

The King of the Wild Frontier

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Davy Crockett, Narrator 1, Narrator 2, Narrator 3, William B. Travis

Davy Crockett: I want to explore Texas well before I return.

Narrator 1: said Davy Crockett as he left Tennessee on Halloween in 1835 to explore the Wild Frontier of Texas.

Narrator 2: It was a long and difficult trail, but Davy arrived in Nacogdoches, Texas over a year later.

Narrator 3: On his long journey, Davy had plenty of time to think about his life. You see, he had not always been such a hero. In fact, Davy had a lot of trouble in school. As a boy he left home to become a trapper and a hunter.

Narrator 1: He remembered coming home on his sixteenth birthday. His family was so happy to see him. It was the best birthday present ever.

Narrator2: He also remembered his first wife, Polly. They had three children before she died. That was a long time ago, years before he married Elizabeth Patton who also gave him three children.

Narrator 3: Who knew the young trapper would join the military and later become a Congressman?

Narrator 1: He remembered what he would say before his speeches in Washington D.C.

Davy Crockett: I am the same David Crockett, fresh from the backwoods, half-horse, half alligator, a little touched with the snapping turtle...I can whip my weight in wildcats and if any gentleman pleases, for a ten-dollar bill, he can throw in a panther too.

Narrator 2: He shocked a lot of people, but many respected him. Later, he lost in his reelection by two votes.

Narrator 3: Davy knew there was more in store for him than he found in Tennessee. In 1836, he found himself standing before Judge John Forbes in Texas.

Davy Crockett: I have taken the oath of Government and have enrolled my name as a volunteer and will set out for the Rio Grande in a few days with the Volunteers of the United States.

Narrator 1: He was very happy with his new environment and wrote to his sister saying,

Davy Crockett: I would rather be in my present situation than be elected a seat in Congress for life.

Narrator 2: Davy Crockett was obviously tired of politics. He was looking forward to his 4,600 acres of land as payment for volunteering.

Davy Crockett: Okay men, let's ride!

Narrator 3: On February 6, Davy and five other men rode to San Antonio. He had no idea what was to come.

Narrator 1: Not too far from Davy's camp, Commander William B. Travis was in charge of fighting off the Mexican forces. He was greatly outnumbered.

William B. Travis: We need more help. Send for help! There are 8000 of them, and very few of us.

Narrator 2: Davy and his men responded to the call, and headed to the Alamo to help the Commander.

Davy Crockett: We are coming, and will fight to the end!

Narrator 3: Davy Crockett had experience in battle. He fought under General Andrew Jackson in the Creek War for two years. Sometimes he was a hunter, sometimes he was a warrior. Today he would be a warrior.

Narrator 1: When Davy arrived there were only around 200 Texans to fight off 8000 Mexicans.

Davy Crockett: Hold the Alamo!

William B. Travis: We will never surrender!

Davy Crockett and William B. Travis: Stand and fight!

Narrator 1: The Texans refused to surrender, or give up. Despite Sam Houston's order to retreat a month before, the Texans stood and fought many with only a few.

Narrator 2: After a heroic stand at the Alamo, 189 Texans were killed, including Davy Crockett, and the Texans were defeated.

Narrator 3: On the day he died, March 6, 1836, he wrote a letter to his daughter saying,

Davy Crockett: Do not worry about me, for I am with friends.

ALL: Remember the Alamo!