



# Westward Expansion

Maps from 1775-1900

**Sources:**



<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/historical>

<http://www.aps-pub.com/lewisclerkmap.htm>

1775



This map shows America in 1775 when the land was claimed by England and Spain.

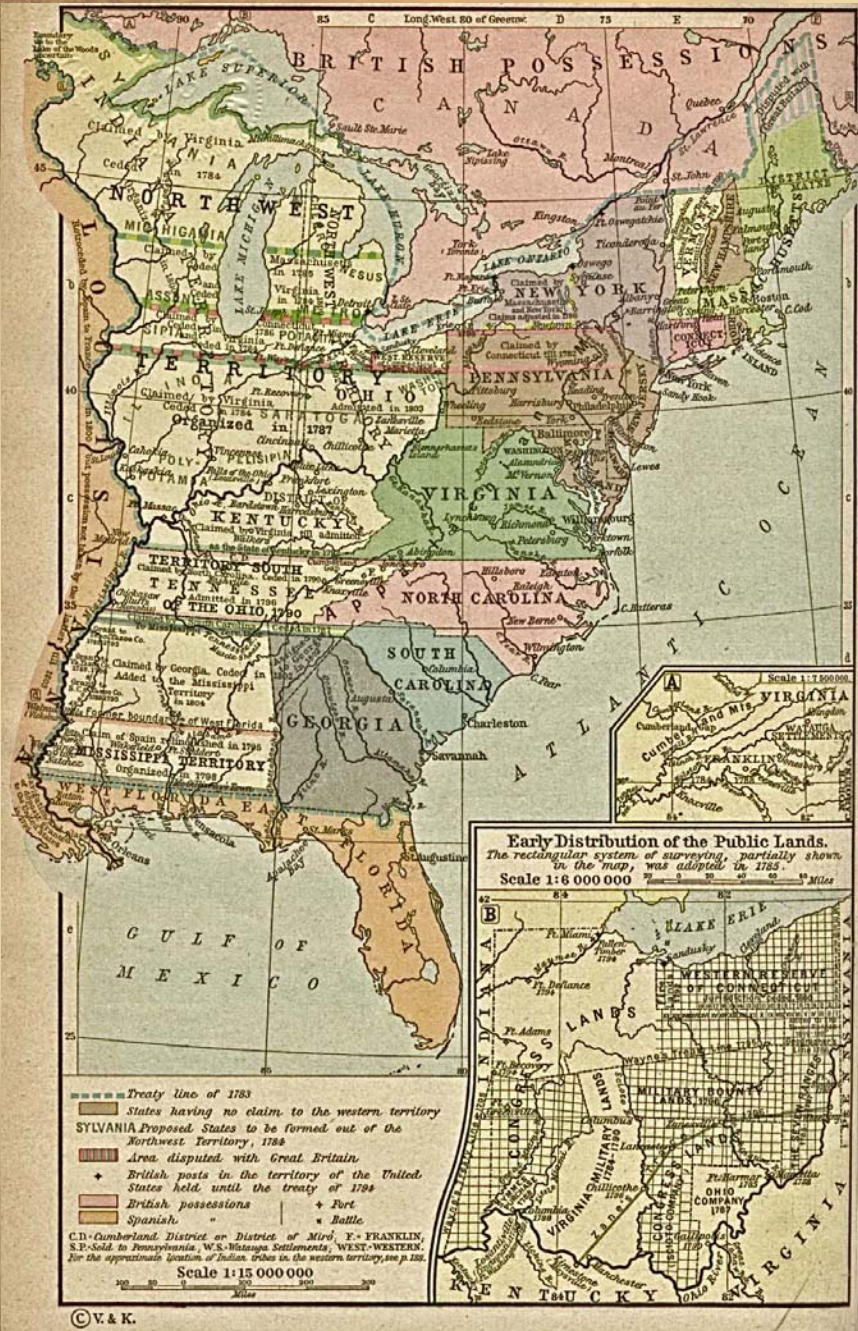
-  Original 13 colonies
-  Other British Territories

Boundary between Mississippi River and 49th parallel uncertain due to misconception that source of Mississippi River lay further north

1775



# 1783-1803



This historic map shows the states and territories claimed by the United States after its independence from England.



1810

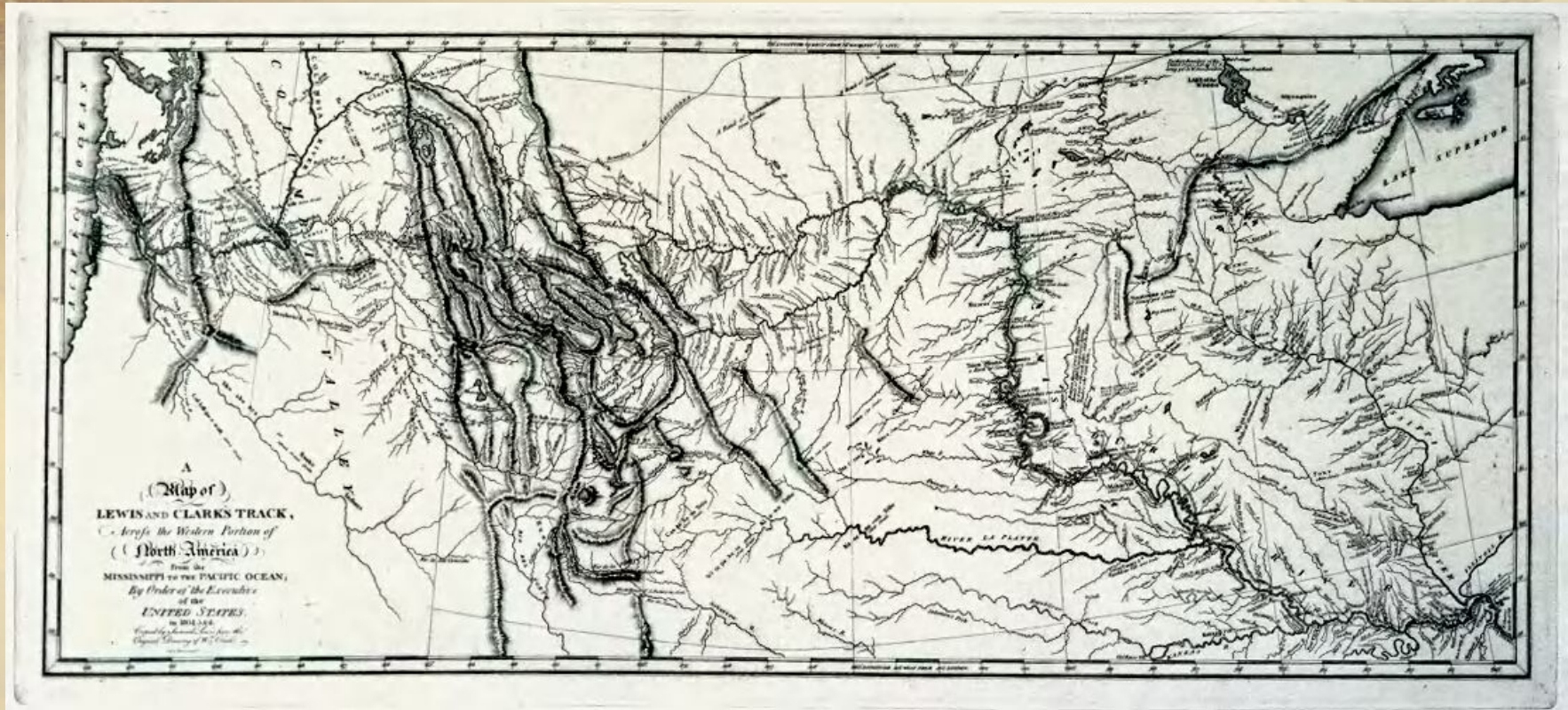


- States
- Territories
- Claimed Areas
- Unorganized Territories

The United States doubled its size through the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. This allowed Lewis and Clark to travel through U.S. territory for most of their journey.



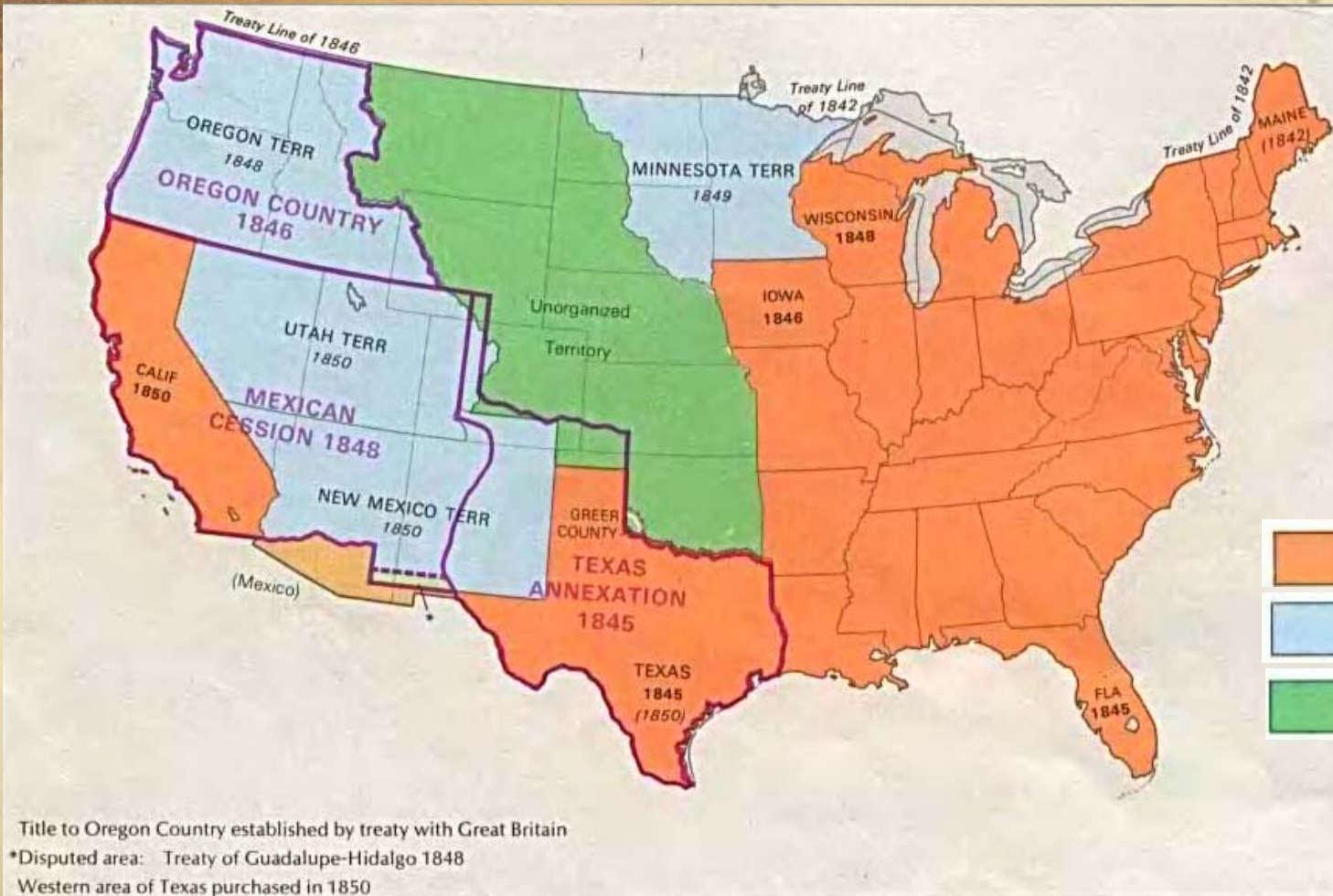
1814



After the Lewis and Clark Expedition, William Clark published this historical map of the west in 1814. It was the best western map for decades.



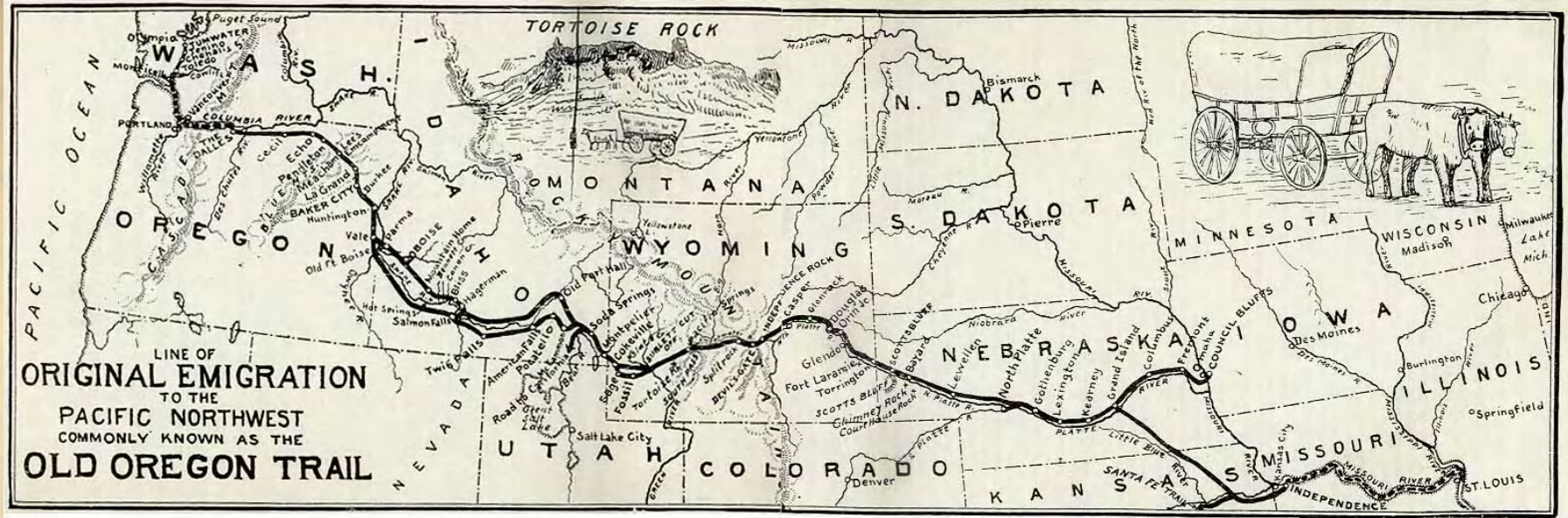
# 1850



By 1850, the United States had also added land in the southwest once belonging to Spain and Mexico.



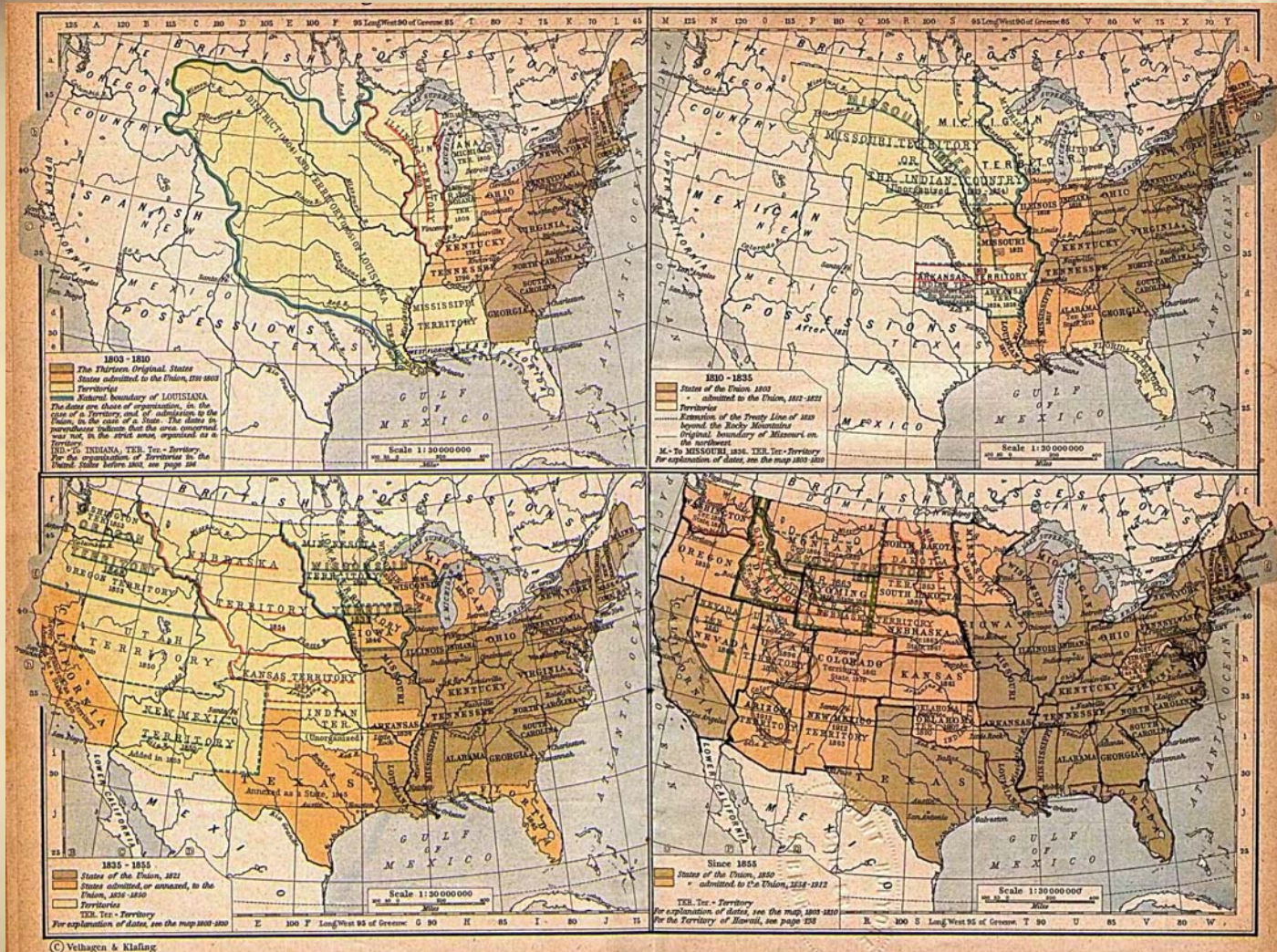
# Oregon Trail



This historic map of the Oregon Trail was made in 1907. The Oregon Trail was used by emigrants moving west between 1843 and 1869.



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This set of historical maps shows how the U.S. grew westward since 1803.



# Moving West

Click once to start  
an animated  
sequence of the  
U.S. Westward  
Movement.

