

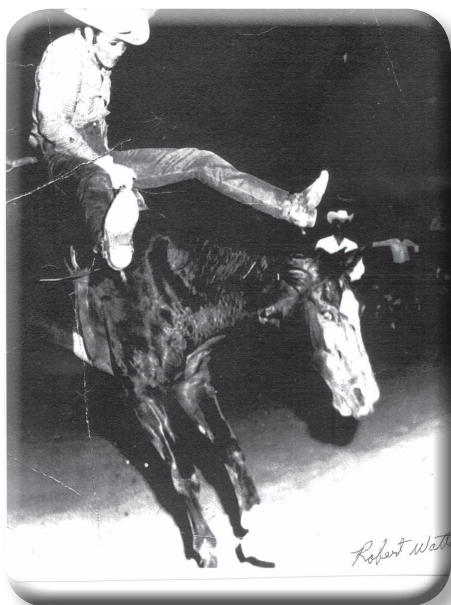


ALL COWBOY & ARENA CHAMPIONS

HALL OF FAME



Robert Watts



Robert Watts was born June 13, 1930 in Corpus Christi, Texas and has continued to live in Corpus Christi.

Robert's active rodeo career began in 1948 at the age of 18.

Robert participated in all of the rough stock events, specializing in the bareback competition.

In about 1949, he joined the Southwest Rodeo Association and in 1950 he joined the Rodeo Cowboy Association. During this time Robert traveled in Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma and many of the other states, winning consis-

tently.

One of the most memorable rodeos Robert participated in was held at Levelland, Texas in about 1949. Robert won the saddle bronc, bareback bronc and bullriding events. This was the ultimate allowing him to win the all around title, the saddle and three buckles. Needless to say Robert left there one happy camper.

It has been said by many of the recognized contestants that there was never anyone that could spur a bareback horse like Robert.

Among others, Robert traveled with Bud Humphrey, Bobby Joe Bartley, Tony Guyn and PeeWee James.



Robert's decision to give up the rodeo life came only after he broke his hip. This was a painful decision, both physically and mentally.

The pride and joy of Robert's life are his two grandsons who hear a lot about Robert's rodeo days. They will eventually be the recipients of the belt buckles.

Robert's heart and love are still the rodeo life and he enjoys the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame Association, The Rodeo Alumni and the Old Timers Rodeo Reunion.

His best wishes and thanks go out to all of those who helped and who made his career a success.