



Mexican-American War

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Introduction

During the 1820s, the area now known as Texas saw an increase in American immigrants. In the early 1830s, the Mexican government, owners of the territory, enacted a law to prohibit further immigration into the Mexican land. With tensions between the settlers of Texas and the Mexican government rising, President John Tyler formally announced the annexation of Texas in 1845 sparking an outbreak of war. Seven thousand Ohioans enlisted to fight in this war, most of them serving under future president, Zachary Taylor. Many northern states, including Ohio, were against the annexation of Texas because it would be creating a new slave state.

Important Dates

- 1836: Texas declares its independence from Mexico.
- December 29, 1845: The United States annexes Texas, making it the 28th state.
- May 13, 1846: Congress declares war on Mexico after 16 American soldiers were killed on disputed territory.
- September 21-24, 1846: The Battle of Monterrey
- March 9-29, 1847: The Battle of Veracruz
- February 2, 1948: The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo is signed between the United States and Mexico establishing the Rio Grande as the border between the two countries.

Suggested Search Strategies

- Try the following terms in combination (as an "all" word search), proximity or as phrases: Mexico, Mexican, war, Ohio, Texas, annexation, regiment, soldier, volunteers.
- Try searching for specific battles that occurred or locations of battles: Veracruz, Puebla, Monterrey, Camargo, Agua Nueva, Buena Vista.
- Don't forget to try searching the name of a colonel or regiment of the Ohio volunteers. Some examples are: Col. Morgan, 2nd Regiment, Col. Curtis, Col. Mitchell
- Search newspapers in all states, not just Ohio.

Sample Articles from Chronicling America

- ["A Row Among the Volunteers on the Rio Grande"](#) *Sunbury American and Shamokin Journal* (Sunbury, PA), September 5, 1846, Image 1, col. 6.
- ["Another Extract from Corwin's Speech"](#) *Anti-Slavery Bugle* (Salem, OH), March 5, 1847, Image 1, col. 1-6.
- ["Noble Exploits"](#) *Anti-Slavery Bugle* (Salem, OH), March 12, 1847, Image 1, col. 3-4.
- ["Battle of Buena Vista"](#) *Jeffersonian Republican* (Stroudsburg, PA), April 8, 1847, Image 2, col. 3-5.
- ["Col. Morgan's Fight..."](#) *Edgefield Advertiser*, (Edgefield, SC), April 28, 1847, Image 2, col. 1.
- ["Mexican War Veterans Here"](#) *Marion Daily Mirror* (Marion, OH), June 22, 1910, Image 8, col. 4-5.