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SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF LOAN AGREEMENTS FOR THE TARRANT  
COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION'S 1895 ROOM MUSEUM AT  
THE TARRANT COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ARCHIVES**

**\*\*\* CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\***

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve Loan Agreements for materials listed below for use by the Tarrant County Historical Commission to be displayed in the 1895 Room Museum at the Tarrant County Courthouse:

1. Bronze maquette of General Edward H. Tarrant, sculpture, by Archie St. Clair – Loaned by Archie St. Clair for display in the 1895 Room at the Tarrant County Courthouse from January 12, 2023 through December 31, 2024
2. Bronze maquette of Major Ripley Allen Arnold, sculpture, by Archie St. Clair – Loaned by Clara and Bob Holmes for display in the 1895 Room at the Tarrant County Courthouse from January 12, 2023 through December 31, 2024

**BACKGROUND**

The 1895 Room, located within the Tarrant County Courthouse, was dedicated for use by the Tarrant County Historical Commission (Commission) in 1984 as part of the Courthouse restoration. When it became apparent that the room was not adequate for office space, it was designated as a Tarrant County history exhibit room in 1995.

Since that time, various historical memorabilia and artifacts have been displayed. Beginning in 2001, the room was modified to be compatible with Smithsonian Museum standards, which addressed a concern of potential institutional exhibit donors and lenders.

General Edward H. Tarrant represented Red River County in the House of Representatives for the Congress of the Republic of Texas in 1837, directed ranger activities associated with removed Native Americans from north Texas, including fighting in the battle of Village Creek in 1841, and went on to negotiate the Treaty of Bird's Fort with nine Native American tribes.

Major Ripley Allen Arnold was a commander during the Mexican War (1846-48). He was tasked with establishing a military post in North Texas, and established Camp Worth, (later named Fort Worth) near the Trinity River in 1849.

The careers of both men had a significant impact on Fort Worth and Tarrant County history.

SUBMITTED BY:	Archives	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Jaimi Parker
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The loan agreements begin January 12, 2023 and expire December 31, 2024.

The attached agreements meet the guidelines and procedures previously approved by Commissioners Court on October 25, 2022, through Court Order #139506. Owners of the materials may request the return of loaned items with 30 day's written notice to the Archives.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.