

# 14 National Expansion

1820

Stephen Austin begins settlement of Texas 1821

1830

Texas declares independence; battles at the Alamo and San Jacinto 1836

1840

Great Migration to Oregon 1843

James K. Polk elected president 1844

Texas becomes a state 1845

Mexican War begins 1846

Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ends Mexican War; Zachary Taylor elected president 1848

California gold rush 1849

1850

California becomes a state 1850

Gadsden Purchase concluded 1853

1860

Pony express begins 1860

1870

## 1. TEXAS AND THE MEXICAN WAR

The Story of Texas

Expansionist Fever

The Mexican War

Events After the War

## 2. THE OREGON TERRITORY

Oregon Fever

The Oregon Trail

Progress Toward Statehood

## 3. CALIFORNIA AND THE GOLD RUSH

Discovery of Gold

The Gold Rush

Statehood of California

*“Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land.”*

*Psalm 37:34*