



# Roger Mills

Bordering the Texas panhandle, Roger Mills County was opened to settlement in the land run into the Cheyenne and Arapaho reservations on April 19, 1892. It was designated County “F” and Cheyenne was the county seat. In November 1892, an election changed the name to honor Roger Q. Mills of Texas, a former United States senator.

The Antelope Hills once marked the international line between the U.S. and Mexico, and Coronado made mention of them as a campsite in 1541. The California Road to the gold mines of the West crossed the area in 1849, commemorated by a marker north of Roll. West of Cheyenne is the marker commemorating the Battle of the Washita where General George Armstrong Custer raided a Cheyenne Indian village on November 27, 1868.

Roger Mills County lies atop the rich Anadarko Basin and has many oil and gas wells. It enjoyed a boom period in the late 1970s and early 1980s, but agriculture is the mainstay and most of the large ranches are still owned and operated by the same families that first settled them. The construction of the first series of upstream dams in the late 1940s at Sandstone followed the ruinous dust storms of the 1930s. These pioneering efforts helped develop land and water conservation projects throughout the U.S.

For more information, call the county clerk’s office at 580/497-3395.

## Districts

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Cong. ....              | 3  |
| St. Sen. ....           | 38 |
| St. Rep. ....           | 60 |
| D.A. ....               | 2  |
| Ct. of Appeals.....     | 6  |
| Ct. of Crim. Appeals... | 5  |
| Supreme Ct. Jud.....    | 4  |
| N.W. Jud. Adm. ....     | 2  |

## County Officials

|                  |                      |          |
|------------------|----------------------|----------|
| Court Clerk      | Geneece Cook (D)     | Cheyenne |
| Clerk            | Jimmy Beavin (D)     | Cheyenne |
| Sheriff          | Joe Hay (D)          | Cheyenne |
| Treasurer        | John L. Smith (D)    | Cheyenne |
| Assessor         | Glenda S. Kirk (D)   | Cheyenne |
| Elect. Brd. Sec. | Donna L. Eakins (D)  | Cheyenne |
| Dist. 1 Comm.    | Mark E. Boswell (D)  | Cheyenne |
| Dist. 2 Comm.    | Jerry Dean (D)       | Hammon   |
| Dist. 3 Comm.    | Larry McGlothlin (D) | Durham   |

## Property Valuations

|                              | 2003-2004<br>Assessment | 2004-2005<br>Assessment | Increase<br>or Decrease |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Real Estate and Improvement  | \$15,380,950            | \$15,595,195            | \$214,245               |
| Personal Subject to Tax      | \$30,714,555            | \$32,646,740            | \$1,932,185             |
| Total Locally Assessed       | \$46,095,505            | \$48,241,935            | \$2,146,430             |
| Homestead Exemptions Allowed | \$936,440               | \$918,155               | (\$18,285)              |
| Net Assessed Locally         | \$45,159,065            | \$47,323,780            | \$2,164,715             |
| Public Service Assessment    | \$12,246,784            | \$11,886,466            | (\$360,318)             |
| Net Assessed Valuation       | \$57,405,849            | \$59,210,246            | \$1,804,397             |

**County Seat**—Cheyenne (Pop. 714) 2003 Estimate

**Area (Land & Water)**—1,146.46 square miles

**Per Capita Income** (2003)—\$24,599 (Ranks 20th of 77 counties)

**Population Stats** (2000)—Fem.-1,714, Male-1,722 • **Ethnicity**—  
Wh.-3,100; Bl.-10; Am. Ind.-179; As.-2; Other-0; Pacific Is.-0; Two  
or more races-54; Hisp.-91

**Births** (2003)—44 • **Deaths** (2003)—53

**Unemployment Rate** (2003)—2.0%

**Labor Force** (2003)—2,050

**Number of Establishments** (2002)—76

**Number of Manufacturers** (2002)—2

**Public Assistance Payments** (FY2004)—\$27,256  
TANF—\$2,172 • Supplements —Aged-\$6,140; Blind-\$0;  
Disabled-\$18,944

**Vehicle Registration** (2004)—Automobiles-2,472;  
Farm Trucks-1,302; Comm. Trucks, Tractors,  
Trailers-127; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers-146;  
Motorcycles-99; Manufactured Homes-12; Tax Exempt  
Licenses-11; Boats-237

**Crime Incidents** (2003)—Murder-0; Rape-0;  
Robbery-2; Fel. Assault-6; Breaking and Entering-15;  
Larceny-16; Motor Vehicle Theft-0; Arson-0 • Total  
Crime Index-39; Crime Rate per 1,000-12.12

**Farms** (2002)—677 • **Land in Farms** (2002)—738,683

**County Population**

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| 1907 (Okla. Terr.) | 13,239 |
| 1910               | 12,861 |
| 1920               | 10,638 |
| 1930               | 14,164 |
| 1940               | 10,736 |
| 1950               | 7,395  |
| 1960               | 5,090  |
| 1970               | 4,452  |
| 1980               | 4,799  |
| 1990               | 4,147  |
| 2000               | 3,436  |
| 2004 Estimate      | 3,259  |

**Major Stream Systems**—Washita  
and Canadian rivers and tributaries to  
the North Fork of the Red River

**Museums and Historic Sites**—  
Black Kettle Museum, Roll One-Room  
School Museum, Washita Battle Site,  
Cheyenne

**Minerals**—oil and gas

