In the year 1910 Harlingen became an incorporated community. In order to vote citizens had to pay a poll tax to the town coffers. This was a uniform fixed amount per individual. The word poll is an English word meaning "head". The expression "going to the polls" derives from voting involving "head counts" and has become an idiom for voting. Poll tax was also referred to as soul tax, head tax, and capitation tax. Although it was a source of income for a community, it was more often used in the United States as a method to disenfranchise certain elements of the citizenry.

The Harlingen Poll Tax List for 1910 is a valuable reference because it denotes the established citizens (only males) of the community at that time and becomes an historic document of who were here. The list has the following seventy individuals:

Abrego, Joe  Hollingsworth, W. E.  Villareal, J.
Alvarez, Francisco  Holm, Walter  Waite, Tom
Anglin, E. W.  Jones, Buster  Waterwall, P. S.
Baker, J. B.  Jones, W. H.  Weller, A. H.
Barry, H.  Kilgore, W. H.  Wellman, H. J.
Botts, Sam  Koons, Cecil  Wellman, W. H.
Bowyer, T. S.  Letzerich, A. M.  Wild, Dr. Mount C.
Brown, Frank  Letzerich, Hugo  Wood, C. W. Hage
Brown, W. F.  Lockhart, James
Bullard, J. E.  Lockhart, O. B.
Card, J. A.  Lozano, G. M.
Chambers, Fred  Lozano, S.
Chambers, R. S.  Masrie, J. E.
Clark, Perry  McCauley, W. D.
Clayton, A. W.  McFarland, Ike
Denison, N.  McGee, Dr.
Denison, W. W.  Miller, Jacob
Eaton, Seymour P., Jr.  Moncus, J. G.
Eaton, Seymour P., Sr.  Moore, S. C.
Ellis, J. D.  Morris, Osco
Elmore, A. W.  Morrow, H. E.
Ernest, A. D.  Morrow, H. N.
Ewing, James  Osborn, M. M.
Ewing, James H.  Perry, C. F.
Feather, E. J.  Ramirez, D.
Garcia, Pancho  Roach, N. F.
Harding, W. L.  Rodriguez, C. C.
Hill, John D.  Ryan, C. T.
Hill, Lon C.  Seago, H. D.
Hoffman, William  Spencer, L.