INTRODUCTION

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INSTITUTIONAL SKETCH

The Standard Oil Company of Indiana was founded in 1889 by John D. Rockefeller as part of the Standard Oil Trust. With the rise of the automobile age during the early 1900s, the Standard Oil Company of Indiana began to specialize in refining gasoline for consumer use. By 1911, the company had produced nearly 88% of the gasoline and kerosene sold to consumers in the Midwest region. Later that year the Standard Oil Trust dissolved, leaving the Standard Oil Company of Indiana an independent entity, along with numerous other branches that once made up the trust. Today, the successor companies that once were a part of the Standard Oil Company now make up the core of the Untied State’s oil industry.

Once the Standard Oil Trust had dissolved, Indiana Standard, as it became known, held the marketing territory for most of the Midwestern region, including such states as: Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri.

The Standard Oil Company of Kansas City, Kansas operated primarily as an oil refinery. It was eventually bought out by Amoco Corporation in 1985 and merged with the British Petroleum Company in 1998.
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