

Women in Early Texas

Mary Austin Holley: wrote book that attracted settlers from the U.S. to Texas.

Empresario Jane McManus brought German colonists to Texas.

Rebekah Cummings came to Texas with her children.

Nancy Spencer & Elizabeth Tumlinson stayed in Texas and became members of the *Old Three Hundred* after Native American Indians killed their husbands.

Frances Trask began one of the first schools for girls in Texas.

Tamar Morgan, a former slave, became a successful entrepreneur and landowner.

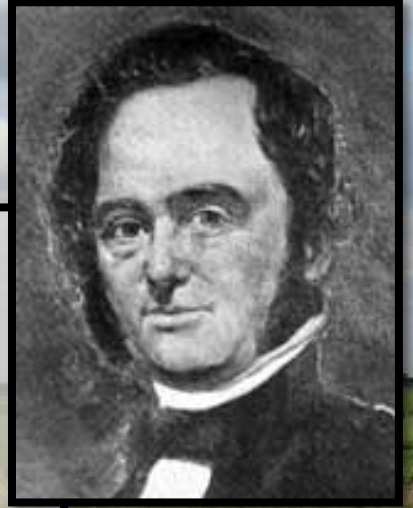


**Women played an important
role in settling Texas!**

Empresarios

An empresario is the Spanish word for a land agent whose job it was to bring new settlers to an area.

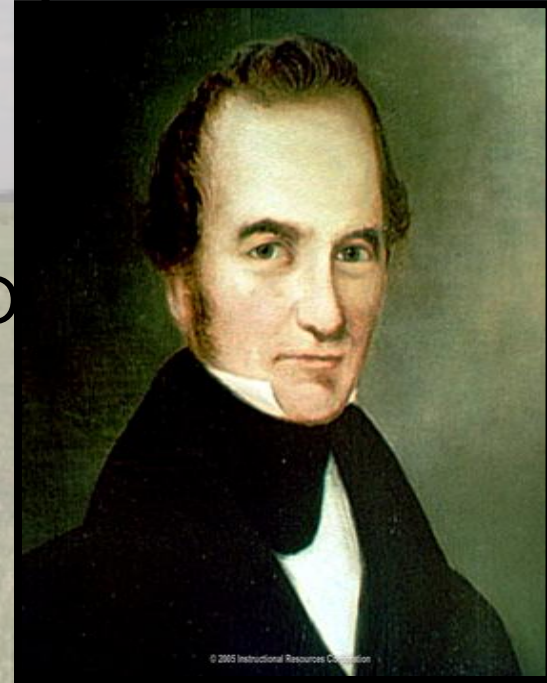
Moses Austin



- **Baron de Bastrop** helped him gain permission from Spanish authorities to bring 300 American settlers into Texas.
- He died before he could actually establish a colony.
- His settlers became known as the “**Old Three-Hundred**”

Stephen F. Austin

- Moses Austin was his father.
- His father had received permission from SPAIN to bring settlers to Texas. Stephen vowed to carry out his father's plan.
- SFA had to obtain permission from MEXICO because of Mexican Independence from Spain.
- He brought hundreds of Anglo families to Texas and received substantial amounts of land.



Stephen F. Austin

- He was the most successful empresario of Texas.
- Fun Fact: Stephen F. Austin settled over 1,500 families in Texas between 1823 and 1848.



“Only the Best...”

Spain's requirements for Settlers:

1. Must become **Texas citizens**
2. Must take an oath of **allegiance** to Mexico
3. Must become **Catholic**

Austin had Strict Requirements for Settlers:

Spain's requirements, plus:

1. Must have **good moral character**

As a result, he ended up with a rock-solid, reliable group of pioneers.

The Father of Texas

~Stephen F. Austin~

- Austin formed a capital (San Felipe de Austin) to serve as a center of government for SFA's colony.
- Saltillo was the capital.

Green DeWitt

- He was the **2nd** most successful empresario (after SFA).
- He brought 400 **Anglo** American families to Texas.
- His colony was west of Austin's first colony and south of San Antonio Road.
- The town of Gonzales was headquarters for the colony.

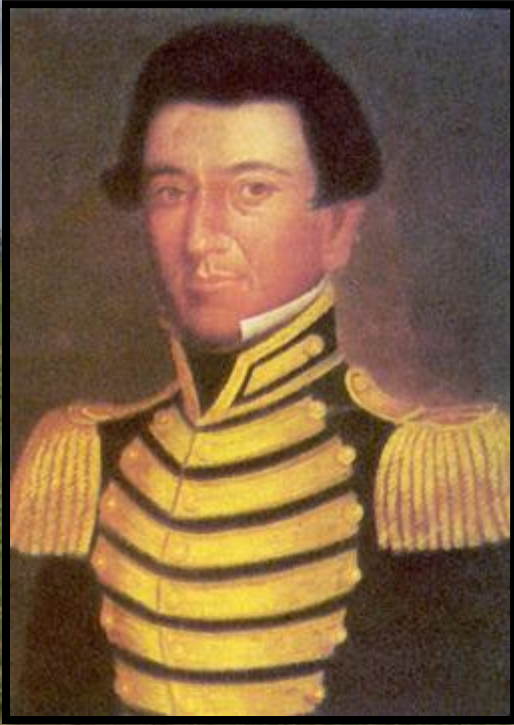


Martin de Leon



- He received permission to bring **Mexican** settlers to Texas.
- He established a ranch on the Aransas River and **settled 200** families along the Guadalupe River.

Erasmio Seguin



- He helped found the first public school in San Antonio in 1812.
- He was elected as the first alcalde (mayor) of Bexar in 1820.