

## **Jamestown – The City that Wasn't**

In 1965, the incorporated town of Coppell was barely a decade old. A lot had happened in those 10 years. A volunteer fire department and the Coppell School District had been created. A faction of citizens angry about town expansion had forced a vote to de-incorporate in 1964, though the measure failed.

Arguments continued which revolved primarily around proposed bonds and the expansion of city services. In 1965 and 1966 the town de-annexed two portions of land north of Sandy Lake Road. Residents of the de-annexed area attempted to form their own city under the name of Jamestown. The effort was blocked by the City of Coppell.

Residents in the Jamestown area claimed that the de-annexation had occurred to affect the outcome of an upcoming vote, while the City maintained that the residents had previously requested the action. The issue was brought to court and in 1968 the de-annexation was eventually ruled null and void, reuniting the briefly-lived Jamestown colony with Coppell proper.

Fortunately, this was the last time that issues of growth and development would cause de-annexation controversy in the town.

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