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RANGERS

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David Keith

Celebrity Host



Robert M. Utley

Lone Star Justice & Lone Star Lawmen



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Bill O'Neal

Author, *Reel Rangers: Texas Rangers in Movies, TV, Radio, & Other Forms of Popular Culture*



James L Haley

Author, *Passionate Nation: The Epic History of Texas*



Jack C Hays

The Battle of Walker Creek



Modern Rangers

Employ Cutting-Edge CSI Technology



Caroline Castillo Crimm, PhD

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John B Armstrong

The Capture of John Wesley Hardin



Chuck Parsons

Author, *John B. Armstrong, Texas Ranger and Pioneer Ranchmen*



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Log Line

One-hour history documentary series showcases the legendary exploits of the Texas Rangers lawmen with over 175 years of service dispensing Lone Star justice.

Synopsis

Actor/Host David Keith reveals the Texas Rangers's heroics and controversies from the frontier days as citizen soldiers to their present status as elite criminal investigators. Episodes include their origins fighting Plains Indians and their transition into the Frontier Battalion, capturing gun-slinging desperadoes of the Wild West. Episodes also cover the Rangers's evolution into detectives, hunting down bank-robbing gangsters and bootleggers, and their modern incarnation as criminal investigators using cutting-edge Crime Scene Investigation technology to capture serial killers, take down drug cartels, investigate official corruption, protect dignitaries, and enforce border security.

Recurring key segment elements include interviews with recognized authors, historians, experts and Rangers. Re-enactors in period costumes on Western sets and at historical Texas locations will recreate famous events. Episodes also feature: archival photos, paintings, renderings, historical artifacts and memorabilia from private collections and museums; CGI animation of maps, incident sites, weaponry, and apparatus; and demonstrations by experts on weapons, tack, and tools.

Initial Episodes

- Capt. John Coffee Hays at the Battle of Walker Creek, 1844
- Capture of the notorious outlaw John Wesley Hardin, 1877
- The Four Great Captains versus Judge Roy Bean and Bat Masterson, 1896
- Capt. Frank Hamer, the final drive of outlaws Bonnie and Clyde, 1934
- Investigation of gruesome murders by serial killer Henry Lee Lucas, 1983
- Tragic standoff at the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, 1993

Principals and Organizations

Texas History Films, LLC Austin, TX (THF)

Elephant Productions, Inc. Austin, TX (EP)

Quincy Lowman, Co-creator/Executive Producer – THF/EP

Doug Ross, Executive Producer

Douglas B. Maddox, Executive Producer

Jody Edward Ginn, Co-creator/Producer/Co-screenwriter – THF

Michael Moss, M.A, Director

Layton Blaylock, Director of Photography

David Keith, Actor/Host

Harris Yulin, Actor/VO Narration

James L. Haley, Screenwriter, Internationally Acclaimed Author

The Texas Rangers Division (Texas Department of Public Safety)

Former Texas Rangers Foundation

Experts/Authors: Robert M. Utley – Ranger Historian; Dr. Andres Tijerina

– Tejano Scholar; Dr. Caroline Castillo Crimm – Tejano Scholar; Chuck Parsons – Ranger Historian; Joaquin Jackson

– Former Ranger; Mike Cox – Ranger historian (and many others).

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The dynamism and passion of Josh Bernstein's *Digging for the Truth*, with the intrigue and immediacy of Brad Meltzer's *Decoded*, meet the Texas Rangers.

In nearly two centuries of establishing order and fighting crime, the history of the Texas Rangers has become so encrusted with myth and lore that their true story has been lost. First as Indian fighters, then as frontier lawmen, and today as an elite state police investigative force, the Rangers boast a compelling history and a worldwide following.

Now in a format developed to match the current television market's reality style of presentation, nationally acclaimed, award-winning historian James L. Haley will team up with modern Rangers in a quest to uncover the true events associated with many of their legendary exploits. Some of the stories are as old as the Indian-fighting frontier, others as new as yesterday's headlines.

The core content will be historical. But unlike the traditional documentary with static talking heads and dominated by voice-over narration, in *Texas Rangers Revealed* the search for the real story will actually be the narrative. The celebrity host, actor David Keith, will introduce and conclude each episode and provide bridge narration between segments.

Setting off from sites such as the Texas Rangers' DPS headquarters, the state Capitol in Austin, or the scene of a famous Ranger incident, Haley will be joined by a different guest Ranger in each episode; these notable current and former Rangers may include Joaquin Jackson, Ray Martínez, Tony Leal, Clete Buckaloo, and Wende Wakeman. They will engage in face-to-face interaction as they explore long-overgrown battlefields and other historic sites and encounter leading historians, archivists, archaeologists, forensic scientists, museum curators, and technical experts in weaponry, crime scene investigation, and other fields.

Along the way, they will examine relevant artifacts in museum collections, locate key documents in archives, and observe cutting-edge scientific processes in forensic laboratories such as at the Smithsonian Institution. Aside from the celebrity host's contribution, the audio will primarily be pointed conversations between Haley and the modern Rangers, as well as with other historians and experts whom they meet in each episode.

Visuals will be live footage of these excursions, augmented with historical photographs and artifacts, and with occasional quality reenactments and CGI. Some example graphics usage are: maps indicating the host team's travels and historic locations (ala, *Swamp People*), and; "bubbles" with brief bio data on host team and other experts and historic asides (think, *Modern Marvels* or *CNN News*).

In the process of telling the true stories of the Rangers, *Texas Rangers Revealed* will also show how historians depend on a wide variety of modern experts, scientific techniques, and technologies as they seek to expand historical knowledge and debunk longstanding myths. Each episode will lead the viewer to conclude that the real history is every bit as compelling as the legend built over generations.

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DOUGLAS MADDOX | Producer

A member of the Producers Guild of America since 2007 and Co-Chair of the National Capital Chapter, Maddox has earned more than twenty-five Telly, Communicator and Aurora awards. His most recent feature film producer credits include *The Bill Collector* (starring Danny Trejo). His most recent TV producer credits are *Discoveries of Israel* and *City of David* airing through out the world. In addition, Douglas travels nationally and internationally to consult, produce, teach and train about media production including TV, Film, Design, and New Media. Douglas has been a Professor at Towson University in the Electronic Media and Film Department for over seven years.



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DOUG ROSS | Producer

Doug Ross is a recognized video professional with proven leadership and extensive experience in the conception, production, and completion of innovative, compelling television programs. Some of his recent work includes: a NORML life feature documentary on medial marijuana; Global View series on History Channel International; *China: Engineering an Empire* on History Channel; *Hubble Space Telescope* - NASA-TV; *Storm Stories* - Chicago Museum of Science & Technology; *Global Oil Spill Response* for Saudi Aramco; *Hawaii's Chinatown* - PBS Hawaii. He is the founder of Honolulu Municipal Television. Graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelors in Radio-TV-Film and was an Instructor at USC School of Broadcast Journalism. Member of the Producer's Council of the Producer's Guild of America. Married in China, lives in Washington, DC area with wife and family, speaks conversational Chinese Mandarin.



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