

WEST TEXAS COLLECTION

Ralph Preston Fairbanks Art Collection

20 linear inches

Record ID: 1990-3

Donor: Estate of Ralph Fairbanks by Mrs. Elaine Nail, executrix

Acquisition: Gift, 1990

Access: Open for research

Restrictions: None

Citation: Ralph Fairbanks Art Collection, West Texas Collection, Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX

Administrative/Biographical History:

Ralph Fairbanks was born 17 October 1931 in San Angelo and spent most of his life there. He graduated from San Angelo College with an associate of arts degree and came back to teach at Angelo State University for a short period of time.

He worked as an auditor for the Kemper Insurance Group in Houston before going to the Texas Education Agency as an auditor. He retired in 1981.

Fairbanks was an avid historian and patron of the arts. He was active in work at Fort Concho and the Tom Green County Historical Commission. He died in San Angelo on 23 May 1990.

Scope and Content:

Collection contains 10 pieces of artwork: 8 watercolors, 1 oil painting and 1 bronze recast sculpture.

Arrangement:

Watercolors	“The Margueritas” by Bruce Marshall
	“Return of the Texas Navy” by Bruce Marshall
	“Lone Star Militia” by Bruce Marshall
	“Going to Texas” by Bruce Marshall
	“Homestead” by Daniel Maldonado
	“House at Night-Western” by Daniel Maldonado
	“Laughing Cavalier” by Bruce Marshall
	“Boarding Party” by Bruce Marshall
Oil Painting	“Western Night Scene” by Marianne Caroselli
Bronze	“The Savage” by Frederic Remington (Recast)