

# HERRING COE BAS RELIEFS

**Title:** Herring Coe Bas Reliefs

**Artist:** Coe, Herring

**Date:** 1952

**Type:** Bas Reliefs Sculpture

**Medium:** Limestone

**Location:** Hermann Park



Once displayed in the brickwork at the entrance to the [Houston Zoo](#), a group of animal bas reliefs created by Matchett Herring Coe has been re-used at the entrance to the Houston Zoo's Brown Education Center.

The artist was born in Hardin County, Texas, in 1907, and studied electrical engineering at what is now Lamar University and sculpture at Cranbrook Art Academy. He fought in World War II as a member of the U.S. Navy. Besides the Houston Zoo, where he is represented through the Hooded Cobra and the bas reliefs, he has artwork displayed at Houston City Hall, Rice University, First Presbyterian Church, Sabine Pass, the Battalion Memorial at Guadalcanal, and other locations. The cenotaph commemorating the New London School Explosion, in which 293 school children, teachers, and others died on March 18, 1937, is one of his most famous, and poignant, works. He died in 1999, and is buried in Beaumont.

