
Estelle Community Life



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At the turn of the century, many small farming communities gathered enough local young men to form baseball teams. The teams from area communities would then play each other. In the photo on the left, members of the Estelle community gather for a photo before a game, c. 1908. In the photo on the right, the Estelle nine pose with their bats and gloves.



Estelle was located on what was known as the Grapevine Prairie. Here a young couple pauses by the side of road to have their photo taken. The prairie stretches out behind them. During its peak, the Estelle community boasted a cotton gin, a blacksmith shop, a school, and a store. By the 1940s, little but the store remained of what had been the community center.



The Estelle store supplied the community with basic needs. The store was located on the eastern side of what today is DFW Airport property.