

inches in height, with a large frame, and just the amount of flesh to give symmetry to his person. He was of courteous and captivating manners, and always cherished sincere affection for his relatives in every station or condition of life. Some have charged him with vanity; but if the charge was true, he certainly had more to be vain of than the great majority of men.

The following, from a "weekly," was certainly written by someone familiar with the character and habits of "Old Sam Houston":

"He had served as a soldier in the war of 1812; as Governor of Tennessee; as an Indian Chief, while an exile among the Cherokees; and as Commander-in-Chief of the Texan army; first President of the Republic of Texas. In the streets of Washington, at one time, his tall figure, six and one-fourth feet high, and singular dress, attracted attention. On his head he wore a Mexican 'sombbrero,' while a bright-colored blanket was thrown negligently over his shoulders; his coat and pants, of the richest broadcloth, set off in a neat vest of tiger-skin. In the Senate chamber he would sit all day whittling, with a pile of soft wood, and a basket to hold the shavings, by his side. Young ladies and children were quite anxious to secure the *hearts, darts, crosses, etc.*, which the Senatorial whittler made. Around his bedroom at the hotel hung several printed