



Sam Houston

Sam Houston grew up in rural Tennessee and really didn't like any of the opportunities presented to him. In fact, for a few years he "dropped out" and lived with the Cherokee Indians. In 1814, he became a war hero during the Battle of Horseshoe Bend against the Creek Indians.

Sam became the Governor of Tennessee at age of 34 and married 20 year old Elisa Allen. And that is where the saga begins. Sam and Elisa Allen separated after 3 months marriage; Sam resigned as Governor of Tennessee and went to live with his Cherokee tribe in Arkansas.

But Sam was not down and out...he ended up in Texas before the Texas Revolution started and became the Commander of the new Texas Army. As Commander, he defeated Mexican President Santa Anna at San Jacinto and gave Texas its independence. He went on to become the first elected President of the Republic of Texas and the third President, the first Senator from the State of Texas and, finally, the Governor of the State of Texas.

Sam opposed having Texas join the Confederacy during the Civil War and was forced to resign as Governor and from public life in 1861.

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