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**Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library to Host Local Author G. R. Williamson**

**Kerrville (September 6, 2013)** – G. R. Williamson, author of “The Texas Pistoleers, Ben Thompson & King Fisher,” will be in Kerrville on Saturday, September 21 to present a program on his new book, “The Last Texas Outlaw – Willis Newton.” The presentation will take place at the Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library in the Meeting Room at 1:00 p.m. and will include a question and answer session.

In his new book, “The Last Texas Outlaw – Willis Newton,” Williamson draws upon his 1979 interview with Willis Newton and his own extensive research to recount the history of this unrepentant outlaw. Newton’s gang was responsible for more train and bank robberies than Jesse James, the Daltons, and all of the rest of the Old West outlaws combined. Their biggest haul occurred in 1924 when they robbed a train outside of Rondout, Illinois—getting away with \$3,000,000. They still hold the record for the biggest train robbery in U.S. history. Newton’s story traces from growing up in West Texas, to his first bank holdup, his years in prison at Leavenworth, and his life after release. Williamson, using transcripts from his interviews with Willis and others who knew the outlaw, first-hand accounts from eye witnesses, newspaper articles, police records, and trial proceedings, tells the true story of “The Last Texas Outlaw—Willis Newton.”

G.R. Williamson lives in the Texas Hill Country near Kerrville with his wife, Jean, and his ever faithful Chihuahua, "Shooter". He is a historical researcher, a historian and a born storyteller. Over the years he has written several books and many articles on Texas historical figures and events in Texas history. In addition, he has penned several western motion picture screenplays. The author will be happy to sign copies of his book, which will be available for purchase at the event.

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