

The Founding of Seabrook

In 1895, Houston real estate developer Seabrook Sydnor purchased 263.3 acres of land from Reverend Peter Nicholson at an average price of \$35 per acre. The following year, construction was completed on the Galveston, La Porte, Houston Railroad which connected North Galveston (San Leon) to La Porte, running along the bayshore through Seabrook. Sydnor, president of the Seabrook Townlot and Improvement Company, promoted his township as a resort community to wealthy Houstonians. The plat for the townsite of Seabrook was filed on June 12, 1896.

Ben Campbell purchased the Seabrook Township at public auction in 1901. He paid \$1,600, or about \$6 per acre. Two years later, on February 27, 1903, the Seabrook Land Company of Houston filed a revised layout of Seabrook. It was recorded on March 1, 1903.