

## OCTOBER IN MISSISSIPPI HISTORY



### October 18, 1820

In the Treaty of Doak's Stand, the Choctaw ceded 5.5 million acres of land to the United States.

### October 20, 1832

On behalf of the Chickasaws, King Ishtehotopah signed the Treaty of Pontotoc in which the Chickasaw ceded all their lands east of the Mississippi River and agreed to relocate to Oklahoma, thus opening northern Mississippi to white settlers.

### October 24, 1801

In the Treaty of Chickasaw Bluffs, the Chickasaw granted the United States the right of way to build a road through their lands along the Natchez Trace.

### October 27, 1795

The Treaty of San Lorenzo is signed, in which Spain turns over to the United States all its territory between the 31<sup>st</sup> parallel and the Yazoo River.

*from The Mississippi Writers Page*

### More on the Treaty of San Lorenzo

Often overlooked in many history books, the Treaty of San Lorenzo between Spain and the United States played a major role in the expansion of the nation's boundaries. Preceded by the acquisition of lands set forth by the Northwest Ordinance eight years earlier, and soon to be followed by the Louisiana Purchase eight years later, the Treaty of San Lorenzo (also known as Pinckney's Treaty) opened the Mississippi River to American navigation. The treaty also allowed western settlers the "right to deposit" their exports in New Orleans and engage in commercial transactions there. The treaty thus allowed the U.S. to gain access to the area now known as the states of Mississippi and Alabama.

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### October Birthdays

**October 11** Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962) wife of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 32<sup>nd</sup> U.S. President

**October 14** Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890-1969) the 34<sup>th</sup> U.S. President

**October 16** Noah Webster (1758-1843) Teacher and journalist who compiled the first American dictionary of the English language.

**October 27** Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919) 26<sup>th</sup> U.S. President "Speak softly and carry a big stick."

**October 28** Dr. Jonas Salk (1914-1995) Developed vaccine for polio

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