

# About TEXAS

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### First National Bank of Ganado Where Are the Notes Now?

**G**ANADO IS SPANISH FOR CATTLE, AND the town of Ganado is in the heart of Texas ranchland country about 80 miles southwest of Houston on Highway 59 in Jackson County. Until the pictured postcard surfaced, I had never heard of the town of Ganado. A collector from Houston told me that the second "a" in Ganado is pronounced long. The First National Bank of Ganado was chartered on September 8, 1911, (charter #10076) and was liquidated on April 12, 1918. The bank issued only \$10 and \$20 Third Charter Date Back and Plain Back notes.

However, the bank is unreported in Kelly. Also, this bank was not represented in the massive Philpott Texas National Bank Note collection, nor was it represented in the Everson, Irish, Ivy, nor Barton Texas National Bank Note collections that have been auctioned off since 1997.



With the help of the calendar along the right hand edge, this photo can be accurately dated. The calendar reads, "May 16, Thursday". Therefore, this photo was taken on May 16, 1912, during the bank's first year of operation.

The man pictured standing in the teller's cage is probably J.D. Stallworth the cashier because on the correspondence/name and address side of the post card there is written across both sections, "J.D. Stallworth, Cashier, First National Bank, Ganabo, (sic) Tex." The spelling of Ganado here as "Ganabo" is a real puzzlement. Maybe Mr. Stallworth just misspelled the town's name. Maybe he just recently moved to town and forgot the correct spelling, or? The answer may never be known.

J.D. Stallworth must have used the post card as a calling card so that the citizens of Ganado could see with whom they were or would be entrusting their money. Using it as a calling card would also explain the lack of postage on the post card. A breakthrough marketing idea for the times, I could just see Mr. Stallworth handing out his "card" to the citizenry of this small community.

The post card also shows the typical layout of a small town's bank teller cage area. Wouldn't you just love to see the notes that were on hand at this bank in May of 1912?

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