William Barrett Travis (1809 — 1836)
birthplace: Saluda Co., SC
- A defender at the Alamo
- Famous for his letter from the Alamo “To the People of Texas and All Americans in the World” and which he closed with “Victory or Death”
- Died defending the Alamo

Juan Nepomuceno Seguín (1806 — 1890)
birthplace: San Antonio
- Served as a political and military leader during the Texas Revolution
- Commanded a militia unit of Mexicans living in Texas during the Battle of San Jacinto
- Supervised the burial of the dead Texians at the Alamo
- Texas Senator from 1837-40
- Mayor of San Antonio from 1840-42

C. M. “Dad” Joiner (1860 — 1947)
birthplace: Lauderdale Co., AL
- Opened the largest oilfield in the world at that time in Rusk County in 1930, the East Texas oilfield
- In Oklahoma, gained and lost two fortunes in oil before moving to Texas in 1926

Moses Austin (1761 — 1821)
birthplace: Durham, CT
- “Father of Texas”
- Settled the Old Three Hundred families in the Austin Colony
- Imprisoned in Mexico 1834-5
- Supported organized opposition to Mexico
- First Secretary of State of the Republic of Texas

Michael E. DeBakey (1908 — 2008)
birthplace: Lake Charles, LA
- Invented a major component of the heart-lung machine, helping make open heart surgery possible
- Doctor in Houston
- Helped develop Mobile Army Surgical Hospitals (MASH), 1941-42
- Chancellor and Chairman of the Dept. of Surgery at the Baylor College of Medicine

Roy Bedichek (1878 — 1959)
birthplace: Cass Co., IL
- Newspaper reporter and folklorist
- Books include *Adventures with a Texas Naturalist* and *Karankaway County*
- Served as the second director of the University Scholastic League starting in 1922 and continued in that role for 26 years

Walter R. Cunningham (1932 — )
birthplace: Creston, Iowa
- Astronaut on the first manned Apollo spacecraft, Apollo 7
- Inducted into both the International Space Hall of Fame and Houston Hall of Fame
- Chief of the Skylab Branch of the Flight Crew at Johnson Space Center
- Now works with technology and science companies
Phil Gramm
Lorenzo de Zavala
Samuel T. Rayburn
George C. Childress
James Fannin
Antonio López de Santa Anna
Sam Houston
Mirabeau Buonaparte Lamar
Barbara Jordan
Samuel T. Rayburn (1882 — 1961)
birthplace: Roane Co., TN
- Texas state legislator from 1906-1912
- Served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1912 to 1961, 49 years
- Re-elected 24 times
- Speaker of the House for 16 years
- Known as an effective compromiser and strong leader

Lorenzo de Zavala (1788 — 1836)
birthplace: Tecoh, Mexico
- Governor of the State of Mexico, and influential in Mexican politics
- Established a colony in East Texas, and supported the Independence of Texas after Santa Anna became dictator
- First interim Vice-President of the Republic of Texas
- Designed the first flag of the Republic of Texas

Phil Gramm (1942 — )
birthplace: Fort Benning, GA
- Taught Economics at Texas A&M from 1967-1978
- Served as a U.S. Congressman from 1978-1984
- Served as a U.S. Senator from 1984-2002
- Twice served as Chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, although he began his political career as a Democrat

Antonio López de Santa Anna (1794 — 1876)
birthplace: Jalapa, Mexico
- Led a revolt against Mexican President Bustamente in 1832
- Dictator of Mexico
- Led the Mexican army during the Texas Revolution, including the Battle of the Alamo.
- Captured at the Battle of San Jacinto, but returned to Mexico
- Commanded the Mexican army during the Mexican War, 1846-8

James Fannin (1804 — 1836)
birthplace: Twiggs Co., GA
- Commanded the Texas army at the Battle of Concepción in 1834, in which 90 Texian soldiers defeated 400 Mexican soldiers
- Killed in the Goliad Massacre along with 400 Texian soldiers
- “Remember Goliad” becomes a Texas battle cry

Barbara Jordan (1934 — 1996)
birthplace: Houston
- First African-American U.S. Congresswoman from the South, elected 1972
- Served in the Texas Senate 1966-1972
- Earned national recognition during the Watergate hearings, 1974
- Time Magazine’s Woman of the Year in 1975

Mirabeau Buonaparte Lamar (1798 — 1859)
birthplace: Jefferson Co., GA
- First Vice-President of the Republic of Texas, and Second President
- Wanted Texas to stay a republic, and opposed annexation to the U.S.
- Lamar moved the Texas capitol from Houston to Austin

Sam Houston (1793 — 1863)
- Commander of the Texas army and Hero of the Battle of San Jacinto
- First Republic of Texas President, elected 1836 and 1841
- Supported annexation of Texas by the U.S.
- Elected as U.S. Senator, 1845
- Elected as Governor 1859, and resigned in 1861 in opposition to the secession of Texas from the Union
Anson Jones (1798 — 1858)
birthplace: Great Barrington, Massachusetts
- Appointed Minister to the U.S. in 1838
- Last President of the Republic of Texas
- Elected in 1844
- Retired to Washington-on-the-Brazos after Annexation (when Texas became a U.S. State)

James Hogg (1851 — 1906)
birthplace: Cherokee County
- Elected Governor of Texas in 1890, serving two terms
- Supported legislation protecting the public from corporations
- Established the Railroad Commission
- Supported Texas education

Cynthia Parker (c. 1825 — 1871)
birthplace: Crawford Co., IL
- Captured by Comanches in May of 1836 at age nine
- Married an Indian chief and had three children
- In 1860, she was returned to Anglo society against her wishes
- Her son Quanah Parker served as an influential liaison between U.S. Indian agencies and the reservations

Oveta Culp Hobby (1905 — 1995)
birthplace: Killeen
- Organized and commanded the Women’s Army Corps (WACs), recruiting and training over 100,000 women for army service.
- First woman to receive the Army’s Distinguished Service Medal
- Appointed head of the Federal Security Agency and transformed it into the Department of Health, Education and Welfare
- Became publisher of the Houston Post after her husband died in 1964

Hector P. García (1914 — 1996)
birthplace: Llera, Mexico
- Physician, served with the U.S. Army Medical Corps in WWII
- Founded the American G.I. Forum in 1948, a political activist organization to protect the rights of Mexican-American veterans
- The G.I. Forum became one of the major advocacy groups for Hispanics in the U.S.
- Awarded the Medal of Freedom in 1984 by Pres. Ronald Reagan

James Farmer (1920 — 1999)
birthplace: Marshall
- Leader in the Civil Rights movement
- Son of the first African-American man in Texas to hold a PhD.
- Organized the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), the first protest organization in the U.S. formed on the basis of civil disobedience and non-violence
- Author of Lay Bare the Heart and Freedom When?

John N. Garner (1868 — 1967)
birthplace: Detroit, Texas
- The thirty second vice president of the U.S.
- Nicknamed “Cactus Jack”
- Established the 15th Congressional District and was elected as representative
- Entered the 58th Congress as a Democrat in 1903 and served for 15 terms.
- Garner served 38 years in govt. service

Kathryn B. Hutchison (1943 —)
birthplace: Galveston, Texas
- First woman to represent Texas in the U.S. Senate and first to receive more than 4 million votes in a single election
- After completing a law degree (J.D.) from University of Texas, Austin she was the legal and political correspondent for KPRC_TV, Houston
- Selected to the Texas House of Representatives from a district in Houston,

Lyndon B. Johnson (1908 — 1973)
birthplace: Gillespie County
- School teacher
- Served as U.S. Congressman from 1937-1948
- Served in WWII under Gen. MacArthur, earning a Silver Star
- Served as U.S. Senator from 1948-1960
- Elected Vice-President in 1960, became President in 1963 after Kennedy’s Assassination
- Re-elected to the Presidency in 1964
Elisabet Ney (1833—1907)
Birthplace: Munster, Westphalia
- Teacher, writer and folklore enthusiast
- Reporter for San Antonio Express and Galveston Tribune
- Published Vaquero of Brush County (1929) and became known as a spokesman of Texas and Southwestern culture.
- Awarded highest civil award the Medal of Freedom in 1964 by Lyndon B. Johnson

Michael Dell (1965—)
Birthplace: Houston, Texas
- Texas entrepreneur who designs manufactures, sells and services computers
- Applied for high school equivalency exam at age 8
- As an 18 year old freshman at University of Texas he founded PC’s Limited which later came to be known as Dell Computer Company
- Listed as Fortune 500 firm with 14 International subsidiaries

Lawrence Sullivan (1838—1898)
Birthplace: Bentonsport, Iowa
- Soldier, Statesman and University President.
- Joined Texas Rangers as first lieutenant of Waco Co.
- His boldness in the battle at Pease River against Comanche riding party led to recapture of Cynthia Ann Parker
- Served as President of Texas A&M University

Howard Hughes Sr. (1869—1924)
Birthplace: Lancaster, Missouri
- Texas Philanthropist Invented the Hughes Rock Bit for drilling for oil in 1908
- Conducted research on steel wedge type gate valve used in the oil industry
- Refined the design of the drill bit and achieved 73 patents during his lifetime for products related to the oil industry

Frank Dobie (1888—1964)
Birthplace: Live Oak County, Texas
- Teacher, writer and folklore enthusiast
- Reporter for San Antonio Express and Galveston Tribune
- Published Vaquero of Brush County (1929) and became known as a spokesman of Texas and Southwestern culture.
- Awarded highest civil award the Medal of Freedom in 1964 by Lyndon B. Johnson

Amado Pena Jr. (1943—)
Birthplace: Laredo, Texas
- Artist, Teacher and Artisan of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona
- He is of Mestizo, Mexican and Yaqui ancestry and his artwork reflects the influences of his heritage
- Through art Amado communicates his vision of a land, its people who live in harmony with an untamed environment

Horton Foote (1916—2009)
Birthplace: Wharton, Texas
- Distinguished Texas dramatist and play writer
- Took acting classes to learn “method acting” Joined American Actors Company to promote American talent in the theatre
- Among his plays were Texas Town, and Only the Heart. He also wrote television plays “The Quaker Oats show,”

Thomas Green (1814—1864)
Birthplace: Buckingham County, Virginia
- Joined military service in 1836 and operated the Twin Sisters cannons in the Battle of San Jacinto and was commissioned as Lieutenant
- On completion settled in Texas and became a county surveyor at La Grange, Fayette county
- After secession Green was elected Colonel of the Fifth Texas
Benjy Frances Brooks (1918 — 1998)
birthplace: Lewisville, Texas
- First woman pediatric surgeon in Texas
- Early interest in the medical profession was apparent as she performed operations on her sister’s dolls with manicure scissors
- Teacher at Baylor College of Medicine and worked at Texas Children’s Hospital, Houston

Jane McCallum (1877 — 1957)
birthplace: La Vernia, Texas
- Suffragist and Texas Secretary of State
- President of Austin Women’s Suffrage Association
- Lobbied for education, prison reform, prohibition control, maternal and child health
- Served as a presidential elector and state Democratic committee woman
- Discovered and restored an original of the Texas Declaration of Independence

Denton Cooley (1850 — 1933)
birthplace: Cherokee County
- Real estate developer and Texas businessman
- Director, Treasurer, and General manager of Omaha and South Texas Land Company
- Cooley school named after him, was the chairman of the committee that built Jefferson Davis County hospital
- Assisted in the formation of St. Andrews Church
- Shriner and civic leader

Madison White (1907 — 1957)
birthplace: Elmo, Texas
- Teacher and civil rights activist
- Joined the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and advocated for civil rights
- After the Supreme Court decision of Smith v. Allwright, White advocated for the right to vote
- She pushed for equal pay for African Americans and all teachers
- The Lulu White Freedom Fund was created in her honor

Francis R. Lubbock (1815 — 1905)
birthplace: Beaufort, South Carolina
- Life long Democrat and Comptroller of the Republic of Texas
- Was elected Governor of Texas in 1861 and was a staunch supporter of the Confederacy
- Entered the military service and was appointed Lieutenant Colonel
- When his term ended he became a businessman and served as tax

John Reagan (1908 — 1973)
birthplace: Gillespie County
- Life long Democrat and Comptroller of the Republic of Texas
- Was elected Governor of Texas in 1861 and was a staunch supporter of the Confederacy
- Entered the military service and was appointed Lieutenant Colonel
- Served as treasurer of the state of Texas

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