

# The Bandera PROPHECY

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Today in Texas history

*Alonso de León, Spanish Governor of Coahuila, discovers and names  
Guadalupe River near future site of City of Victoria*

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On April 14, 1689, Alonso De León, Spanish governor of Coahuila, discovered and named the Guadalupe River at the approximate future site of Victoria, while leading his fourth and final expedition to find and destroy the French settlement at Fort St. Louis.

De León, an early advocate of establishing missions along the Texas frontier, blazed much of the Old San Antonio Road in the course of his expeditions. Eight days after discovering the Guadalupe, he and his party of 114 men, which included Damián Massenet, came upon the ruins of the French settlement on the banks of Garcitas Creek.

De León left Texas for the last time in 1690 and died in Coahuila a year later, probably around the age of 52.

In 1721 the Spanish built Nuestra Señora de Loreto de la Bahía Presidio on the site of Fort St. Louis.