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Lorenzo de Zavala's remarkable accomplishments provide a tantalizing glimpse of this versatile individual—newspaperman, physician, public servant, empresario, diplomat, governor, statesman, and first interim Vice-President of the Republic of Texas.

Unfortunately, historical materials regarding this Texas patriot are scarce and dispersed throughout the state. Ten participating libraries and museums contributed handwritten letters, manuscripts, and portraits for



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this online collection, providing unprecedented access to these unique historical materials.

Highlights of the collection include extensive correspondence between de Zavala and his contemporaries, Antonio López de Santa Anna, José Antonio Mexía, Valentín Gómez Farías, and others. Receipts document his life in Paris as Mexico's Minister to France, covering his apparel, newspaper subscriptions, boarding, and even publication of the Parisian edition of his book *Ensayo histórico de las revoluciones de México desde 1808 hasta 1830*. Apparently, Lorenzo de Zavala was most fond of Château Lafitte.



Election returns from Harrisburg, February 2, 1836

## An online lesson plan

about de Zavala offers fascinating primary source materials that tell the story of his life. The Primary Source Adventure includes an introduction to the materials and links to rich supplementary materials.

## Participants

include the University of North Texas, University of Texas's Center for American History, University of Texas's Benson Latin American Collection, University of Texas at Arlington, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, the San Jacinto Museum of History, Southern Methodist University, UT Southwestern Medical Center Library, the Dallas Historical Society, and the Texas General Land Office.