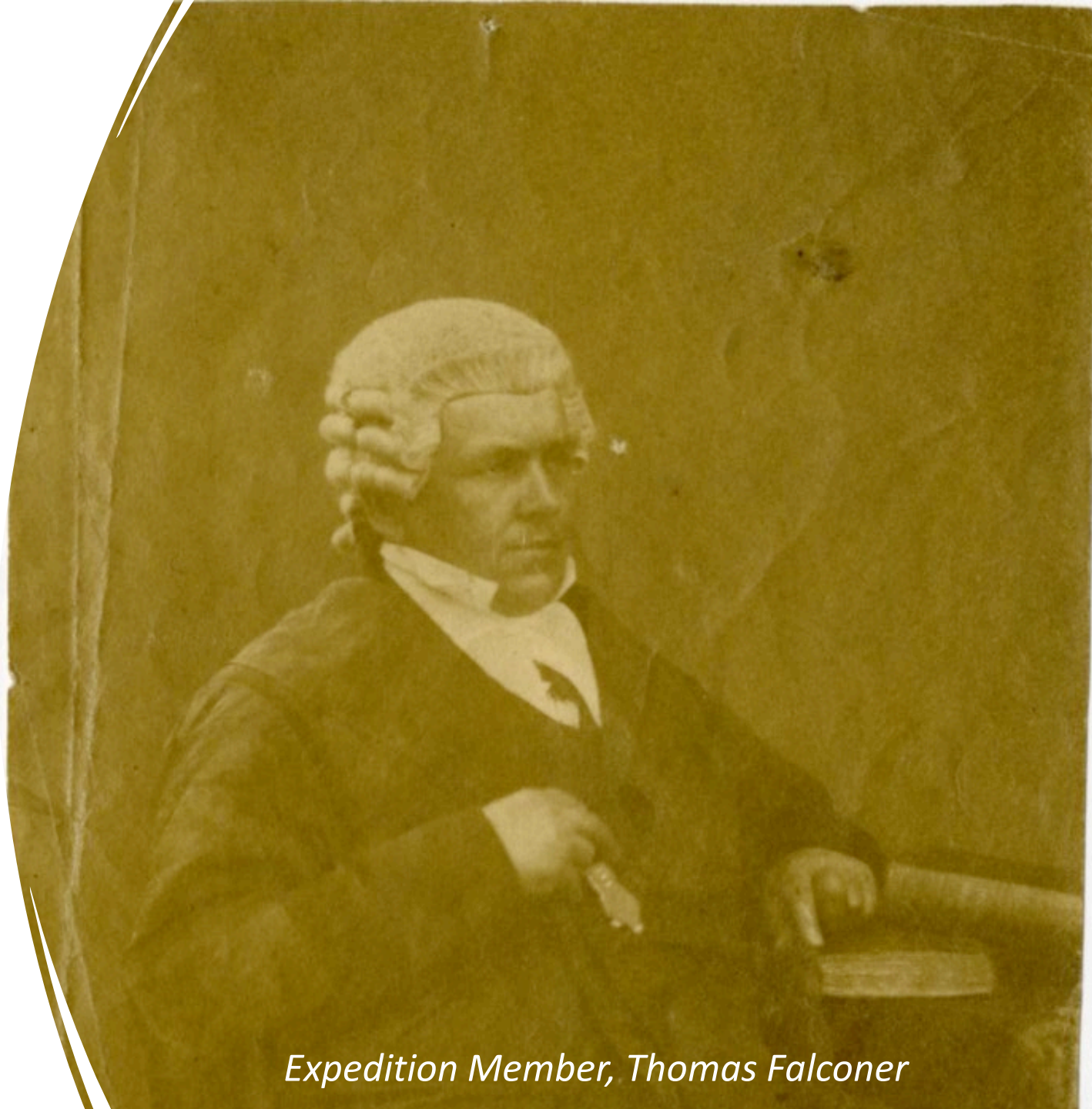# Unit 6:
The Republic of Texas

Extension Lesson:
The Santa Fe Expedition

Expedition Member, Thomas Falconer

Warm-up

Follow the directions below to complete your warm-up

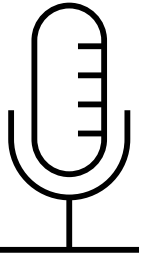- Use the map on your warm-up (shown larger here) to complete your warm-up

- Share your response with a partner

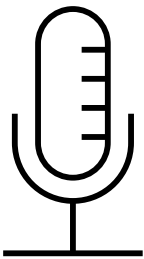Santa Fe

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Share with the class:

The Santa Fe Expedition traveled through _____

The Santa Fe Expedition probably encountered _____ while traveling through these regions.

What were the goals, key events, significant challenges, and outcomes of the Santa Fe Expedition?

In Today's Lesson

1. **_We will_** examine the goals, key events, major challenges, and significance of the Santa Fe Expedition during the Republic of Texas era.
2. **_I will_** analyze five primary source excerpts to determine the key information, challenges, and significance of the Santa Fe Expedition.

Mirabeau Lamar & the Santa Fe Expedition

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Thomas Falconer's Account of the Santa Fe Expedition

From the New Orleans Picayune.

SANTA FÉ EXPEDITION.

The following account of the march of the Santa Fé Expedition, has been prepared especially for this paper, by Mr. Thos. Falconer, a gentleman who accompanied the expedition its entire march.

We left Austin on the 18th of June, 1841, for the camp at Brushy, about twelve miles off. At this place we found the expedition to Santa Fé, prepared to start. It consisted of a military force—of the merchants; and of others who had joined the expedition for the purpose of pleasure and of information—and of the commissioners. The military force was divided into six companies, under the following commands:—1st. Capt. Sutton, Lieuts. Johnson and Bur-

Thomas Falconer's account of the Santa Fe Expedition

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The Capture of the Santa Fe Expedition
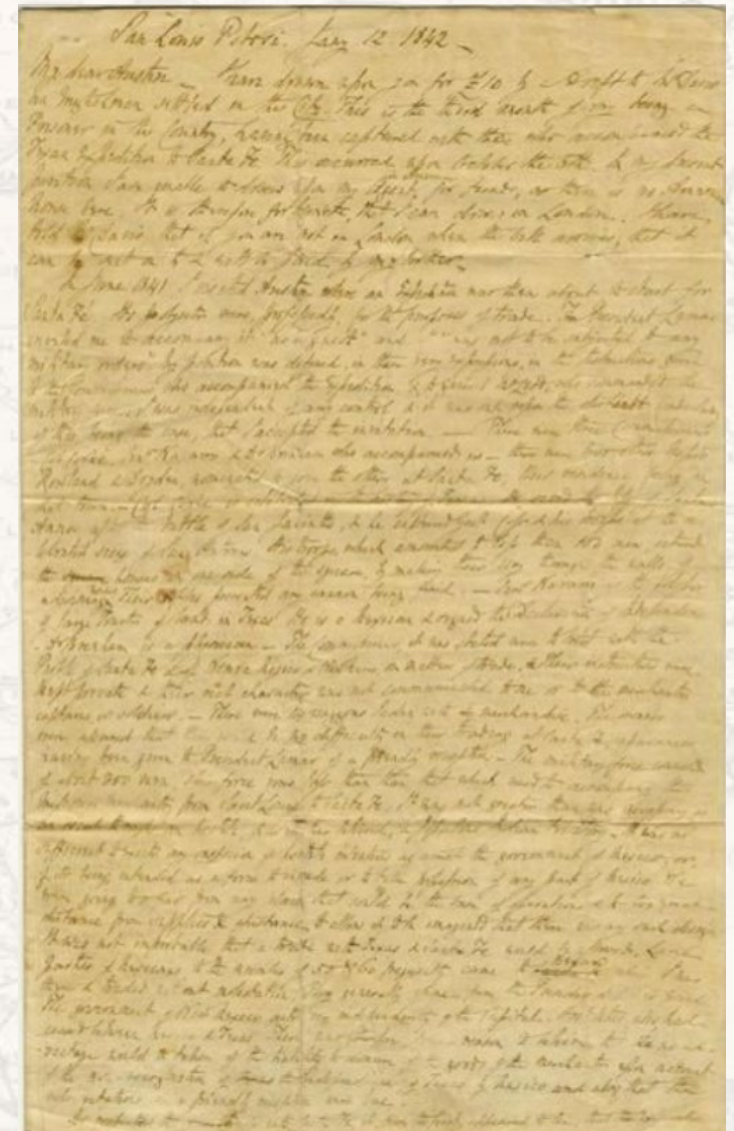
Manuel Armijo (Armigo)
New Mexico Governor

Catalog of American Portraits
The Smithsonian

Thomas Falconer's Thoughts on the Expedition

Perote Prison, Veracruz, Mexico
Texas State Historical Association

Thomas Falconer's letter to Alfred Austin
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Exit Ticket

Follow the directions below to complete your exit ticket

- Think about an experience you might have had as a member of the Santa Fe Expedition.
- Write a journal entry in the space provided about your experience.
- Share your response with a partner

Share with the class:

(Read your journal entry for the class. Begin with the date of your experience.)