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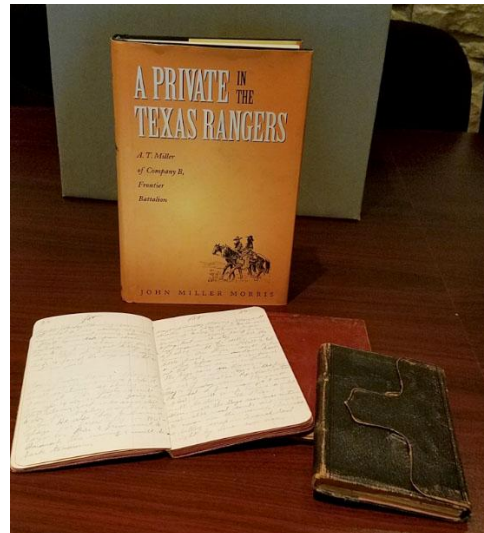
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Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter
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A. T. Miller Diaries

In March the Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center received donation of three (3) diaries created by A. T. Miller.

Abner Theophilus Miller was a private in Company B, Frontier Battalion in 1887. The diaries have entries from January 1, 1887 to July 23, 1888 and give insight in to the everyday duties of a Texas Ranger and the settlement of the Texas frontier. Primary sources from 19th century, created in "real time" by a Ranger are increasingly scarce. Not only do we have the three diaries, we also have a



published work that transcribes and annotates the entries written by Miller's great grandson John Miller Morris, *A Private in the Texas Rangers: A. T. Miller of Company B, Frontier Battalion*. These books represent an important addition to the resources of the Research Center.

The journals of A.T. Miller are donated by the C.B. Morris Family in Memory of A.T. Miller and John Miller Morris. We appreciate their

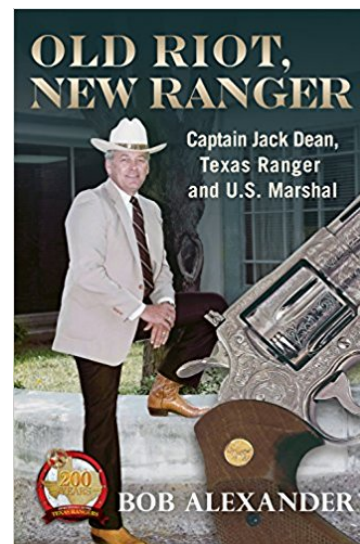
generosity.

Publications Program Exceeds Expectations

For the upcoming Texas Ranger Bicentennial™ the Hall of Fame and Museum has created a publications program to encourage and recognize work adding to the knowledge and appreciation of Texas Ranger history. Academic and commercial publishers may submit works published or reprinted between January 2016 and December 2023 meeting the program criteria.

The criteria may be found here:

<http://www.texasranger.org/texas-ranger-museum/texas-ranger-bicentennial/publications-program-faq/>



Six books have been approved and will bear the State Texas Ranger Bicentennial™ Seal:

Texas Rangers: Lives, Legend and Legacy by Bob Alexander and Donaly Brice, Univ. North Texas Press

The Ranger Ideal: Texas Rangers in the Hall of Fame (three volumes) by Don Ivey, Univ. North Texas Press

The Texas Rangers in Transition: From Gunfighters to Criminal Investigators, 1921-1935, by Charles Harris III and Louis Sadler, Univ. Oklahoma Press

Old Riot, New Ranger: Capt. Jack Dean Texas Ranger and U.S. Marshal, by Bob Alexander, Univ. North Texas Press

Publishers with books meeting criteria (see above link) are encouraged to contact the Hall of Fame and Museum.

Junior Ranger Amelia Evans

In March, Texas Ranger Veronica Gideon, Company "F" stationed in Austin, had the privilege of swearing in Junior Ranger Amelia Evans. Evans first met Gideon at a restaurant and an immediate friendship was born.



Your children can become Junior Texas Rangers through a special program of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. Benefits of Becoming a Junior Texas Ranger include:

- Honorary Junior Ranger Certificate signed by an Active-Duty Texas Ranger,
- A Junior Ranger Toy Badge,
- The name of your Junior Ranger will be listed on the museum internet site and in the files of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum,
- A one-time family ticket for 4 at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum in Waco.

Your \$35 donation (\$20 qualifies as tax deductible) supports the educational programs and the renovation and improvement of the museum. Please call us toll free at 1 (877) 750-8631 from 9 am to 4 pm Central Time to order.

Farwell, Casey Eichhorn

Education and Preservation—it's what the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame is about. Over 54 years more than 4.5 million visitors to Waco and Central Texas have learned about the Texas Rangers and seen the treasures of their past. They have also contributed millions of dollars a year to the central Texas tourism industry.

These visitors have benefitted by school and group tour programs, special events and history conferences, Spring Break and summer camp programs, new exhibits, school curricula, and outreach programs.

Our Education Center has provided more than 200 nonprofit service organizations with meeting and training space. Outreach programs have benefitted audiences from Texas to Canada and New Zealand.

Today's programs began in FY2008 when the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and the Texas Ranger Association Foundation provided start-up funding



for an Education Chair. The first Education Specialist, Casey Eichhorn, came on board and quickly developed a variety of quality educational programs gaining a statewide reputation. When the grants ended, the City of Waco wisely created a permanent position to continue these essential programs.

After a decade with the museum, Casey made the hard decision to accept an opportunity to advance in his professional career. He leaves behind a wonderful legacy of programs and contributions that will last for many years to come. The staff and Board wish him well.

Bob Alexander Receive s Literary Award

On April 28, historian, author and TRHFM board member, Bob Alexander received the *Catherine Munson Foster Memorial Award for Literature* from the Brazoria County Historical Museum in Angleton, TX. The Board Members were "unanimous in their belief that you have made a significant literary contribution to the public's understanding of Texas or Texans in the spirit exemplified by the late folklorist Catherine Munson Foster."



Past *Literature* award recipients include T.R. Fehrenbach, Larry McMurtry, Janice Woods Windle, Light T. Cummins and more. Congrats, Mr. Alexander, on your well-deserved award!

Gift Shop Feature: Puzzles

We are excited to announce our new, custom jigsaw puzzle featuring our iconic collage of a Colt Walker revolver with silver Texas Ranger badge and gun belt.

Appropriate for ages 12 and up, this 160 piece puzzle measures 10.5" by 16" when

assembled.

\$11.95 + Tax



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. Thank you!

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Education Center

The following groups utilized the Education Center for programs in April:

Texas Rangers

DPS Quarter Century Club

Baylor School of Education

Waco Foundation

McLennan County Historical

Commission

NAACP

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\$2.00 OFF**

Expires: 06/30/2018

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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