

# THE PORTAL TO TEXAS HISTORY

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Sam Houston  
Appellant

1825

James F. Perry Executor

The plaintiff in the Court below  
(the appellee in this Court) states that  
his testator Stephen P. Austin in his life time  
made three separate contracts with the  
Government of the State of Louisiana and  
Texas for the settlement in all of  
nine hundred families in the  
Province of Texas and within the  
tentorial limits specified in  
said contracts.

His first contract  
with the State was for the settlement  
of five hundred families, and  
was entered into on the fourth day  
of June 1825. The term of all of the  
contracts was six years from their date.  
That prior to the expiration of the term  
of the first contract the said Austin  
had introduced and received  
more than five hundred families  
Colonists - and that titles were issued  
to four hundred and sixty two settlers.  
That titles were not issued in many instances  
both the reason that the Colonists had  
not the means of paying the fees of office  
or others from the death of the Colonists,  
and no person having been appointed  
to represent them - and because also