

Connie Douglas Reeves

Connie Douglas Reeves was born in Eagle Pass, Texas, where she lived a free and unfettered life playing with the local Mexican children. She has been riding horses since childhood and remembers swimming her horse across the Rio Grand with her little friends to buy the local Mexican candy. Her father was a lawyer and the family often traveled with him. She remembers her grandfather teaching her how to ride properly—that is, according to his rules and she recalls stories he told her about the Civil War. After her family moved to San Antonio and she began high school, her life became more conventional. She attended college and went on to law school, the only female in her class. She never practiced law and began teaching high school in San Antonio where she organized a girls group known as “The Lassos” and was invited to perform at the 1938 World’s Fair in New York. They also performed in Washington, D.C., where she met Mrs. Roosevelt and many other celebrities. In 1936, she began coming to Camp Waldemar where she taught horseback riding and has continued to do so for more than 60 years. She also met her future husband, Jack Reeves, and they ranched together throughout the following years but each summer, Connie continued her first love, teaching horseback riding to the children at Camp Waldemar.

Cross References:

Eagle Pass
Camp Waldemar
J. F. Johnson Ranch
Kerrville Lion’s Camp
Early Kerrville
Centennial Pony Express Ride
National Cowgirl Hall of Fame

Names:

Jack Reeves
Santana & Manuel Ayala

Carl Meek
Bobby Shelton