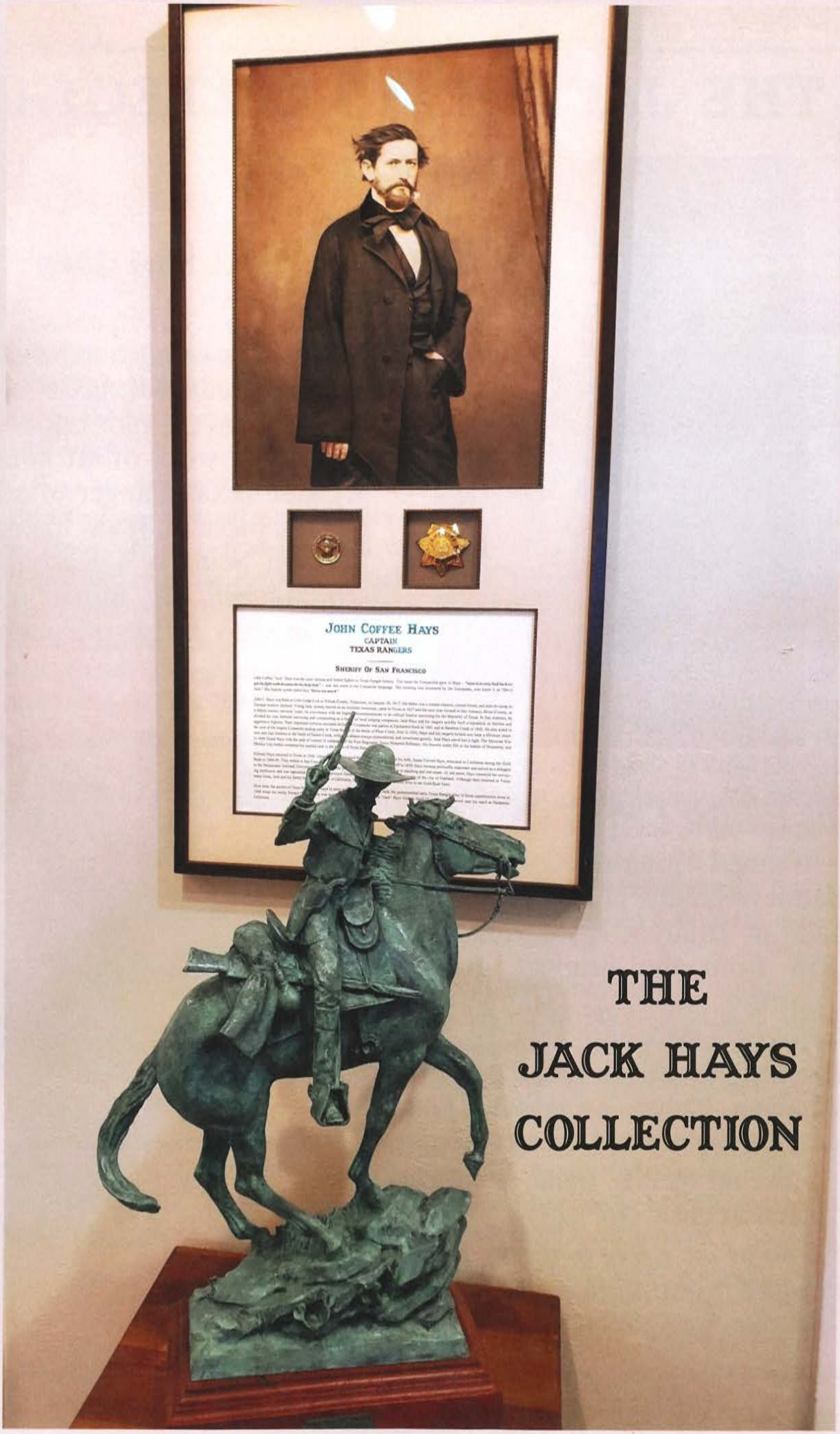


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John Coffee Hays (2002)
Jason Scull, CA

This is casting number 4 of only 16 ever produced. At 30" tall this is not only a very rare but also a very impressive work of art honoring the greatest Texas Ranger of all time. A historic piece of Texas history.

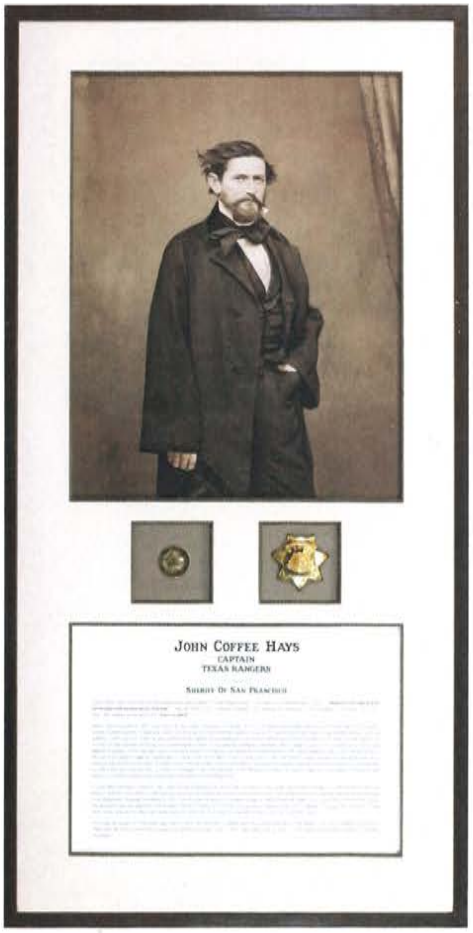
Jason Scull is a Kerrville, Texas sculptor who is a former member of the Cowboy Artists of America.

The Display Piece

Archival pigmented print of the Matthew Brady portrait of Jack Hays made at Brady's New York studio in 1858 from the original glass plate. (Courtesy of the Matthew Brady Archives, Widener Library, Harvard University.) Also includes a Texas Rangers badge, a San Francisco Sheriff's badge, and a Hays biography.

Museum quality frame with 99% UV protection glass. 46"x23"

One of only five made in 2004. Very rare and highly collectible.



JOHN COFFEE HAYS
CAPTAIN
TEXAS RANGERS

SHERIFF OF SAN FRANCISCO

John Coffee "Jack" Hays was the most famous and feared fighter in Texas Ranger history. The name the Comanches gave to Hays – ***"man-it-is-very-bad-luck-to-get-in-fight-with-because-devils-help-him"*** – was one word in the Comanche language. The meaning was shortened by the Europeans, who knew it as "Devil Jack." His Apache scouts called him ***"bravo too much."***

John C. Hays was born at Little Cedar Lick in Wilson County, Tennessee, on January 28, 1817. His father was a distant relation, trusted friend, and aide-de-camp to General Andrew Jackson. Young Jack, already known as an excellent horseman, came to Texas in 1837 and the next year located in San Antonio, Bexar County, as a deputy county surveyor. Later, he was chosen with the highest recommendations to do official frontier surveying for the Republic of Texas. In San Antonio, he divided his time between surveying and volunteering as a leader of local ranging companies. Jack Hays and his rangers quickly built a reputation as fearless and aggressive fighters. Their important victories included defeats of Comanche war parties at Enchanted Rock in 1841 and at Bandera Creek in 1842. He also aided in the rout of the largest Comanche raiding party in Texas history at the battle of Plum Creek. Also in 1842, Hays and his rangers helped turn back a Mexican incursion into San Antonio at the battle of Salado Creek. Although almost always outnumbered, and sometimes greatly, Jack Hays never lost a fight. The Mexican War in 1846 found Hays with the rank of colonel in command of the First Regiment, Texas Mounted Riflemen. His bravery under fire in the battles of Monterrey and Mexico City further cemented his exalted rank in the annals of Texas Ranger lore.

Colonel Hays returned to Texas in 1848, where he was discharged from the military. He and his wife, Susan Calvert Hays, relocated to California during the Gold Rush in 1849-50. They settled in San Francisco where he was elected that county's first sheriff in 1850. Hays became politically important and served as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1876. Over the years, he acquired a sizeable fortune in ranching and real estate. At one point, Hays reentered the surveying profession and was appointed United States Surveyor General in California. He was also a founder of the city of Oakland. Although they returned to Texas many times, Jack and his family had found a home in California. They lived the remainder of their lives in the Gold Rush State.

Over time, the people of Texas found many ways to show their gratitude to Captain Jack, the quintessential early Texas Ranger. One of those opportunities arose in 1848 when the newly formed Hays County was named in his honor. John Coffee "Jack" Hays died on April 21, 1883, and is buried near his ranch in Piedmont, California.



The original casting of the Jack Hays bronze is a 16 ft. tall monument on the grounds of the Hays County Courthouse in San Marcos, Texas.





The custom display piece includes two highly collectible badges. The first is an authentic personalized Texas Rangers Captain's badge handmade from a Mexican peso cinco coin, 22k gold plated. Courtesy of Texas Ranger Joaquin Jackson, 2004. The second is an authentic San Francisco's Sheriff's badge personalized "John C. Hays", number 1. Courtesy of the San Francisco Sheriff, 2004.