

Throckmorton Street

A Brief History

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Located in East McKinney, Throckmorton Street runs from Greenville Road to US 380. The street has carried that name since at least 1886. While it may have been named after the former governor, it's equally likely that, like Throckmorton County, it was named after his father. William Throckmorton (1795-1843) was an early Anglo settler of Collin County. Many old McKinney streets with family surnames were named after founding settler families. Several other Texas cities have streets named after James and/or William Throckmorton, including Fort Worth, Dallas and Sherman.

Throckmorton street runs through the center of Lewisville, McKinney's largest historically Black neighborhood. Doty High School, Collin County's only Black high school in the days of segregation, has been on Throckmorton Street since the 1870s. The First Baptist Church, one of the oldest Black churches in McKinney, has been on Throckmorton Street since 1882. (The modern address is on Drexel St, but it was addressed off Throckmorton in the 1924 phone book). Another historic Black church, the Throckmorton Street Church of Christ, has been located across the street from Doty High School for at least a century.