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Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter

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"Ranger Rock" Donation

The Museum acquired a rather unique donation from Mrs. Rita (Kelley) Wuehrmann of Arizona that the Collections Staff affectionately refers to as "Ranger Rock." This limestone rock has a truly incredible history and has traveled many miles over the years before coming to the Museum.



Ira and Lewis Kelley, c. 1920

In the early 1920s, two young boys were visiting their grandmother's ranch in Edwards County near the Nueces River. Ira Kelley, about age 10, and his younger brother Lewis, about age 8, discovered this rock in a cave while they were out exploring up in the mountains. The two determined boys decided that the rock was too interesting to leave in the cave and too heavy to carry, so they rolled it down the hill and kept it at their grandmother's house.

Inscribed in the limestone are the names of several Rangers, including N.L. Telotte, P.S. Coy and Gonzales, as well as "RockSprings, Tex, May 9, 1878" and "Co F Front Batt." Adjutant General Service Records reveal documentation for a Private N.L Telotte, as well as a Private Paulin S. Coy and someone by the last name Gonzales. Records also list Company F Frontier Battalion as being in Nueces country in 1878.

Please [click here](#) to learn more about this amazing item.

New "Ask the Ranger Museum" Video

“Ask the Ranger Museum” returns! The year 2020 and the COVID-19 pandemic brought many challenges to museums – and we were no exception. Many of our supporters have asked us how we are doing and what the future holds.



Please [click here](#) to watch the episode.

Enfield Model P 1853 Rifle-Musket By: Doug Duke

In the past few years, I have been working closely with the wonderful staff of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum both in researching as well as photographing artifacts for my recent book, *Firearms of the Texas Rangers, From the Frontier Era to the Modern Age*. Like many large museums, their collections are extensive, but not what I would call complete. There are a few gaps in their collections. This collection is not only important to the Texas Rangers but to the citizens of Texas themselves. After identifying a few of these gaps, and then I started thinking how best I could help fill them. I am no collector, but I did identify one area that I could help. The P1853 was the second most popular long arm used by both sides during the Civil War. It was collectively called the Enfield even though it was made by several companies in Great Britain, and was imported by both the North and the South during the Civil War. This specific Civil War Ear P1853 is well used and any manufacturing markings have been worn off. Texas Ranger James B. Gillett specifically mentioned this type of arm in his book *Six Years with the Texas Rangers*:

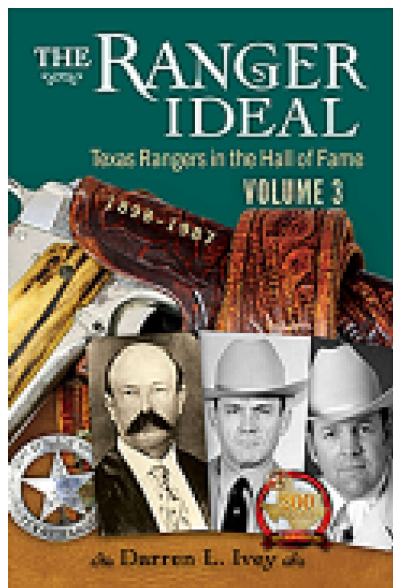
“Many Confederate soldiers returning home from the war brought with them old Enfield muskets. These were smooth-bore and chambered one large ball and three buckshot. These old guns, loaded with small shot, were fine for use on birds and squirrels, but they had one serious objections- they would kick like a mule. As the boys used to say, they would ‘get meat on both ends.’ A days shooting with one of these muskets would leave one’s shoulder and arm black and blue for a week.”



Surplus Civil War arms were important to the Rangers as well as to the citizens as this would have been the only weapon many men had after the war. These weapons were extremely important for protection as well as just eating and surviving.

Few museums have all the historical items that are required to tell the complete and true story they wish to relate. Some of the gaps I have found would be above the reach of all but a few of us, but working together it is possible to help fill in these gaps and help tell the complete story of the Texas Rangers, as well as Texas itself. Few museums have an acquisition budget of any substantial amount to help fill these gaps. It is up to those of us that care for history to work together to help.

Third Installment of *The Ranger Ideal*



The Ranger Ideal Volume 3: Texas Rangers in the Hall of Fame, 1898-1987 by Darren L. Ivey. Denton: University of North Texas Press, 2021. 864 pages.

The last volume of Darren L. Ivey's monumental 2,300 page study of Texas Rangers in the State Hall of Fame will hit the bookshelves on August 9th. In *The Ranger Ideal Volume 3*, Ivey presents capsule biographies of the twelve inductees who served Texas in the twentieth century.

Ivey describes the careers of the "Big Four" Ranger captains—Will L. Wright, the legendary Frank Hamer, Tom R. Hickman, and Manuel "Lone Wolf" Gonzauillas—as well as those of Charles E. Miller and Marvin "Red" Burton.

Ivey then moves into the mid-century and discusses Robert A. Crowder, John J. Klevenhagen, Clinton T. Peoples, and James E. Riddles. He concludes with Bobby Paul Doherty and Stanley K. Guffey, both of whom gave their lives in the line of duty. The three-volume set is a landmark achievement in Texas Ranger history on time for their 200th anniversary.

Three Best Rated Certificate of Excellence 2021



Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum Named one of Three Best Places to Visit in Waco!

ThreeBestRated, an international tourism ranking service based in Great Britain, ranked the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum as one of the top three attractions in Waco. We also convey our congratulations to the Cameron Park Zoo and Waco Mammoth Site National Monument who were the other two Best Places to Visit.

<https://threebestrated.com/places-to-see-in-waco-tx>

"Thank You for providing consistent high-quality service in your area of business. Our review team approved your listing using our rigorous 50-Point Inspection."

"Free admission for children under 6 and free parking. Their mission to collect preserve study and exhibit artefacts artwork and archives relating to the Texas Ranger service. Offers guided tours and programs designed to meet TEKS for all grade levels. Provides a classroom environment and they are also available for outreach programs. The museum is one of the perfect places to spend your day. This venue is for all age people."

We appreciate the many persons who have helped us survive the impact of COVID and I-35 construction and the staff members who make our educational, research, preservation and public service missions possible.

Website Translator Available

Hablas español? Est-ce que tu parles français? Sprichst du Deutsch?



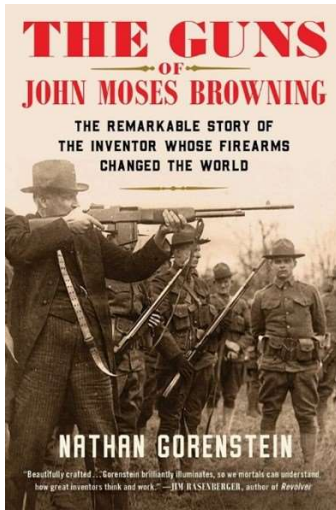
The screenshot shows the website texasranger.org/texas-ranger-museum/museum-collections/museum-treasures/. The page is titled "Tesoros del museo" and features a gallery of artifacts. A language translator menu is visible in the bottom left corner, with options for Spanish, English, French, and German. The gallery includes a list of items such as "Colección de billetes", "Jack Hays en Enchanted Rock", "Sam Houston", "Revólver Colt Walker", "Insignia de guardabosques de Texas, ca. 1880", "Máscara de llanero solitario de Clayton Moore", "Mayor George B. Erath - Frontiersman", "Guardabosques de Texas, Don Hunt", "Comisión de guardabosques firmada por Sam Houston", "Cuchillo Lacey-Bowie", and "Ranger Rock".

We are pleased to announce that our website www.TexasRanger.org can now be translated into Spanish, French and German. Just use the drop down menu on our navigation widgets to change languages.

The Guns of John Moses Browning

The Guns of John Moses Browning by Nathan Goresnstein. New York: Scribner, 2021. 323 pages.

Firearms designer John Browning made his first firearm at age 13 in his father's gun shop and was awarded the first of his 128 firearm patents on October 7, 1879, at the age of 24. He is regarded as one of the most successful firearms designers of the 19th and 20th centuries. He pioneered the development of modern repeating, semi-automatic and automatic firearms used by Texas Rangers such



as the Winchester Model 1887 rifle and Model 1897 shotgun, Colt Model 1911 pistol, and Browning Automatic Rifle or BAR.

Texas Ranger Classic

The Texas Ranger Classic is a series of annual fundraising events benefiting the Texas Ranger Association Foundation (TRAF) and the Texas Rangers. The sporting clay tournaments are open to all firearms enthusiasts looking to have a fun, competitive day of sporting clay excitement. The tournaments vary in format, specialty games, and sponsorship opportunities.



- August 20, 2021 - Company "F" | San Antonio, Texas
- September 24, 2021 - Company "B" | Dallas, Texas
- October 23, 2021 - Company "D" | Edinburg, Texas

Please [click here](#) to register and learn more about an event near you.

Four New Travel Mugs

Black and White Travel Mugs with clear lids and silver badge design. Short and Tall available. \$35.00 + Tax each



To shop more items available for purchase, please visit our [Gift Shop online](#) or in person 9am to 4:30pm daily. You never have to pay admission to shop. Sales from the Gift Shop benefit the preservation and education activities of the Museum. Please call (877) 750-8631 or email thestore@texasranger.org to order. We ship worldwide. Thank you!

Texas Ranger Bicentennial™ Partners Program

Be part of the Texas Ranger Bicentennial! The Texas Rangers will commemorate their landmark 200th anniversary in 2023. With a \$100 contribution, you will receive:

1. A limited-edition enameled bronze pin featuring the official Texas Ranger Bicentennial™ seal
2. A certificate signed by an active or distinguished retired Texas Ranger
3. Your name or family name on the online roster of Bicentennial Partners™
4. A one-time-use family admission ticket (admits 4) to the Museum.



\$90 of the contribution qualifies as a charitable contribution. The Texas Ranger

Hall of Fame is a 170(c) government-owned nonprofit.

Official Texas Rangers Bicentennial Pin

Please [click here](#) to learn more about the program.

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\$2.00 OFF**

Expires 8/31/2021

Save \$1.00 off regular adult admission for up to two adults. Coupon not valid on discounted senior or military admission. No cash value.

The museum is open 9am to 5pm with the last guest admitted at 4:30pm. The museum is located off I-35 and University Parks Drive in Waco, Texas. For more information, call (254) 750-8631 or visit www.texasranger.org.

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