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Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter

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Portrait of Colonel John Coffee “Jack” Hays, c. 1858

Come see this historic portrait of Colonel John Coffee “Jack” Hays on exhibit from Dr. Anthony Sapienza. This historic photograph of Colonel Hays was the personal copy of famed photographer Mathew Brady.

Brady operated photo studios in New York City and Washington DC. He is known for his photographs of Abraham Lincoln and the American Civil War. Brady took the photograph at his studio circa 1858, just about the time Jack Hays was entering private life. Written in pencil on the back of the photograph, in Brady’s hand: *Colonel Jack Hayes. Now lives in California. Mexican War Vet.*



Portrait of Colonel John Coffee "Jack" Hays, c. 1858
Full-Plate Salt Print
Courtesy of Anthony S. Sapienza, D.M.D./Cat# L2021.014.014

In his lifetime "Jack" Hays achieved a reputation rivaling Davy Crockett or Daniel Boone. Between 1837 and 1848 Hays helped to establish law and order on the frontier as a Texas Ranger rising to the rank of Captain. A surveyor by trade, he charted about half of modern Texas, his name referenced on many land deeds to this day.

In 1850 Hays led a party of Texans to California for the Gold Rush. Rather than digging gold himself, he ran for Sheriff of San Francisco County and was elected three times. In his travels he mapped much of the new State of California and was made its U.S. Surveyor General by President Franklin Pierce.



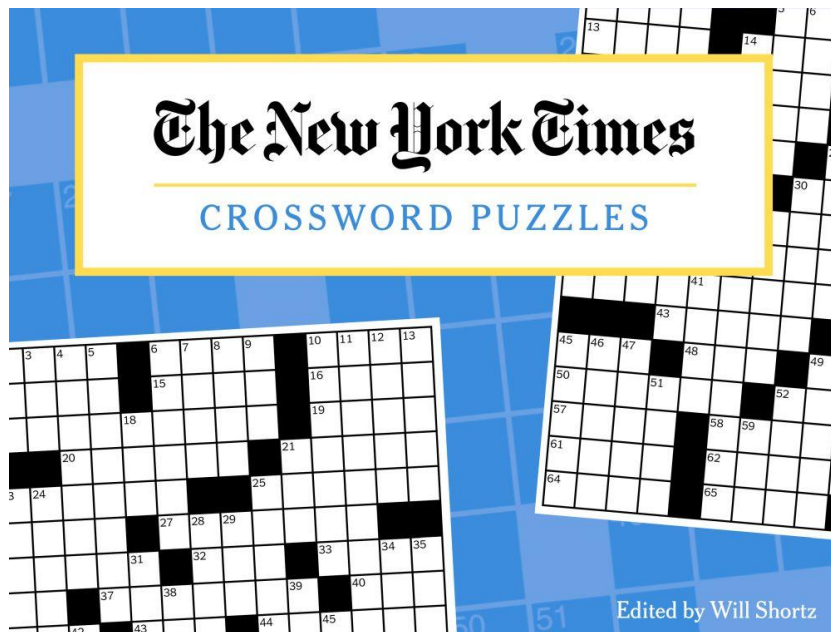
Thanks to Dr. Sapienza, this photo joins the priceless ca. 1854 oil painting of Jack Hays depicting him in his 20s in Texas on Enchanted Rock (above). It was painted to promote one of his runs for Sheriff and hung in the windows of saloons along the Barbary Coast of San Francisco. The story of this painting can be found here on the museum website:

<https://www.texasranger.org/texas-ranger-museum/museum-collections/fine-art/jack-hays-painting>

#28 DOWN

You aren't famous until you've been in *The New York Times Crossword Puzzle*!

On Tuesday August 3rd, *The New York Times Crossword Puzzle* featured the #28 DOWN question "Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum location?" The answer, of course, was Waco.



Texas Centennial 1936 Exhibit

TRHFM's Assistant Collections Manager Rachel Smith created a brand new exhibit about the Texas Centennial in 1936 that is on display at the Waco McLennan County Public Library Central branch. Stop by the library and make your way downstairs to check it out! It will be on display through October.

Here are some action shots of our staff installing the exhibit.



The State Fair of Texas has a long history dating back to 1886 when a group of businessmen organized the first Dallas State Fair & Exposition at Fair Park. In 1934, Fair Park was selected as the site for the proposed Texas Centennial celebration, and a \$25

million renovation project was begun. The 1936 Texas Centennial Exposition commemorated 100 years of Texas independence in grand style and attracted more than 6 million people during its six-month run. It was also notable as the first Fair to feature a Hall recognizing African-American culture and contributions. Today, the State Fair of Texas remains a popular event attracting millions of visitors to the fairgrounds each year.



The Texas Rangers were front and center at the exhibition. A new log headquarters for Texas Ranger Company “B” was built at the fairgrounds. Famed historian Walter Prescott Webb wrote a book that has remained in print to this day *The Texas Rangers: A century of Frontier Defense*. Hollywood released a blockbuster film, *The Texas Rangers*, starring Fred MacMurray and Jean Parker. Even Shirley Temple attended the Centennial dressed as a Texas Ranger.



Shirley Temple with her
“Texas Ranger” doll



Thanks to the Waco-McLennan County Library for partnering with us once again.

Farewell and Congrats, Randall B. Prince!

Before his retirement, Lt. Col. Randall B. Prince, Deputy Director of Law Enforcement Operations — Austin, received a Director's Award for his 32 years of service to DPS. During his time at the department, Prince rose from being a Trooper to the division chief of the Texas Rangers before reaching his current position. He is the epitome of professionalism and has mentored many people during his tenure at DPS. He has demonstrated true leadership to the state of Texas.



Director's Award

presented to

Randall B. Prince

Lt. Colonel, Deputy Director of Law Enforcement Operations — Austin



In August, Randall B. Prince, the Deputy Director of Law Enforcement Operations for Texas DPS, was honored upon his retirement at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame. Prince served for more than 32 years in DPS. He began with the department in 1988 as a Highway Patrol Trooper in Navasota. Prince was promoted to Sergeant with the Texas Rangers, eventually working his way to serve as Regional Director in the Lubbock regional office before being transferred to headquarters. In 2014, he became the Chief of the Rangers, and in 2018, he was promoted to Deputy Director and Lieutenant Colonel.

Director Prince and his father, distinguished Texas Ranger Captain Bobby Prince, have been active supporters of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum for decades.



LATEST NEWS

from the Texas Department of Public Safety

DPS Announces One Retirement and Promotes Three to Leadership Positions



Prince's retirement created a vacancy, which led to the promotion of three employees to leadership positions. The promotions included Texas Highway Patrol (THP) Chief Dwight D. Mathis to Deputy Director of Law Enforcement Operations, Regional Director Orlando Alanis to Texas Highway Patrol Chief, and Criminal Investigations Division (CID) Major Jose Sanchez to Regional Director of the West Texas Region. Please click to read more at <https://bit.ly/3AEoFQg>.

The View

The construction might look scary, but we can help you navigate it. Call us when on your way to Waco for help. 254-750-8631
Real-time updates can be found on [My35 Waco Project 4B Traffic Map](#).



Photo © 2021 Texas Department of Transportation - Waco

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.



- 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.

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.



Official Texas Rangers Bicentennial Pin

\$90 of the contribution qualifies as a charitable contribution. The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame is a 170(c) government-owned nonprofit.

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Expires 9/30/2021

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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