

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND
(A Timeline of Sam Houston's Life)

Born in Rockbridge County, Virginia	March 2, 1793
First military experience at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend	March 26, 1814
Elected to represent Tennessee in House of Representatives	1823
Elected to Governorship of Tennessee	1827
Marriage to Eliza Allen	January 22, 1829
Resigns Governorship of Tennessee and goes to live with the Cherokees	April 16, 1829
Marriage to Tiana Rogers	Summer 1830
Arrives in Texas for the first time	December 1832
Elected Commander-in-Chief of regular army (then non-existent)	November 3, 1835
Issues orders to remove all cannon and blow up the Alamo	January 17, 1836
Sam Houston signs the Declaration of Independence at Washington-on-the-Brazos, and observes his 43rd birthday	March 2, 1836
Leads the Texas Revolutionary Army to victory over the Mexican Army at the Battle of San Jacinto	April 21, 1836
Elected the First President of the Republic of Texas	September 5, 1836
Marriage to Margaret Lea	May 9, 1840
Serves another term as President of the Republic of Texas	1841-1844
Texas becomes the 28th state in the U.S.A. Houston is elected, along with Thomas Rusk, as one of Texas' first Senators in the U.S. Congress	December 29, 1845
Elected Governor of Texas, becoming the only person in U.S. history to be elected governor of two different states	December 21, 1859
Deposed as governor of Texas for refusing to pledge allegiance to the Confederacy	March 16, 1861
Dies in Steamboat House in Huntsville and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery	July 26, 1863