



FROM JAIL CELL

He Vows Defiance

By WRAY WEDDELL JR.

A well known ex-Army officer and one time Texas Ranger, J. R. Hunnicutt, Sr., sat in county jail with tear filled eyes Wednesday and vowed to defy the Texas Supreme Court until he dies.

Sixty-five-year-old Hunnicutt has been in jail for eight days for contempt of court in an estate administration case which has been in litigation since 1954.

"I'll stay here until I either rot or someone gets me out," said Hunnicutt as he dabbed at his eyes with a well worn tissue. County Judge Tom Johnson or-

dered Hunnicutt to jail Jan. 12, for refusing to give up administration of the estate of Helen Mar Hunnicutt, a well known Austin woman who died in early 1954.

"I never turn over what they want," said the nattily-dressed prisoner. "The Supreme Court can say to do it, but I'll never do it until the day I die."

Hunnicutt said he had made a solemn promise to persons now dead to look after the estate, adding: "As long as I'm living I'll never turn anything over to any one."

In the drab jail surroundings Hunnicutt left his cell for an interview dressed in a brown business suit with matching tie and hat.

Miss Hunnicutt, a Spanish language translator in the University of Texas Library archives, died without a will. Hunnicutt, a close friend and cousin of her "adopted" father, the late H. P. Hunnicutt, was appointed administrator by the county probate court.

Hunnicutt said Wednesday that he was not related to Miss Hunnicutt but had been requested by her and H. P. Hunnicutt to take care of the estate after their death.

In 1956, a brother of Miss Hunnicutt, Thomas Diaz Moorman, brought suit for a change in administrator. The Third Court of Civil Appeals held that Moorman had a prior right and the Supreme Court upheld this decision by refusing a writ of error.

Late last December the county (See JAIL, Page 3)

Defiance is clearly written on the face of J. R. Hunnicutt as the ex-Texas Ranger and one time Army officer prefers a county jail cell to complying with

a court order based on a Texas Supreme Court decision. Hunnicutt has been in jail since Jan. 12 for contempt of court in an estate administration case.

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judge signed an order naming Moorman administrator. The order directed Hunnicutt to surrender to Moorman the portions of the estate in his hands.

Early this month, Moorman's attorneys asked the county judge to find Hunnicutt in contempt for refusing to comply with the order.

He had refused, the motion said, to surrender to the new administrator 404 shares of Austin National Bank stock, keys to lock boxes in the Austin and Capital National Banks, and keys to H. P. Hunnicutt's old home at 405 West 12th.

Eight days ago, after a hearing at which Hunnicutt continued to defy the court order which had its basis in the Supreme Court decision, Judge Johnson ordered Hunnicutt to jail "until he purges himself of contempt."

Now pending in 126th District Court is an appeal from the county court order removing Hunnicutt as administrator.

Hunnicutt can look back on a varied and colorful career as he sits in county jail. It includes service as a Texas Ranger four decades ago, an administrative officer during World War II with the Army medical branch, a US Customs Service patrolman and inspector on the Mexican border, and as an Internal Revenue agent.

Austin Statesman-BP, Thompson

United States Civil Service Commission

As hereby certified that
J. R. HUNNICUTT

Has been retired from the Civil Service of the United States, and has been granted an annuity

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RETIREMENT DIVISION

J. R. Hunnicutt
J. R. HUNNICUTT

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THE ASSISTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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MAJOR

J. R. Hunnicutt

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J. R. HUNNICUTT

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To. Col. Homer Garrison
Department of Public Safety

The Group picture are
front of Co. E. Capt. Gold. Anderson, Commanding
2. Capt Roy W. Aldrich, 3. J. R. Hunscomb
Sgt. Co. E. 4. W. Walker, 5. George Shelley,
6. Kerr, Lufkin, Texas (Inducted after WWI. in @ 2 months)
7. John Hallis.
(This picture taken in front of Rangers
Hdq. Co. E. Marathon, Texas)

J. R. Hunscomb
900 Robertson St.
Austin, Texas.

ENLISTMENT, OATH OF SERVICE, AND DESCRIPTION RANGER FORCE

Company..... Ranger Force, Station.....

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Travis }

I, J. R. Hummcutt, born in Marlin,
in the State of Texas, aged 23 years and 5 months, and by occupation a

Clerk do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this 20 day of
November, 1917, as a private in the Ranger Force of this State, for the period of two years,

unless sooner discharged by proper authority. And I do also agree to accept from the State of Texas such bounty, pay, subsistence and other expenses as are or may be established by law. And I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as an officer of the Ranger Force according to the best of my skill and ability, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, and I do further solemnly swear that since the adoption of the Constitution of this State, I being a citizen of this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons, nor have I acted as second in carrying a challenge, or aided, advised or assisted any person thus offending. And I furthermore swear that I have not, directly nor indirectly, paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed nor promised to contribute, any money or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, to secure my appointment. So help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 20th day of November A. D. 1917

J. R. Hummcutt
James F. Lewis
Notary Public, Travis County, Tex

I certify that J. R. Hummcutt, the above named man, has been carefully examined by me previous to his enlistment, and to the best of my knowledge and belief he is physically able, competent to and will faithfully perform the duties incumbent on him in accordance with law. This man is 23 years

5 months of age. Height 5 feet 7 inches. Complexion Fair Eyes Blue
Hair Light Born at Marlin County of _____ State of Tex
Occupation _____ Married or single _____ Previous service _____

Remarks: _____

Captain Co..... Ranger Force.

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A. G. O. Form 21.
Authorized July 7, 1905.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

OATH OF MEMBERS
RANGER FORCE

Name J.R. HUNNICUT

Rank Private

Company "D", Ranger Force

Station _____

*Honourably Discharged
March 31/19*

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ENLISTMENT, OATH OF SERVICE, AND DESCRIPTION RANGER FORCE

Company D Ranger Force, Station Marathon,

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF Travis

I, J. R. Hunnicutt, born in Marlin,
in the State of Texas, aged 25 years and 1 months, and by occupation a
Peace Officer, do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this 11th, day of
July, 1919, as a private in the Ranger Force of this State, for the period of two years,
unless sooner discharged by proper authority. And I do also agree to accept from the State of Texas such
bounty, pay, subsistence and other expenses as are or may be established by law. And I do solemnly swear
that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as an officer of
the Ranger Force according to the best of my skill and ability, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the
United States and of this State, and I do further solemnly swear that since the adoption of the Constitution
of this State, I being a citizen of this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons, nor have I acted
as second in carrying a challenge, or aided, advised or assisted any person thus offending. And I further-
more swear that I have not, directly nor indirectly, paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed nor prom-
ised to contribute, any money or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, to secure my
appointment. So help me God.

J. R. Hunnicutt

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 11th, day of July, A. D. 1919.

Edith Heiligbradt

Notary Public, Travis Co. Texas.

Fill in description below.

I certify that J. R. Hunnicutt, the above named man, has been carefully examined by me
previous to his enlistment, and to the best of my knowledge and belief he is physically able, competent to and
will faithfully perform the duties incumbent on him in accordance with law. This man is 25 years
1 months of age. Height 5 feet 7 inches. Complexion light Eyes blue
Hair light Born at Marlin, County of Falls State of Texas.
Occupation Peace Officer, Married or single Single, Previous service
20 months
Residence Austin, Texas.

Remarks: _____

Captain Co. _____ Ranger Force.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

OATH OF MEMBERS
RANGER FORCE

Name J. R. Hunnicutt,

Rank Private,

Company E, Ranger Force

Station _____

Warrant dated July, 11th, 1919
Promoted to Sergeant Oct. 1st, 1919
Resigned Aug. 28, 1920