

Liberty, TX

Welcome to Liberty, TX, home of the Haunted Ott Hotel. Liberty's rich history, beautiful landscape, and good ol' southern charm attract tourists from all areas of the nation.

Liberty, the third oldest city in the state of Texas, was established along the Trinity River in 1831 by Anglo settlers. In 1836 when Texas became an independent republic, Liberty's importance as a shipping port increased. In 1858, the railroads recognized its strategic location and established Liberty as a supply and shipment depot for cotton and oil equipment. At this time, railroads were seen as affluent modes of transportation, and Liberty gained status as a high-society town in early Texas.

Adding to its cultural status were early investments in education. In 1838, with a population of just 200, Liberty founded its first school, paving the way for later additions such as the Liberty Female Seminary, and the Male and Female School. By the late 1880s, Liberty boasted four churches, three schools, and a hotel.

Industrialization gave Liberty a boost in the early 1900's, with the construction of cigar factories, grist mills, and cotton gins. Because of its increased urbanization and opportunities, Liberty's population grew to 3,087 people in 1940.

The Ott Hotel, now famous for hauntings, was built in 1928 to accommodate traveling salesmen. Believe it or not, many people like to explore haunted buildings, and the Ott Hotel continues to attract tourists from across the country to stay in the dazzling 1920's style rooms. So visit Liberty when you have a chance, and experience a piece of Texas in a unique way.

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