

Davy Crockett



David Stern Crockett was a frontiersman, politician, and soldier, born August 17, 1786. Crockett ran away from home as a youth and grew up as a hunter, trapper and woodsman in the Tennessee mountains. Davy (he preferred the name David) joined the Tennessee Volunteer Mounted Riflemen in 1813 and fought in the Creek War under Andrew Jackson. He was later elected to the position of lieutenant colonel in the Tennessee Militia. In 1826, Crockett was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and served another two terms until 1834. Crockett made himself known as a grand public speaker and writer, even though he had no formal education. After being voted out in 1834, Crockett made his way to Texas to explore settlement opportunities. He and his party were at the Alamo when General Santa Anna arrived with the Mexican Army and placed the Alamo under siege. According to accounts, Crockett fought valiantly before being killed in the battle.