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Dear Mr. Fox,

Here is the information you requested on Rolling Thunder. We are very pleased that he was chosen to be honored by the State of Nevada.

Born - November 11, 1911 in Oklahoma

1922 Moved to California where he worked at various jobs including trapping, wood cutting and tree trimming

1930's worked for the Forest Service and for a number of Police and Sheriff departments and started wood carving

1940's was in the Airforce and Commandos in Europe. After the war he became a Methodist pastor and worked with kids

1950's worked for the Police department and started Junior Police groups in Butte County (CA)

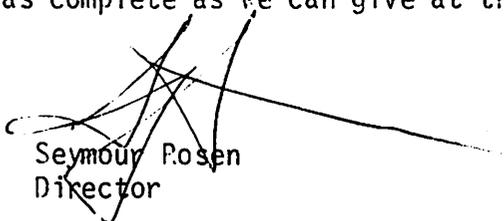
1960's Private Investigator in Redding, CA and worked in the Sacramento Valley Museum and built a museum in Shasta County (CA). He also did sculpture near Croville

1968 moved to Nevada near present site - first built a private home, which is still standing and then started building the Thunder Mountain Museum, other buildings and a great deal of sculpture.

Over the years many people have documented Thunder's work - it has appeared on television in a number of European countries, as the cover story of the first Art Express, in a number of slide shows as well as the subject of a film and the subject of uncounted newspaper articles around the world.

It is a major piece of Art. I hope you are able to talk to Thunder and fill in the many blanks. This is as complete as we can give at this time.

My best,



Seymour Rosen
Director