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CHRONOLOGY

1860, Aug. 5. The town of Henderson was burned. About this time there were many reports of incendiary fires, poisonings, negro risings and the like, which produced a mania of suspicion, leading to the expulsion of suspects and in a few cases to lynching. There sprang into existence committees of safety, military companies, and the K. G. C. found a ready welcome.

Aug. 6. State election for attorney general, comptroller and treasurer.

Aug. 18. Sam Houston in an address to "My friends in the United States" withdrew his name from the list of candidates for the presidency.

Oct. 26-Nov. 15. Many castles of the K. G. C. were organized.

Nov. 6. Presidential election day.

Nov. 15-Dec. 31. Many public meetings were held at which the convening of the legislature in extra session was requested.

Nov. 21. Sam Houston to the citizens of the frontier.

Nov. 22-27. Indian raid in Jack county.

Nov. 28. Sam Houston to the governors of the Southern States.

Dec. 1. O. M. Roberts made a public address at Austin.

Dec. 3. O. M. Roberts prepared a call for a convention.

Dec. 3. Sam Houston to the people of Texas.

Dec. 3. Delegate elected to State convention in district 25.


Dec. 17. Sam Houston issued proclamation convening legislature in extra session January 21, 1861.

Dec. 20. South Carolina seceded.

Dec. 22. Mass meeting of Unionists at Austin.

Dec. 22. Delegates elected in districts 3 and 48.


Dec. 27. Sam Houston issued proclamation for an election on February 4, 1861, for seven delegates to a convention of the Southern States.


Jan. 5. Printing office of Die Union, Galveston, destroyed by mob.

Jan. 5. J. M. Calhoun, commissioner from Alabama, to Sam Houston.

Jan. 7. Sam Houston to J. M. Calhoun.

Jan. 8. Unofficial election of delegates to a State convention.


Jan. 10. Alabama and Florida seceded.

Jan. 20. Georgia seceded.

Jan. 21. Legislature met in called session.

Jan. 21. Legislature repealed joint resolution, authorizing the sending of delegates to a convention of the Southern States.

Jan. 21. Sam Houston sent a message to the legislature.


Jan. 30. Committee on public safety was appointed.


Feb. 2. Convention adopted declaration of causes which impelled Texas to secede.

Feb. 4. Governor Houston approved joint resolution, passed January 28, by the legislature recognizing the convention.
Feb. 4. Convention elected delegates to the Montgomery convention.
Feb. 4. Convention adjourned until March 2nd.
Feb. 6. Address to the people of Texas by the opponents of secession.
Feb. 9. Legislature adjourned until March 18th.
Feb. 9. Governor Houston issued proclamation ordering election to be held Feb. 23 for ratifying or rejecting the ordinance of secession.
Feb. 10. O. M. Roberts issued an address advocating the adoption of the ordinance of secession by the people.
Feb. 16. U. S. arsenal and barracks at San Antonio were seized by committee on public safety.
Feb. 19. General Twiggs was superseded by Colonel Waite.
Feb. 23. Election. For ratifying the ordinance of secession and to fill vacancies in the convention.
Mar. 1. General Twiggs dismissed from the service of the U. S.
Mar. 2. Convention reassembled.
Mar. 4. Vote on ordinance of secession counted.
Mar. 4. Gov. Houston issued proclamation declaring Texas had seceded.
Mar. 5. Convention adopted ordinance uniting Texas with the Confederate States.
Mar. 6. Gov. Houston refused to recognize the convention.
Mar. 7. Ringgold Barracks abandoned.
Mar. 7. Camp Verde abandoned.
Mar. 12. Fort McIntosh abandoned.
Mar. 15. Camp Wood abandoned.
Mar. 15. Convention administered oath to State officers members of the convention.
Mar. 16. Convention administered oath to State officers.
Mar. 16. Sam Houston's address to the people of Texas.
Mar. 16. Offices of Governor and Secretary of State declared vacant.
Mar. 17. Camp Hudson abandoned.
Mar. 18. Legislature reassembled.
Mar. 18. Sam Houston offered a message to the legislature.
Mar. 19. Fort Clark abandoned.
Mar. 19. Fort Inge abandoned.
Mar. 19. Fort Lancaster abandoned.
Mar. 19. Oath administered to members of the legislature.
Mar. 20. Fort Brown abandoned.
Mar. 20. Fort Duncan abandoned.
Mar. 21. Sam Houston's farewell address.
Mar. 23. Fort Chadbourne abandoned.
Mar. 29. Fort Mason abandoned.
Mar. 31. Fort Bliss abandoned.
Apr. 5. Fort Quitman abandoned.
Apr. 9. Legislature adjourned.