

C-NOTES: REPUBLIC OF TEXAS | IMPORTANT PEOPLE & EVENTS

Which significant people and events helped shape the Republic of Texas?

Edwin W. Moore	Commander of the Texas Navy and leader of civil disobedience that prevented the sale of Texas Navy by Sam Houston.
Jack Coffee Hays	Prototypical Texas Ranger officer during Republic of Texas. Helped shape the Ranger tradition as rough-and-ready fighters.
Chief Bowles	Leader of Cherokee tribes at the Battle of the Neches—killed.
William Goyens	Free black in Texas who negotiated treaties between Anglos and the Native Texans of East Texas. A blacksmith, wagon maker, and owner of an inn and sawmill. (“Texas’ First Black Capitalist”)
Mary Maverick	Texas pioneer and author of memoirs about life during Republic of Texas. She gave an eyewitness account of the Council House Fight.
José Antonio Navarro	Mexican Texan who fought for Texas independence, signed the Texas Declaration of Independence, and delegate to state constitutional convention in 1845. Also served in the Republic of Texas Congress and later in the state Senate.
Texas Rangers	Patrolled the Texas frontier, protecting settlers from Indian raids and lawlessness. Formed by Stephen F. Austin in 1823.
Córdova Rebellion	1838 An uprising in East Texas concerning Anglos living on Cherokee lands. With Mexico’s help, Tejanos and Native Texans briefly fought against Anglo Americans. Cherokee leaders said that they did not participate.
Battle of the Neches	1839 Last engagement (fight) of the Cherokee War in East Texas waged by President Lamar in his effort to “exterminate” them.
Council House Fight	1840 Incident in San Antonio that began as peace negotiations between Texas officials and Comanche peace delegation to free settlers held captive. Ended with 35 Native Texans killed and 30 captured and led to years of hostility and war with Texas Rangers.
Santa Fe Expedition	1841 Action by Lamar in an attempt to gain control over and further develop trade links between Texas & New Mexico.
Archive War	1842 Sam Houston ordered government’s archives moved from Austin after Mexican soldiers briefly captured San Antonio in March. Residents thought he would move capital back to Houston and opposed Texas Rangers sent to move papers. Residents won.
Mier Expedition	1842 Unauthorized raid into Mexico by 300 men from the failed Somervell expedition. 176 Texans were captured and every 10th man executed as ordered by Santa Anna (Black Bean Episode).
Regulator-Moderator War	1844 Two groups of settlers formed in 1839 to keep law and order were constantly fighting each other. President Houston sent in militia to stop fighting and finally bring peace to East Texas.