



## **THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY**

**January 2014 – Week 1**

**Air Date: January 5 – January 11 (Sunday – Saturday)**

### **TITLE: ARCHITECT'S END**

JANUARY 1858 AND THE ARCHITECT IS NO MORE.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

JANUARY 9, 1858. HOUSTON. DR. ANSON JONES HAS LIVED A LIFE IN THE SERVICE OF TEXAS. ARRIVING IN 1833 TO MAKE A NEW START, JONES IS CAUGHT UP IN THE REVOLUTION, AND FIGHTS AT SAN JACINTO.

IN THE REPUBLIC, HE SERVED AS CONGRESSMAN, DIPLOMAT AND SENATOR – AS THE NATION'S LAST PRESIDENT HE PROCLAIMED "THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS IS NO MORE".

BUT YEARS PASS, AND HIS ROLE IS LARGELY FORGOTTEN.

WHEN OVERLOOKED FOR THE U.S. SENATE IN 1857, JONES GROWS DEPRESSED AND ISOLATED.

TONIGHT, STAYING AT THE OLD CAPITOL IN HOUSTON, NOW A HOTEL, JONES COMMITS SUICIDE... IN THE VERY PLACE HE USHERED IN TEXAS STATEHOOD.

THE ARCHITECT OF ANNEXATION IS NO MORE, 156 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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