



TEXAS RANGER HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM RECOMMENDED READING

Online:

Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum

www.texasranger.org

Texas Adjutant General Service Records 1836-1935

The records are not entirely complete, but do have copies of the original documents for members of different organizations, including the Texas Rangers, who served under the authority of the State Adjutant General

<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/apps/arc/service/>

Books:

Walter Prescott Webb

Texas Rangers: A Century of Frontier Defense

First published in 1936, this book is a slightly dated narrative history of the Rangers through the 1930s.

Robert M. Utley

Lone Star Justice: The First Century of the Texas Rangers

Lone Star Lawmen: The Second Century of the Texas Rangers

Two -volume history of the Texas Rangers that does not avoid the darker periods of Ranger history. A good starting point for learning the basic history of the Rangers.

Mike Cox

The Texas Rangers Volume I: Wearing the Cinco Peso 1821-1900

Texas Rangers Volume II: Time of the Rangers from 1900 to the Present

A two-volume history of the Texas Rangers and is written more in a popular history, anecdotal style.

Stephen L. Moore

Savage Frontier: Rangers, Riflemen, and Indian Wars in Texas

Volume I: 1835-1837

Volume II: 1838-1839

Volume III: 1840-1841

Volume IV: 1842-1845

This series is on the Rangers and other Republic of Texas forces on the frontier during the 10 years of the Revolution and the Republic. It includes extensive rosters for units as well as detailed descriptions of actions.

Frederick Wilkins

The Legend Begins: The Texas Rangers, 1823-1845

Defending the Borders: The Texas Rangers, 1848-1861

The Law Comes to Texas: The Texas Rangers 1870-1901

A three-volume history of the Texas Rangers during the 19th Century.

Charles H. Harris III and Louis R. Sadler

The Texas Rangers and the Mexican Revolution: The Bloodiest Decade, 1910-1920

This book is an in-depth history of one of the most controversial and difficult periods in Texas Ranger history. It includes an appendix with extensive personnel lists of names as well as types and dates of service for known Texas Rangers of the era.

Charles H. Harris III, Frances E. Harris and Louis R. Sadler

Texas Ranger Biographies: Those Who Served 1910-1921

A book of thumbnail biographies of the known Texas Rangers during the period of 1910-1921. These are drawn from and expanding on the personnel lists in its appendix.

Charles H. Harris III and Louis R. Sadler

The Texas Rangers in Transition: From Gunfighters to Criminal Investigators 1921-1935

This book continues the story of the Texas Rangers in the early 20th Century from the point where *The Bloodiest Decade* ended and carries it through to the establishment of the Texas Department of Public Safety in 1935. It is a detailed narrative of the Rangers' evolution into a professional law enforcement agency.

Julian Samora, Joe Bernal, and Albert Peña

Gunpowder Justice: A Reassessment of the Texas Rangers Through Their History

An account of the changing character and functions of the Texas Rangers throughout their history, as well as their reorganizations in the early decades of the 20th century. It focuses on incidents in Ranger history where the civil liberties and rights of Mexican-Americans were violated. *Gunpowder Justice* was written as an argument in favor of the movement to disband the Texas Rangers in the 1960s and 1970s.

Bob Alexander and Donaly Brice

Texas Rangers: Life, Legends, and Legacy

A new one-volume history of the Texas Rangers from inception to early this year, by two noted Western historians who have written extensively on the Texas Rangers' history, personnel and operations.

Darren L. Ivey

The Texas Rangers: A Registry and History

A collection of Texas Ranger history, including organization, commanding officers, and known posts and camps.

The Ranger Ideal: Texas Rangers in the Hall of Fame, Volume 1 1823-1861

The first volume in a projected three-volume set giving biographies of the 31 Texas Rangers who have been inducted into the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame. Volume 1 includes: Stephen F. Austin, John Coffee Hays, Ben McCulloch, William A.A. "Bigfoot" Wallace, Samuel H. Walker, John S. "Rip" Ford and Lawrence Sullivan "Sul" Ross.

The Ranger Ideal: Texas Rangers in the Hall of Fame, Volume 2 1874-1930

The second volume of Ivey's set of biographies of the Hall of Fame Texas Rangers includes: John B. Jones, Leander H. McNelly, John B. Armstrong, James B. Gillett, Jesse L. Hall, George W. Baylor, Bryan Marsh, Ira Aten, James A. Brooks, William J. McDonald, John R. Hughes and John H. Rogers.

The Ranger Ideal: Texas Rangers in the Hall of Fame, Volume 3 1898-1987

The last volume of Ivey's monumental 2,300 page study of Hall of Fame Rangers includes twelve inductees who served Texas in the twentieth century. They are: William L. Wright, Frank A. Hamer, Thomas R. Hickman, Charles E. Miller, Manuel T. Gonzauillas, Marvin Burton, Robert A. Crowder, John J. Klevenhagen, Clinton T. Peoples, James E. Riddles, Bobby Paul Doherty and Stanley Keith Guffey.