

OLDEST COWBOY IN TEXAS DIES

Reese Barton Learned Letters From Brands

CHILDRESS. Jan. 15 (UP).—
Reese Barton, 100. oldest cowboy
In the southwest, today has joined
Billy the Kid and the other enemies
and friends of his thrilling
youth. Barton died with his boots
on at the Smith ranch, 20 miles
north of here.

**Barton told his friends that
did not sleep in a house until
he was 94 years old.**

Barton said that he had never
attended school a day in his life
but learned his letters from cattle
brands. He boasted that he knew
the marking of every Texas cattle
man.

The cowboy counted among his
early day acquaintances, Billy the
Kid and Sheriff Pat Garrett, who
killed Billy. Barton knew Wild
Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane and
Bat Masterson and frequently recounted
stories of the bloody days
in Dodge City.

Cattlemen say Barton probably
helped drive- more cattle to the
Kansas markets than any other
rider.

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