

Epaulettes of General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, 1836



Acquired by Lieutenant John Russell Butler, nephew and aide to Major General William O. Butler of Mexican-American War fame, after the battle of San Jacinto in 1836, these shoulder decorations belonged to Mexican General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna. Both a military and political leader, Santa Anna is best remembered for leading the siege and capture of the Alamo in 1836. Seventeen Kentuckians died defending the Alamo.

Donated by Maude Butler, 1938.8

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