



David G. Burnet

A Texas

President

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I am going to tell you about David Burnett, the first President of Texas. David Burnett was a temporary president of Texas.

He was born on April 14, 1789.

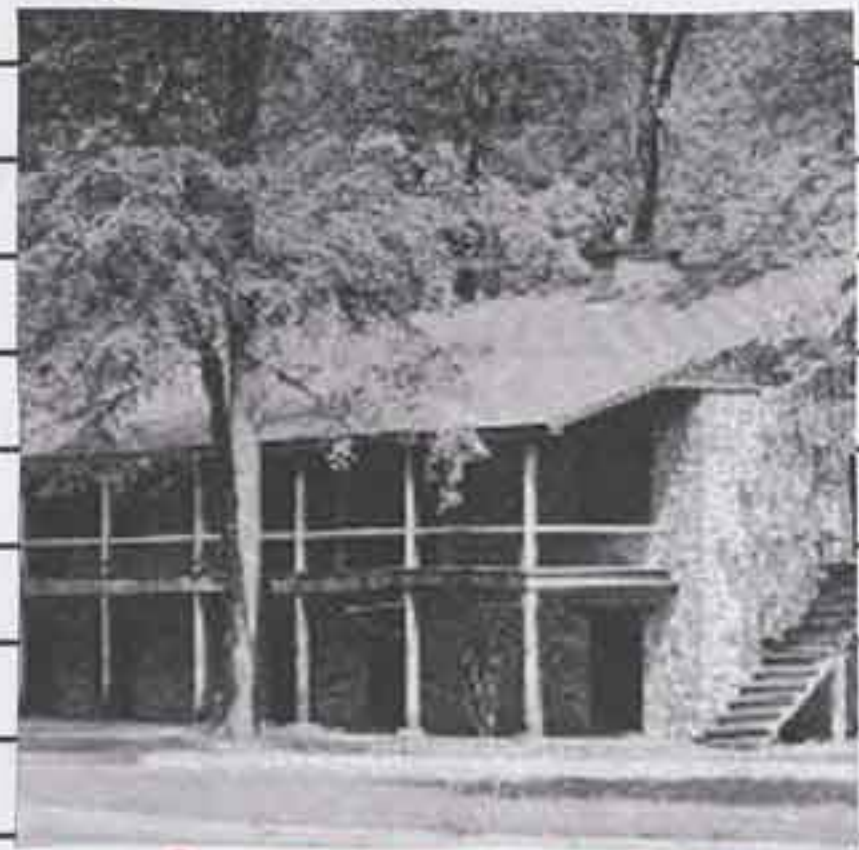
He was from Ohio. His mother raised him because his mother and father died.

David Burnett loved traveling. He liked traveling so much he went to Venezuela in South America.

He needed to go to Texas later in the year because he had tuberculosis (T.B.). The doctor told him he needed dry air.

David Burnett went to the Piney Woods. One of his first stops was Natchitoches, Louisiana. Natchitoches

is about sixty miles away from Nacogdoches. He owned a little trading post, but it failed. Then he decided to go to Texas. His journey took him through Nacogdoches. He went to the Old Stone Fort trading post to buy supplies.



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David Burnet packed his things in his bag and headed off to the Texas wilderness where not very many people had gone. He was scared he wouldn't see his friends or family ever again.

Then it happened. He lost control of his horses reins. It was too late. He had fallen off.

All of a sudden he heard horses coming. They were Comanche Indians. He thought he was going to die, but they were not going to kill him they took good care of him. He stayed with the Indians for two years.

After he left the Indians he met Stephen F. Austin. They became

good friends. They were both lawyers. They believed Texas should stay under Mexican rule. David Burnet was elected as a judge. Judge Burnet noticed the settlers were unhappy with Mexican laws.

After Texas declared its independence, he went to Independence, Texas, to watch the delegates write a constitution. The delegates were arguing over the laws. David Burnet told them to work together.



After lots and lots of talks they agreed to elect David G. Burnet as the president of Texas. He was president for six months. He was president for a short time because he did not get along with Sam Houston.

Even so, David Burnet will be remembered as a man who was helpful, loyal, and concerned about the future of Texas.



The Burnet flag was made
by David Burnet. Texas
wanted to adopt the
flag. And they did.

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