



Life of Davy Crockett.

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Who is Davy Crockett?

- Born: Aug 17, 1786. Eastern Tennessee.
- Died: Mar 6, 1836 (aged 49).
- Parents: John Crocket (Father), Rebecca Hawkins (Mother).
- 2 wives: 1st wife Polly Finley (1806-1815), 2nd wife Elizabeth Patton (1815-1836).
- Children with 1st wife: John Wesley Crockett (son), William Finley Crockett (son), Margaret Finley Crockett (daughter). Children with 2nd wife: Robert Crockett (son), Rebecca Crockett (daughter), Matilda Crockett (daughter).
- Siblings: James Patterson Crockett (brother), Margaret Catharine Crockett (sister), Elizabeth Crockett (sister), Nathan Crockett (brother), William Crockett (brother), Aaron Crockett (brother), John Crockett (brother), Rebecca Crockett (sister).

King of the Wild Frontier

- He was an American folk hero, frontiersman, soldier, skilled woodsman, hunter and politician.
- He represented Tennessee in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- He served in the Texas Revolution and the Creek War.
- Davy Crocket was 8 years old when he got his first gun and was the hunter of his family.



Tragedies.

- Davy Crockett ran away from home at the age of 13 years old, after an altercation with a fellow student and he often played hookey from school.
- His 1st wife (Polly Finley) died.
- He almost died of malaria.
- He nearly died in a boating accident.
- He lost 3 businesses in a flood.
- Davy often was sent away to work to pay off his father's (family) debts.
- Killed in action – The Alamo.

Accomplishments.

- Davy Crockett helped get Texas Freedom.
- He was a U.S. Congressman.
- His first born son John Wesley Crockett also became a U.S. Congressman.
- He wore a coonskin hat, this became a craze in the 1950's following from Walt Disney TV series.

Davy Crockett the TV series.

- Davy Crockett was so famous Walt Disney decided to make a TV series about him called Davy Crockett King of the Wild Frontier. It was so short that it only had five episodes!
- The TV series became so famous that at Disneyland Paris there is an accommodation called the *Davy Crockett ranch*.
- It starred Fess Parker as Davy Crockett and Buddy Ebsen as his friend George Russel.

Quotes.

- “Better to keep a good conscience with an empty purse, than to get a bad opinion of myself with a full one.”
- “Be sure you are right, and then go ahead.”
- “Since you have chosen to elect a man with a timber toe to succeed me, you may all go to hell and I will go to Texas.”

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