

Notes: Anglo Americans in TX

US HAD WON INDEPENDENCE FROM GREAT BRITAIN IN 1783. ANGLOS WERE MOVING WEST. NEW SPAIN WANTED THEM NOT TO GO WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI R. SPAIN FEARED AMERICANS WOULD OUTNUMBER SPANIARDS. SPAIN WOULD ALLOW SETTLERS ONLY IF...

....THEY AGREED TO PLEDGE THEIR LOYALTY TO SPAIN, AND TO BECOME CATHOLIC.

EMPRESSARIO--

FILIBUSTER--

PHILIP NOLAN WAS THE FIRST FILIBUSTER TO COME TO TX. HE HAD PERMISSION FROM THE SPANISH GOV'T TO CAPTURE WILD HORSES, WHICH HE THEN SOLD TO THE US. HE WAS FRIENDS WITH GEN. JAMES WILKINSON, US ARMY COMMANDER ON THE FRONTIER. SPAIN GOT SUSPICIOUS THEY WERE PLOTTING TO TAKE TX FROM SPAIN.

NOLAN WAS TOLD TO LEAVE TX AND NOT RETURN. HE IGNORED THE WARNING AND RETURNED TO TX WITH 17 MEN. SPANISH SOLDIERS KILLED NOLAN AND ANOTHER MAN. THE OTHER 16 WERE ARRESTED.

NEUTRAL GROUND AGREEMENT...



AFTER THE US BOUGHT LOUISIANA TERRITORY FROM FRANCE, THERE WAS CONFLICT OVER WHERE THE BORDER BETWEEN US AND SPAIN WAS. SPAIN AND THE US MADE THE NEUTRAL GROUND AGREEMENT--EACH SIDE GAVE UP SOME LAND TO FORM A 50-MILE STRIP OF "NO MAN'S LAND" THAT NEITHER REALLY CONTROLLED. NEUTRAL GROUND BECAME A HAVEN FOR CRIMINALS FROM BOTH COUNTRIES.

GUTIERREZ-MAGEE EXPEDITION

LT. AUGUSTUS MAGEE AND BERNARDO GUTIERREZ DE LARA WERE FILIBUSTERS WHO ORGANIZED THE REPUBLIC OF THE NORTH AND PROCLAIMED TX INDEPENDENT OF SPAIN.

THE EXPEDITION FAILED, BUT ENCOURAGED OTHERS TO TRY TO GAIN FREEDOM.

ADAMS-ONIS TREATY

SPAIN CEDED (GAVE) FLORIDA TO THE US. AGREED THE SABINE R. WOULD BE THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN SPANISH TX AND LOUISIANA.



LONG EXPEDITION

DR. JAMES LONG, FILIBUSTER, TRIED TO DECLARE TX INDEPENDENT FROM SPAIN. HE WAS ARRESTED AND KILLED IN PRISON IN MEXICO.

THE FILIBUSTERS WEREN'T SUCCESSFUL AT FREEING TX FROM SPAIN, BUT AMERICANS CONTINUED TO MOVE TO TX.