

San Jacinto Monument

A National Historic Landmark on the location of the battlefield for Texas Independence against Mexico. On this location on April 21, 1836, the Army of Texas Commanded by General Sam Houston with the battle cry, "Remember the Alamo! Remember Goliad!" charged and won the battle. The battlefield is named after the San Jacinto River that flows through this area. The San Jacinto River was named by the Spanish explorers in the late 17th century and it was named after the newly canonized Dominican Polish Silesian Saint, Św. Jacek Odrowąż or San Jacinto in Spanish. There were several Poles, veterans of the 1830 November Uprising originated in Warsaw, that fought in the Texas Revolution. Michael Debicki, Francis and Adolph Petruszewicz, John Kornicky and Joseph Schrusnecki served under Colonel James Fannin and were killed in the Goliad massacre. Felix Wardzinski, Michael Dembinski and Frederick Lemsky plus 6 additional Poles served under General Sam Houston at the Battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836. In fact, Lt. Col. Felix Wardzinski is accredited with capturing President Santa Anna the day after the battle and presenting him to General Sam Houston. One hundred years later, on June 6, 1936, Lt. Col. Felix Wardzinski was listed in the Texas Hall of Fame alongside Sam Houston, Liberator & First President of the Republic of Texas, and Stephen F. Austin Colonizer & Father of the Lone Star Empire.



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