

# Why are there so many Spanish names in the NTL when our ancestors lived in French Louisiana?

Let's start with the Mexican War of Independence, this conflict started in 1810 and ended in 1821, 11 years of fighting and killing. Then came the Long Expedition, this was the first attempt by the English, living in what is now Texas, to win their independence from Mexico, started in 1819 lasted less than a year, the same group tried again in 1821 both uprisings put down by Mexico. Next was the Fredonian Rebellion in 1826, lasted 1 & ½ months, again defeated by Mexico. Next was the Texas Revolution, started in Oct 1835, the first major battle was at the Alamo and we all know that the English lost, but they eventually defeated Santa Anna, April 21, 1836. They then called their country the Republic of Texas.

But the English in northeastern Texas were not done, the Spanish speaking people and the Indians living in the area had the best lands and would not sell. The English started two wars to drive these two groups out of Texas, the first they called the Cordova Rebellion, 1838, and they drove out all the Spanish land owners, some went to Mexico, others went to Louisiana. The second they called the Cherokee War, 1839, these people went to Oklahoma.

As we all know the victor always writes history, even when the evidence shows the opposite. I have a copy of the court case where five of the so called traitors of Texas, of the Cordova Rebellion, the District Attorney refused to prosecute and the Judge dismissed the charges, both English of Nacogdoches County, Texas. Sam Houston made a treaty with the Cherokee and tried to stop the English from attacking all the Indians in northeastern Texas. The English succeeded in getting all their lands.

All the wars listed above can be found on Wikipedia.

Because of these wars many American Indians moved to the Black Lake area in Louisiana and became members of the NTL. When American Indians were released from the Spanish mission they were given Spanish names, see Texas Mission Indians.org.

I have also found that not only was the Black Lake Community an NTL village, there were other villages, one at Bayou Pierre northwest of Natchitoches, one on the Ile of Breville, and one west of Cloutierville.

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