

OUR PATRIOTIC NAMES



David Barkley was born in Laredo, Texas to Josef and Antonia (Cantú) Barkley. States entered what was then known as the Great War. As a part of Company A, and Sgt. M. Hatler swam across the Meuse River near Pouilly-sur-Meuse to get about troop strength and deployments. They were able to gather the needed information. Barkley was seized with cramps and drowned. Sgt. Hatler survived to bring the information back.

Barkley was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions. He was one of three for action during World War I. Private Barkley lay in state at the Alamo, the second was then buried at the San Antonio National Cemetery.

Jose Francisco Ruiz was born in San Antonio de Bexar, Texas to Juan Manuel. Appointed the first schoolmaster of San Antonio in 1803, he designated a house as the first school. This house was carefully reconstructed in 1943 and moved to the grounds used for educational purposes. In 1805 Ruiz became a city councilman, or regidor, in capacities including city attorney, or procurador. Ruiz allied himself with the Texas cause at Washington-on-the-Brazos in late February 1836 as a delegate to the Convention.

There on March 2, 1836, Ruiz signed the Texas Declaration of Independence with other men to sign this historic document. During the revolution he was an outspoken supporter and wrote to his family "Under no circumstance take sides against the Texans for only the Mexican government." Ruiz represented the Bexar district as its senator to the First Congress and was buried in his beloved San Antonio in 1840 at San Fernando Cemetery.

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