

First Jail In Midland County



Coleman Jail - built in 1898 by stone mason, Levi Yager (Photo courtesy of Midland Historical Society, Gary Skory)

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For many years, Midland County had no county jail. Prisoners were housed in the Bay County jail. In 1898, Coleman decided that transporting and paying for the keep of law-breakers while awaiting trial was too expensive, so Levi Yager, a stone mason, was hired to erect a small stone jail just north of the town hall at the corner of Washington and Sixth Streets. All local law violators awaited trial there. In 1948, the jail was torn down and the jail site became a playground.