

The Bandera PROPHECY

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Today in Texas history

First - and only - mutiny in the Texas Navy occurs in Old New Orleans

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On Feb. 11, 1842, the first and only mutiny in the Texas Navy began. The schooner San Antonio was anchored in the Mississippi River at New Orleans. Although the high-ranking officers were ashore, the sailors and marines were confined aboard because of fear of desertion. They evidently got drunk on smuggled liquor and, under marine sergeant Seymour Oswald, began a mutiny in which Lt. Charles Fuller was killed. Eventually, Commodore Edwin Moore brought some of the mutineers to trial. Three were sentenced to flogging, and four were hanged from the yardarm of the Austin on April 6, 1843. Oswald himself escaped from jail in New Orleans and was never brought to justice.