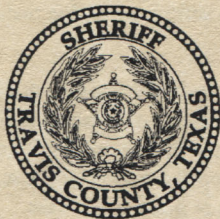




Travis County Sheriff's Office
Dedication Ceremony
Maurice Bowie Moore Building
3800 Hudson Bend Road
Austin, Texas

February 22, 2002
11:00 a.m.





Deputy Maurice Moore was shot and killed in the Eanes area of western Travis County on November 10, 1887 while investigating the arson of the Eanes schoolhouse. Moore was attempting to serve a warrant on the McNeil brothers who had written a letter to Sheriff Malcom Hornsby admitting to the arson and stating their desire to surrender. In the letter the McNeil brothers warned the Sheriff not to send Moore, as they would kill him if he were sent.

This letter was intercepted by Moore who took the warning as a personal challenge and embarked into the mountain country, as it was then called, to make the arrest. Moore was accompanied by Deputy Sam Platt, future Texas Ranger and son of the 17th Sheriff, Radcliff Platt. As they approached the McNeil cabin they were met by old man McNeil who held them at bay with a rifle. While Deputy Platt struggled with McNeil, Moore tried to enter the cabin. A shotgun blast from a concealed position inside the residence cut Moore down and he died instantly.

In 1905 a sociopathic killer believed to have assisted in Deputy Moore's murder was hanged in Georgetown. The man, Thomas Young, was executed for the brutal torture killing of a 15-year-old girl. Just before becoming the last person in Texas to be executed by public outdoor hanging Young was asked to clear up the matter of Deputy Moore's murder. Young did not choose to comment. No arrest was ever made in the case.

As a Travis County Deputy, Moore had been a participant in the 1878 Sam Bass shootout in Round Rock and is partially credited with the killing of Bass. During the shootout, Williamson County Deputy A.W. "Caige" Grimes was shot and killed before he could fire a shot. Moore was also critically wounded in the chest, but survived his wound only to be killed in the line of duty nine years later.

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Music & Song	<i>K.R. Wood</i>
Call to Order	<i>Capt. Scott Burroughs</i>
Hoisting of the Colors	<i>TCSO Color Guard</i>
The Star Spangled Banner	<i>Sgt. Brenda Hirsch</i>
Pledge of Allegiance	<i>Capt. Burroughs & All</i>
Texas, Our Texas	<i>K.R. Wood</i>
Prayer of Invocation	<i>Rev. Jim Roquemore</i> <i>Bee Cave Baptist Church</i>
Words of Welcome & Recognition of Guests	<i>Capt. Scott Burroughs</i>
Introduction of Chief D.T. Richards	<i>Capt. Scott Burroughs</i>
"M.B. Moore: A Real Character from Real History"	<i>Chief D.T. Richards</i>
Introduction of County Judge Sam T. Biscoe	<i>Chief D.T. Richards</i>
Comments of Judge Biscoe	<i>Samuel T. Biscoe</i>
Introduction of Sheriff Margo L. Frasier	<i>Capt. Scott Burroughs</i>
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Introduction of K.R. Wood	<i>Capt. Scott Burroughs</i>
"The Ballad of Maurice Moore" and Other Songs	<i>K.R. Wood</i>
Recognition of Additional VIPs	<i>Capt. Scott Burroughs</i>
Benediction	<i>Rev. Jim Roquemore</i> <i>Bee Cave Baptist Church</i>
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	<i>Sheriff Margo L. Frasier</i> <i>Judge Samuel T. Biscoe</i> <i>Major Terry Pickering</i> <i>Capt. Scott Burroughs</i>
Chow Call	<i>Bar-B-Q by Manchaca Firehall Kitchen</i> <i>Dessert by K.R. Wood's Chuck Wagon</i>
Texas Heritage Music	<i>K.R. Wood</i>