

# TEXAS ARTIFACT SPOTLIGHT

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## Special exhibit features Civilian Conservation Corps

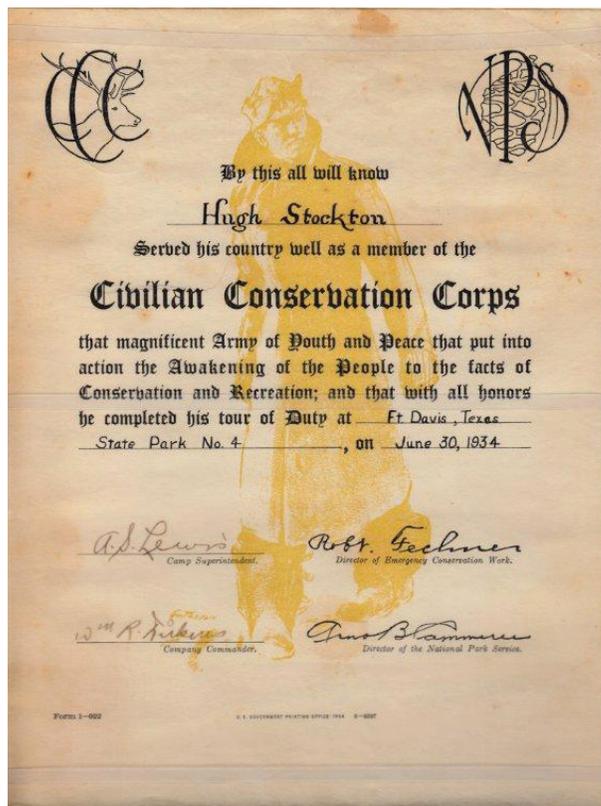
### Texas Parks and Wildlife tells the CCC story

With a stroke of his pen, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed an executive order on April 5, 1933 creating the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The program offered young Americans an opportunity to work and learn skills during the Depression. It was one of the first acts in Roosevelt's "New Deal" legislation and its impact can still be seen in Texas today.

On February 1 the Bullock Texas State History Museum, in collaboration with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), will open *Texas State Parks and the Civilian Conservation Corps* in its Rotunda Gallery. Photographs, maps, postcards, newsletters, and original furniture will highlight the history of the CCC and the state parks built between 1933-1942.

Within days of Roosevelt's executive order, Texas Governor Miriam "Ma" Ferguson submitted a proposal to the federal government requesting funding for 26 CCC projects — which led to 97 work camps across the state. More than 50,000 men between the ages of 18-25 were assigned to Texas to complete these projects. They constructed roads and bridges, built cabins, prepared hiking trails and campsites, fabricated furniture, worked on soil-conservation and erosion-control, and planted trees that still stand tall today.

The Tour of Duty certificate featured here was presented to Hugh Stockton following the completion of his time at Ft. Davis. The wording of the certificate speaks to the goals Roosevelt had for the CCC. Hailed as the "magnificent army of youth and peace," the CCC was charged with "awakening ... the people to the facts of conservation and recreation." The CCC is recognized as the single greatest conservation program in America and it served as a catalyst to develop the very tenets of modern conservation.



#### **Civilian Conservation Corps Tour of Duty certificate, June 30, 1934**

*On display from February 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013*

Courtesy Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Austin

The Bullock is a non-collecting museum so artifacts are borrowed and changed out almost every day.

This is one of several artifacts recently installed.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Rotunda Gallery on the Third Floor is the newest exhibit space at the Bullock Texas State History Museum. The museum will partner with other institutions to showcase collections that aren't frequently seen. There will be two exhibits a year, each lasting a period of five months.



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