

Colonel Wm. L. Moody (1964)

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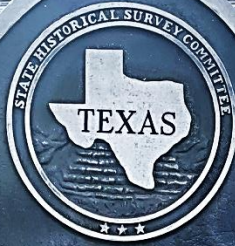
Directions: about one mile east of the Freestone County Courthouse in Fairfield on the south side of Hwy 84/East Commerce Street at what is known as the "Fairgrounds" in front of the Boy Scouts' Hut.

Address: East Commerce Street

GPS: N 31° 43.360 W 096° 08.714

PHOTOS: By Linda Mullen on Feb. 20, 2023

For more information on Col. Wm. L Moody please visit the Freestone County Historical Museum at 302 E. Main in Fairfield.



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