

The Real Davy Crockett

King of the Wild Frontier



Davy Crockett was born in 1786. He became a legend in his own time. People told tall-tales about him while he was still alive. Some are true. Some are not. For example, he never married a woman named Sally Ann.

Here's the true story of Davy Crockett.

When Davy was born, most of America was frontier. Not many people lived there. It was mostly wild. Davy became a famous frontiersman. Frontiersmen explored or lived on the frontier.

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Davy started school when he was 13. There was a mean boy in the school. The boy was older than Davy. The boy was a bully. Davy didn't like him. So he beat him up. Davy knew he'd be in big trouble. So he ran away from home.

Davy spent two years traveling. He learned how to shoot a gun. He got really good. He won shooting contests.

Davy returned home when he was 15. He became a hunter. He hunted dangerous animals. People loved to tell stories about his adventures. These stories made Davy into a hero. People called him King of the Wild Frontier.

Davy married Polly Finley when he was 20. They moved to a small cabin. They had a farm. They had two sons.

Soon after, a war began. The white settlers started it. They took Indian lands. They cheated the Indians. The Indians were mad. A war started. Davy joined the war. He became a well-known fighter.

The war ended in 1814. Davy went home. A short time later, his wife got sick and died.

Soon after, Davy married Elizabeth Patton. They had four children.

Davy ran for Congress in 1826. He got elected. He served three terms.



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Afterwards, Davy moved his family to Texas. There, he continued life as a frontiersman.

In those days, Texas belonged to Mexico. Settlers wanted to make Texas their own. They wanted to make it into a new country. They fought Mexico. The war was called the Texas Revolution. The war's final battle became famous. It was the Battle of the Alamo. Mexico won the battle. Many Texans died in the battle. Texans considered them to be heroes. Davy Crockett died in the battle. But he fought bravely. He was one of the last men standing.

