

The Bandera PROPHECY

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Today in Texas History

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On this day in 1821, the flag of Spain was lowered for the last time in San Antonio, ending three centuries of Spanish involvement in Texas. The successful independence movement in Mexico, led by Agustín de Iturbide and Vicente Guerrero, resulted in a treaty that brought Texas under the newly independent nation.

The Mexican War of Independence marked the end of an era in which the Franciscan padres had founded and refounded missions at approximately 40 different sites in Texas. Ten presidios had extended from Central Texas eastward to the site of present Robeline, Louisiana, and southward to Chambers County. Municipalities ranged from Laredo to San Antonio and Nacogdoches. Ranches and farms dotted the landscape.

The majority of the population was probably mestizo. After Mexican independence, Hispanics in Texas were soon outstripped in numbers by Americans. Modern Texas, however, reflects its Spanish origins in many ways.