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Dead Man's Pass Ranch, LLC



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NEWSLETTER

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Several folks have asked us how we got our name. The ranch is located on the Pass known as "Dead Man's Pass". Thought you might enjoy the history.

THE HISTORY OF DEAD MAN'S PASS



This narrow canyon marks a remote and perilous section of a road traveled from San Antonio to El Paso and on to California following the Gold Rush of the 1840's. Adding to the hardships of a journey that took several weeks, this particular area was notorious for wild animal attacks and raids by Native Americans and Highwaymen. Also known as "Dead Man's Run", the feature was named by 1849; an ambush on a Dr. Lyon's wagon train that year ended with two teamsters and an unknown number of Indians dead. In 1850, a group met a similar fate when they turned back from Beaver Lake (25 miles north) and passed through here en route to San Antonio for supplies. Four teamsters were killed in the encounter.

The U.S. Army attempted to protect travelers on the hazardous road. When Forts Clark (60 miles southeast) and Inge (90 miles southeast) proved to be too remote, the Army established Camp Hudson on the Devil's River 10 miles north of here in 1857. However, dangerous conditions continued for many years. In "A Texas Pioneer," freighter August Santleben (1845-1911) enumerated several dozen civilians and soldiers killed along the trail, including five members of the Amlung family and seven others who perished here one day in 1858. The Pass was considered dangerous as late as the early 1880's. Santleben chronicled several deaths in the area over a 40 year period, totaling nearly 400 in southwest Texas.

Two similar topographic names nearby recall the risks of 19th century travel. Dead Man's Creek rises two miles southwest of this site and flows southeast to the Devil's River, while Dead Man's Canyon begins a mile to the northeast and runs west to the Pecos. This path that

later became a stage route to Ozona and then State Highway 163 is today remembered as a treacherous frontier road.

BE SURE TO VISIT US AT THE HUNTER'S EXTRAVAGANZA!

August 5-7, 2011

Booth #825

Reliant Center, Houston, Texas

Show hours

Friday, August 5 2011

3:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, August 6, 2011

9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Sunday, August 7, 2011

10:00 am - 5:00 pm



We'd love to see you there!

We hope you enjoy our monthly newsletter! We would love to hear about your hunting adventures!

We are also here to help you book the hunt of a lifetime. My office number is 281-578-9293 ext. 26 or you may call me on my cell phone 713-851-4979. We will be glad to send you a schedule of available hunting dates or answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your continued support and I am looking forward to helping you with all of your hunting needs. Hope to see you at the ranch soon!

Michael W. McGee, Sr.

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