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***Dripping Springs Area Demands Second Showing
of “Captain Jack” Documentary***

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DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS – Due to an overwhelming public interest of the new “Captain Jack” documentary, Dripping Springs Historic Preservation Commission will sponsor a second Dripping Springs area showing of the film November 8 at 4 p.m. at the Dripping Springs City Hall. The public is invited to attend this very special screening.

After months of planning, filming and editing, the Hays County Historical Commission recently released their new documentary on Hays, entitled “Captain Jack—the Story of John Coffee Hays.” The 30-minute film tells the story of Hays County’s namesake from his arrival in Texas in late 1837 to his death in Oakland, California, in 1883.

“Captain Jack” features historical re-enactments of Jack Hays meeting with Sam Houston, recruiting Texas Rangers in San Antonio, patrolling south Texas, surveying land, and meeting his future wife, Susan Calvert. Additional scenes cover Hays and his Rangers fighting Comanche Indians on Walker's Creek, leading a wagon train west to California, becoming the first sheriff of San Francisco, and founding the city of Oakland.

The project was directed by Richard Kidd, with period music from the Celtaire String Band and The Gillette Brothers. Kate Johnson was the producer. Support for the project came from many citizens, foundations, and companies in Hays County, along with the County Commissioners.

The presentation at the Dripping Springs City Hall is the last of five free public screenings in Hays County. The City Hall is located at 511 Mercer Street in downtown Dripping Springs. Earlier Hays County showings were held Oct. 11 at Jack C. Hays High School; Oct. 18 at the Alkek Theatre on the Texas State University campus; Oct. 25 at the Wimberley Playhouse; and Nov. 1 at Thurman’s Mansion in Driftwood.

