

The Bandera PROPHECY

December 16, 2022

Today in Texas History

By Bandera Spirits of Texas

On this day in 1826, Benjamin Edwards and about 30 men rode into Nacogdoches and declared the Republic of Fredonia, thus instituting an attempted minor revolution known as the Fredonian Rebellion.

Benjamin was the brother of Haden Edwards, who had received a grant near Nacogdoches and had settled some 50 families there. Fearing that the brothers were about to lose their land, Benjamin took the desperate step of declaring independence from Mexico.

In spite of an attempt to get the Cherokees to help, the revolt was easily crushed by Mexican authorities, and Edwards was forced to flee across the Sabine. In 1837 he ran for governor of Mississippi, but died during the campaign.