

# The Bandera PROPHEET

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Today in Texas History

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On this day in 1835, Gen. Sam Houston welcomed David N. Burke to Texas, commending "the manly and liberal feelings which have been manifested by you in the tender of your services in behalf of Texas." Burke commanded the Mobile Grays, a company of about 30 volunteers that was organized in Mobile by James Butler Bonham, Albert C. Horton, and S. P. St. John.

In December, upon the army's reorganization for the Matamoros expedition of 1835-36, the group, enlarged by transfers from the New Orleans Greys, proceeded to Goliad and became part of the Second Battalion of the Provisional Regiment of Volunteers under James W. Fannin Jr.

One member was killed in action on March 19. Three escaped, four were spared, and 30 were killed in the Goliad Massacre on March 27.