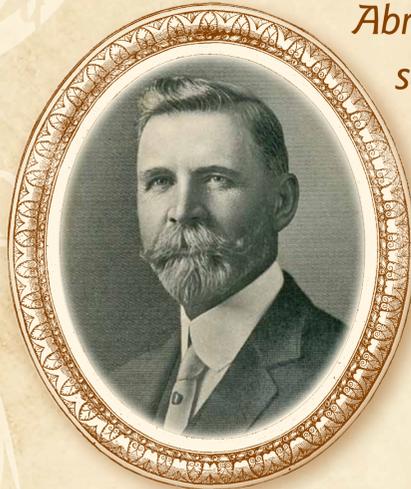


# Abram Lincoln Hobson

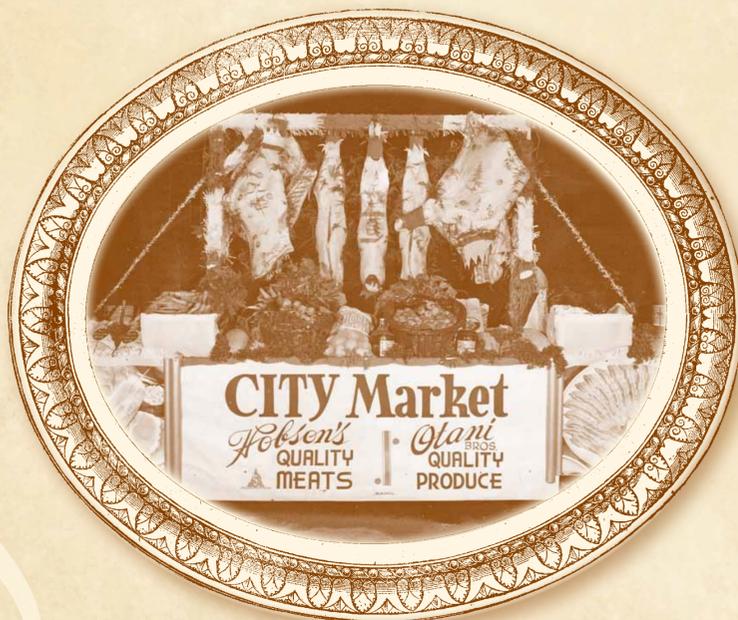


A.L. Hobson, age 55, c.1906  
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Abram Lincoln Hobson, the second son of William Dewey Hobson, was born in 1861 at the beginning of the Civil War. At the age of 16, he joined his father in his meat packing business. In 1885, Abram brought his younger brother,

William Arthur Hobson, into the enterprise and legally formed Hobson Brothers Packing Company on December 28, 1905.



Hobson Brothers City Market Exhibit  
Ventura County Fair, c.1924

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## Southern California's Meatpackers

The marketing identity for the Hobson Brothers Packing Company was the Flying H. The brothers became well known throughout California as live stock dealers and packers.

Eventually, Abram would construct company headquarters next door to his father's original packinghouse. Today, this building is the headquarters for Patagonia.



Hobson Brothers Meatpacking Plant c.1923  
Corner of Santa Clara & Olive Streets

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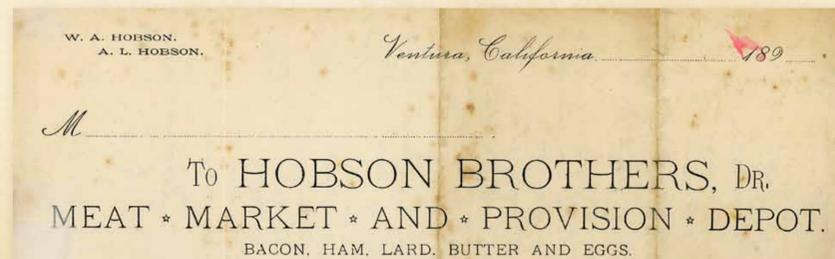
## Black Gold

Abe and Will began some of the first oil explorations in the Rincon area in 1895. It took 35 years to materialize, but their vision would earn Abe the title of 'Father of the Oil Fields'. The brothers would greatly expand the family business interests to include street paving, the development of the Pierpont Bay area, and vast real estate holdings from King City to Del Mar – activities Abe would continue after the passing of William Arthur in 1913.



William A. Hobson & Abe Hobson c.1910

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Hobson Brothers Invoice, c.1890s

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