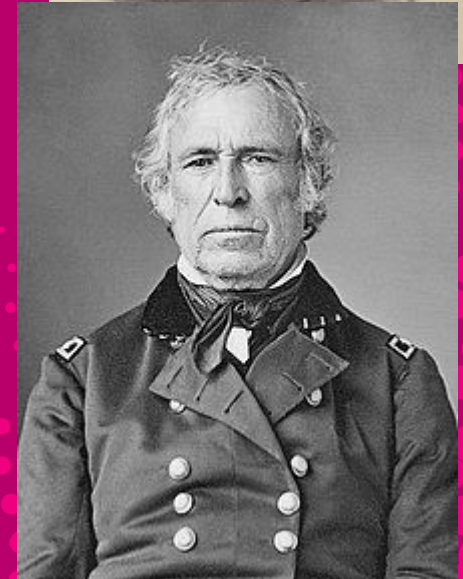
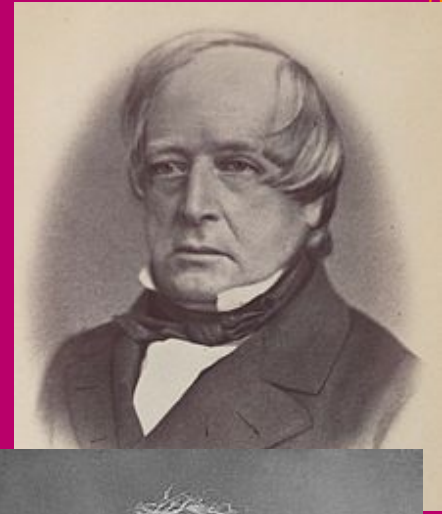


# Mexican-American War

- Mexico never recognized Texas being annexed to the US
- Mexico insists the border between Texas and the US is the Nueces river
- The US says its the Rio Grande River
- June 1845, President Polk ordered General Zachary Taylor to take troops into the disputed area



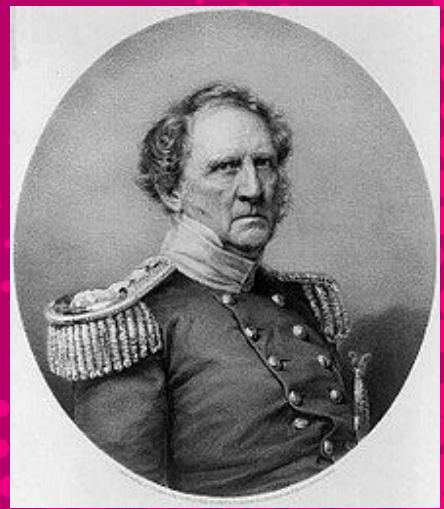
- Polk sends John Slidell into Mexico to settle the border dispute
  - Mexico refuses to speak to him
- General Taylor camps at the Rio Grande
  - After refusing to withdraw Mexico and US troops clash
  - Several US soldiers are killed



- "Mexico has passed the boundary of the US, has invaded our territory, and shed American blood upon the American soil...the two nations are now at war." - James Polk



- After 2 years of fighting
  - Zachary Taylor is replaced by Winfield Scott
  - Mexico City falls and Santa Anna flees



- February 1848, Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ended the Mexican American War
  - Mexico had to return its northern territory to the US
    - This is called Mexican Cession: present day Utah, Nevada, California, and Arizona
      - US pays 15 million
    - Real border with Texas (Rio Grande)



# Bonus Land

- Gadsden Purchase

- Americans wanted to make sure railroads to California in the south would solely be on American soil
- James Gadsden negotiates with Mexico
  - For 10 million, the US purchases the southern parts of Arizona and New Mexico

