 Association in Tulsa
- A Tulsa businessman, his dream was to build a highway from Chicago to LA
- Cyrus Avery became widely regarded as "Father of Route 66"
- Tulsa earned the nickname as "Birthplace of Route 66".

