

Brueggerhoff

In 1873, the Clucks bought land situated on the head waters of Brushy Creek. They launched real development of the community as they purchased more land and created new businesses. George sold water for use at the Bagdad Steam Mill, and also built a stage stand to hold fresh horses for the Austin to Lampasas stage line. Meanwhile, Hattie became postmistress of Running Brushy, as the area was then called, which got its name from a heavy-flowing spring on the Cluck homestead. Later the railroad came to Running Brushy, ending his stage stand but causing new businesses to spring up. In 1883, the name Running Brushy was changed to Brueggerhoff, the name of George Cluck's friend who was a railroad official.

In 1887, a store was built for or by Emmett Cluck, Hattie's son, on the east side of the railroad tracks.

The Clucks sold land to the railroad for buildings, with the provision they set aside a portion for a "park" area. They also furnished adjacent land and a building to be used as a church and school. The "park" was lavishly landscaped and maintained by the station master, and was referred to as one of "Austin's First Country Clubs." Austinites would ride special trains to Cedar Park to spend the day picnicking and strolling the lush grounds. During this time Emmett Cluck caused the name of the community to be changed to Cedar Park.

The introduction of barbed wire into Texas around 1891 prompted new commerce. George Cluck was the first in the area to take advantage of the new product by opening a cedar yard; he sold cedar posts locally and shipped them by rail to more distant points. Through the years, others opened cedar yards, and many large ranches had regular camps of cedar cutters. The cedar cutting industry was borne out of the effort to eradicate the cedar to improve the rangeland, and ranchers were paid by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service for the number they cut. A cedar mill was built on Cluck Creek to grind cedar stumps into floor sweep. In 1940, after five years, the mill burned and was never rebuilt.