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## **TEXAS WELCOMES NEWEST TOWN TO THIS AREA: POETRY, TEXAS**

### ***After 175 Years, Poetry is Incorporated!***

**Poetry, Texas (November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020)** — After 175 years the small rural community of Poetry overwhelmingly voted to be an official town. At a nearly three to one margin, 74% of the vote fell in favor of incorporating the Town of Poetry.

Located approximately 6 miles northeast of Terrell, Poetry lies within two Texas counties—Hunt County and Kaufman County. Started in 1845, Elijah Turner founded one of the first rural communities in the area, naming it Turner’s Point; in 1876, the community was renamed Poetry after a local merchant said in the springtime, that the area reminded him of a poem.

Poetry originally sought to incorporate in 1984, with residents voting in favor of incorporation at that time; ultimately, the results were invalidated and thrown out by the Kaufman County Commissioners Court on technicalities. Expanding growth in surrounding cities and the threat of Poetry lands potentially being poached through annexations caused residents to act; this was more than likely their last opportunity to finish Elijah Turner’s work and fully establish his small agricultural community as a town.

“Our many thanks to all that worked tirelessly to incorporate Poetry. We are all blessed to live in the finest country in the world. We live in a country that allows likeminded community members to pull together and establish a beautiful small agriculture town like Poetry. It is now up to the fine citizens of Poetry to carve our own destiny.” Tara Senkevech