

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

DAWSON GEOPHYSICAL COMPANY

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

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(Title of Class of Securities)

239359102

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(CUSIP Number)

October 6, 1998

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

/ X / Rule 13d-1(b)  
/ / Rule 13d-1(c)  
/ / Rule 13d-1(d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of the section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).

Quaker Capital Management Corporation  
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2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group  
(a) -----

(b) X  
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3. SEC Use Only  
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4. Citizenship or Place of Organization Pennsylvania  
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|----------------|----|--------------------------|---------|
| Number of      | 5. | Sole Voting Power        | 0       |
| Shares         |    |                          | -----   |
| Beneficially   | 6. | Shared Voting Power      | 398,200 |
| Owned by       |    |                          | -----   |
| Each Reporting | 7. | Sole Dispositive Power   | 0       |
| Person With:   |    |                          | -----   |
|                | 8. | Shared Dispositive Power | 398,200 |
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9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

398,200  
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10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares

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The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of 398,200 shares owned by its clients.

11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

7.43%

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12. Type of Reporting Person

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Item 1.

(a) Name of Issuer

Dawson Geophysical Company  
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(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices

208 South Marienfeld Street, Midland, TX 79701  
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Item 2.

(a) Name of Persons Filing

Quaker Capital Management Corporation  
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(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence

401 Wood Street, Suite 1300, Pittsburgh, PA 15222  
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(c) Citizenship

Pennsylvania, USA  
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(d) Title of Class of Securities

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Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to ss.240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

- (a) / / Broker of dealer registered under section 15 of the Act;
- (b) / / Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act;
- (c) / / Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act;
- (d) / / Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940;
- (e) / X / An investment adviser in accordance with ss.240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) / / An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with ss.240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g) / / A parent holding company or control person in accordance with ss.240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) / / A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;
- (i) / / A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940;
- (j) / / Group, in accordance with ss.240.13d-1((b)(1)(ii)(J)

Item 4. Ownership.

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

|                                |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| (a) Amount beneficially owned: | 398,200 |
|                                | -----   |
| (b) Percent of class:          | 7.43%   |
|                                | -----   |

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(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote                 | 0       |
| (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote              | 398,200 |
| (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the vote            | 0       |
| (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of | 398,200 |

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof, the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following:

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

The shares with respect to which this report is filed are owned by a variety of investment advisory clients of the Reporting Person, which clients are entitled to receive dividends on and the proceeds from the sale of such shares. No client is known to own more than 5% of the class.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company

Not applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not applicable.

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Item 10. Certification

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

QUAKER CAPITAL MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

February 14, 1999

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Date

/s/ Mark G. Schoepner

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Signature

Mark G. Schoepner, President

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Name/Title