

Billy W. Sills Center for Archives/FWISD

presents

Max Courtney

“Captain Barron: Texas Ranger”

December 12, 2015



The December presentation in the Billy Sills lecture series focuses on the lives and times of some of the people who would become the founders of the Republic of Texas. The group included many people who previously lived in what was then known as Miller County, Arkansas Territory, and subsequently moved into Austin’s Colony or into the colonies of another of the Texas impresarios. Among those were Thomas Hudson Barron, his family, and many of their Arkansas neighbors. Once in Texas, Barron volunteered to serve as a rifleman to range the frontier. While these “rangers” had as their main objective to protect the colonials from “Indian depredations,” they soon would be pressed into service to fight the Mexican army in a quest for independence. After the Texas victory, the rangers were once again guarding the frontier. Pay and even back pay was granted; afterward, many of those who had served got very generous land bounties and other compensation. Come and learn about how “that famous Indian fighter” played a role in the early days of the republic and then settled into Texas life.

Join us for coffee and “nibbles”
beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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10:00 to 12:00

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