

# The Bandera PROPHEET

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Today in Texas History

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On this day in 1895, William Carrol Crawford, the last surviving signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence, died while visiting his son in Erath County.

Crawford, a native of North Carolina, moved to Texas in 1835 and settled near Shelbyville. He and Sydney O. Pennington represented Shelby County at the Convention of 1836, which wrote the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the Republic of Texas and established the ad interim government.

Crawford, who later lived in Camp, Hill, and Johnson counties, died 10 days before his 91st birthday.