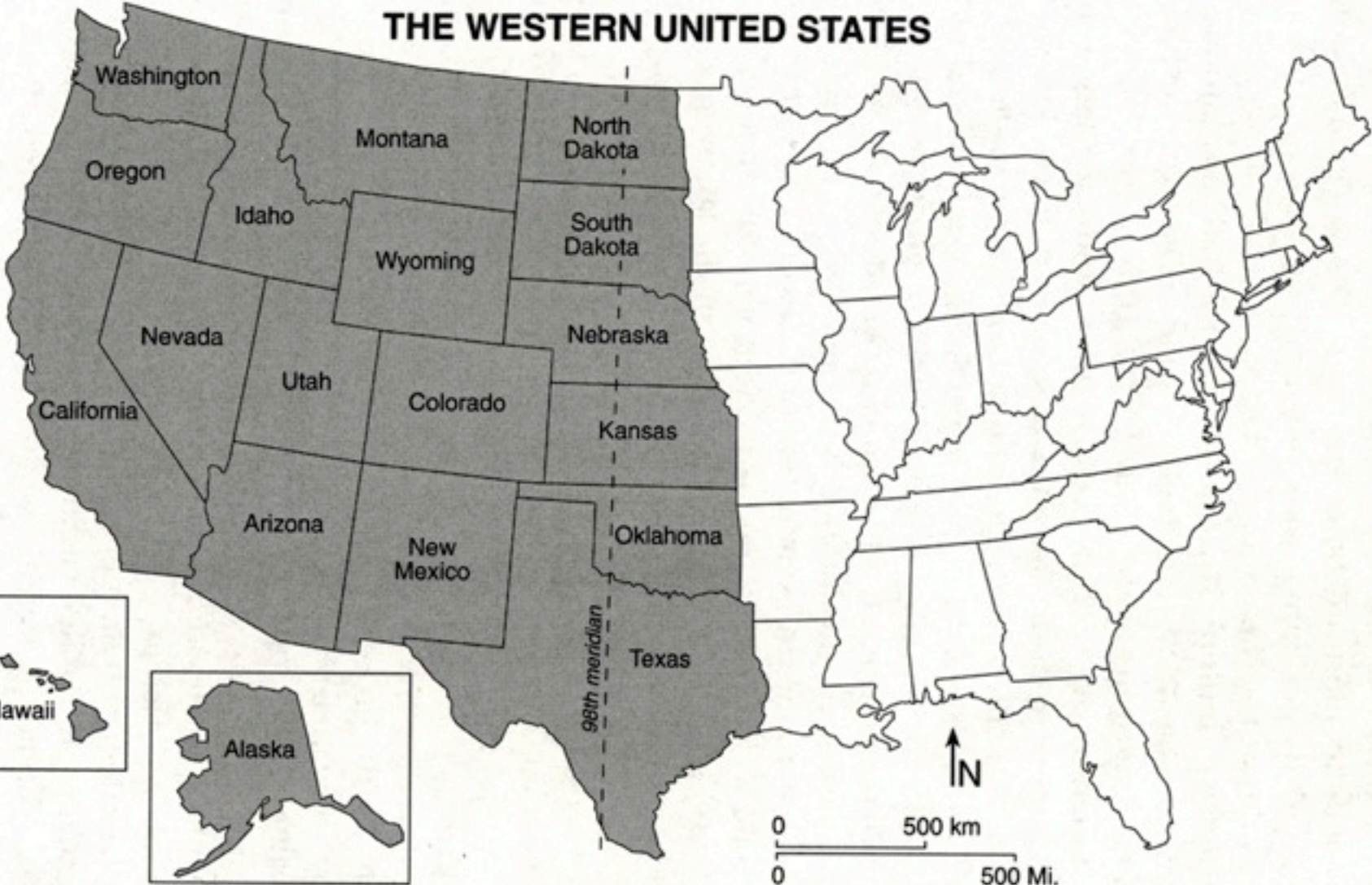
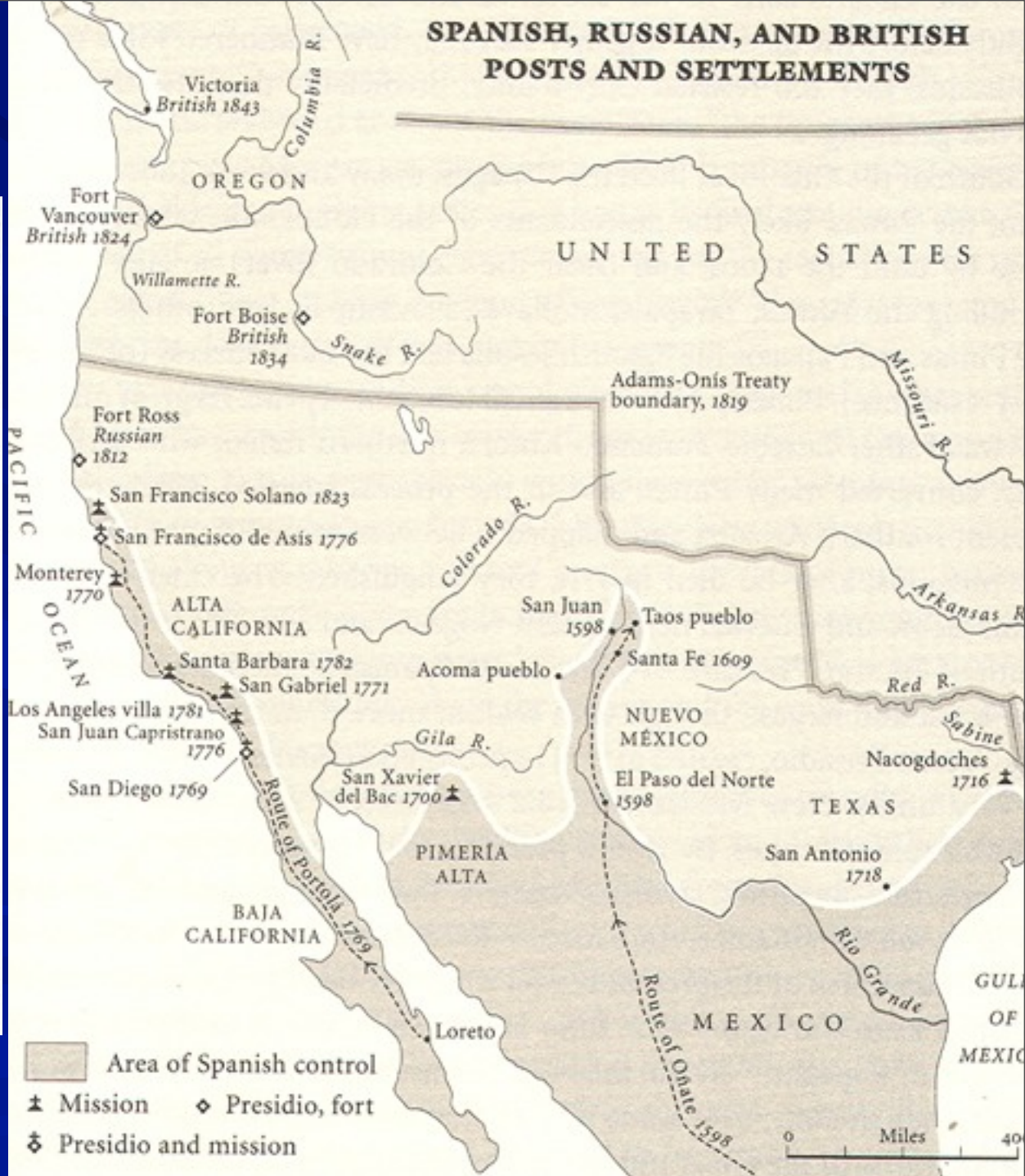


# African Americans in the American West 1528-2000

University of Washington, Seattle  
Winter 2013

# THE WESTERN UNITED STATES





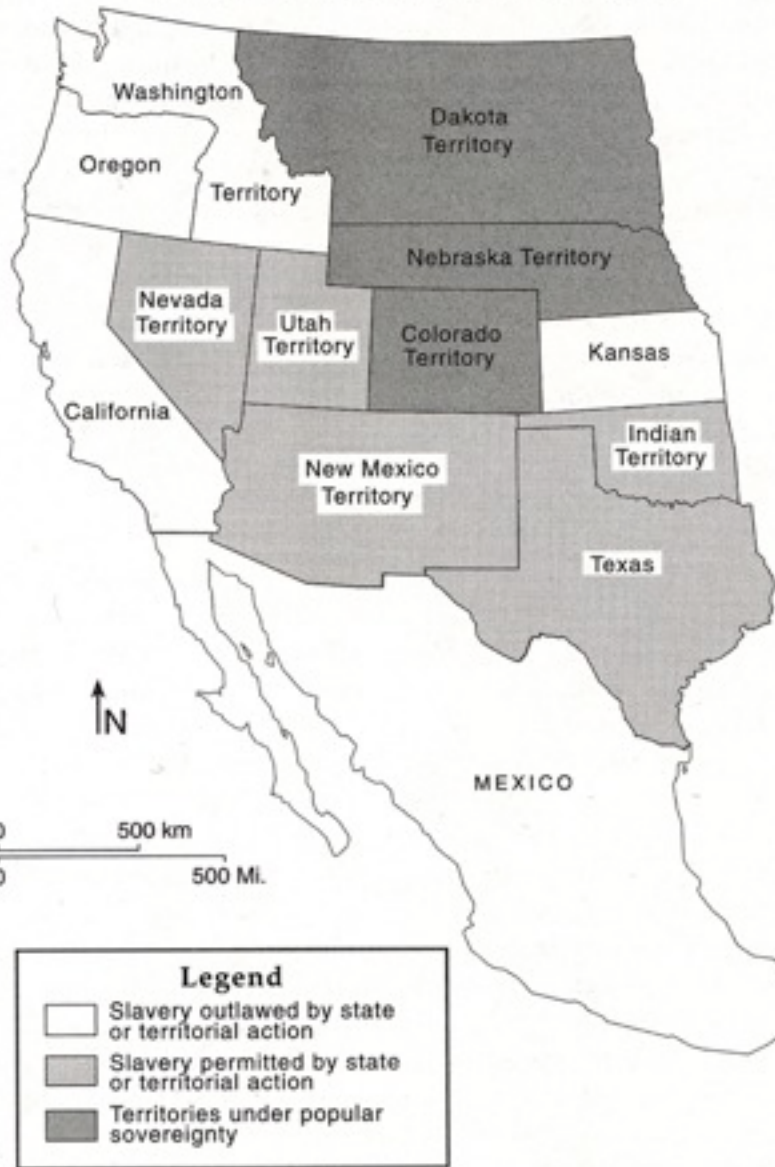


# Pio Pico and Wife, ca. 1880

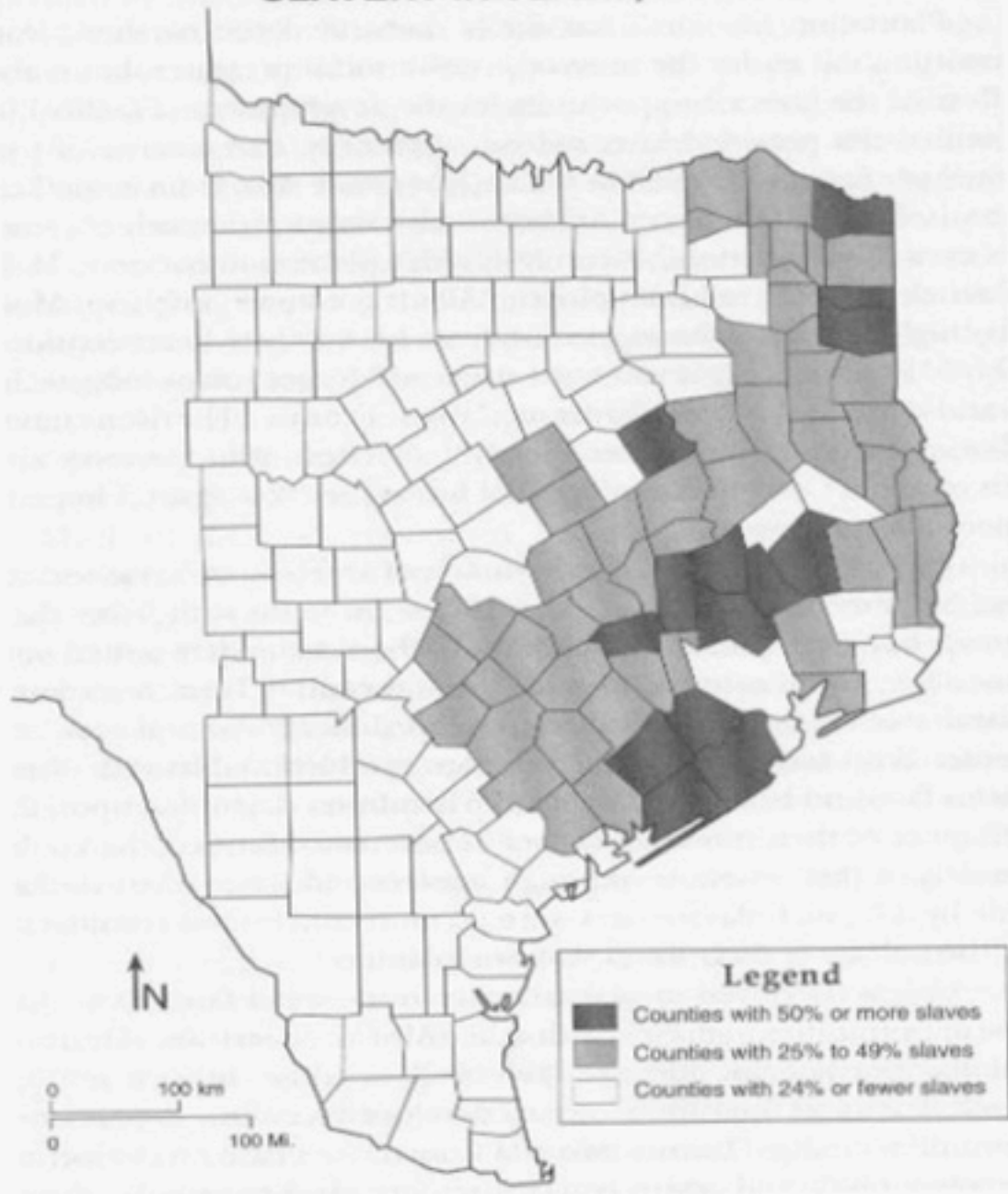


# SLAVERY IN THE WEST ON THE EVE OF THE CIVIL WAR

Slavery in Western States and Territories on April 12, 1861  
(The Day of Firing on Fort Sumter)



# SLAVERY IN TEXAS, 1860



# The Face of Slavery in Texas





# The Trail of Tears



## Slave Population in Indian Territory, 1860

<i>Tribe</i>	<i>Total Population</i>	<i>Slave Population</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Cherokee	13,821	2,511	15
Choctaw	13,666	2,349	14
Chickasaw	4,260	975	18
Creek	13,550	1,532	10
Seminole	2,630	1,000*	29

\*The Seminole forbade a census enumeration of their black population. The figure above is an estimate provided by Michael F. Doran.

*Source: Michael F. Doran, "Population Statistics of Nineteenth Century Indian Territory," Chronicles of Oklahoma 53:4 (Winter 1975), 501.*

# Slavery in Indian Territory



# Slavery in Utah and Oregon



# California & The Struggle Against Slavery



**“ARCHY.”**  
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**TO THE FRIENDS**  
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**CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.**

**T**HE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE Colored People having expended a large amount, and incurred heavy obligations in prosecuting and defending the case in the Courts of Sacramento, Stockton and San Francisco, and believing the principles to be vindicated are those which should interest all lovers of right and justice, independent of complexion, respectfully solicit contributions for this object, which will be faithfully appropriated, if left with

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E. J. JOHNSON, 184 Clay street.

# Bridget "Biddy" Mason

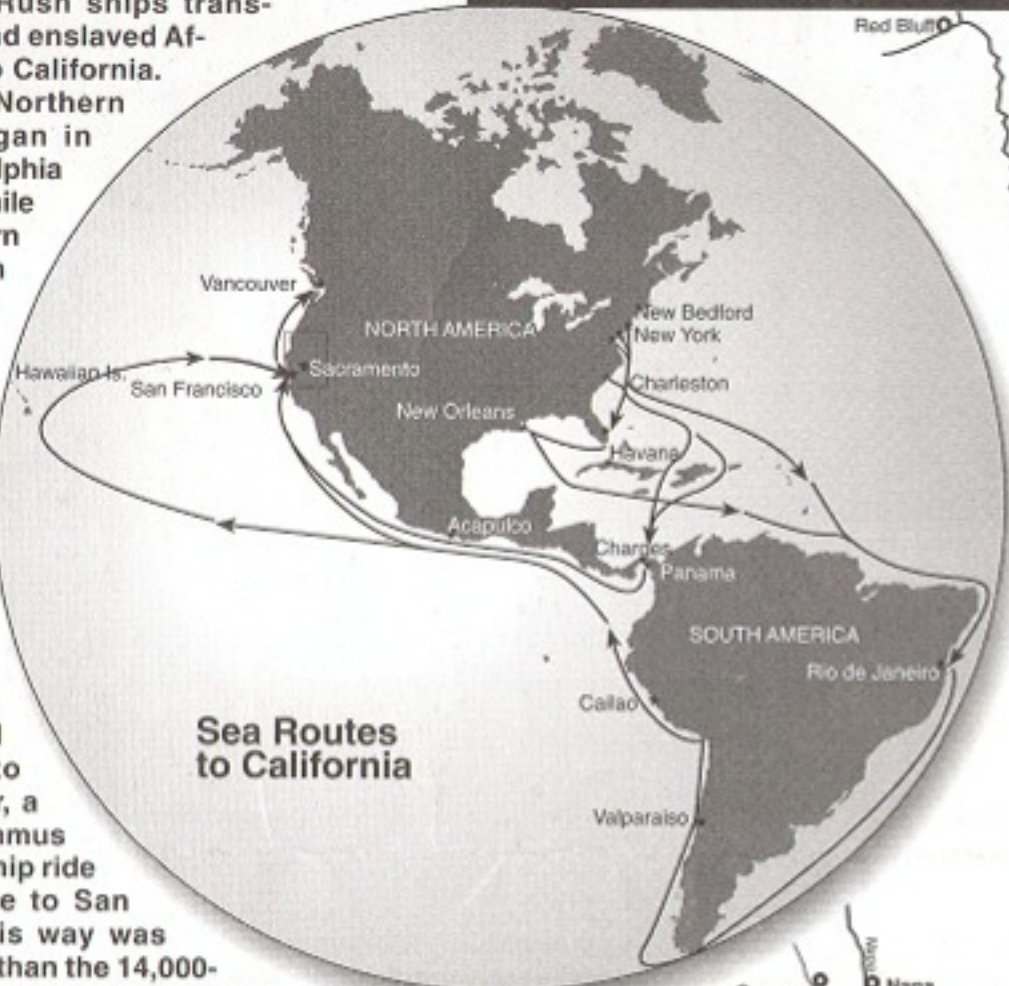


# Black Gold Fields of California 1848-1878

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NPS PGSD GRAPHICS

*The towns, bars, and diggings where African Americans actively engaged in gold mining. Many sites have just recently been identified. The derogatory names of some of these sites reflect the attitudes that prevailed during the Gold Rush period.*

# African Americans and the California Gold Rush

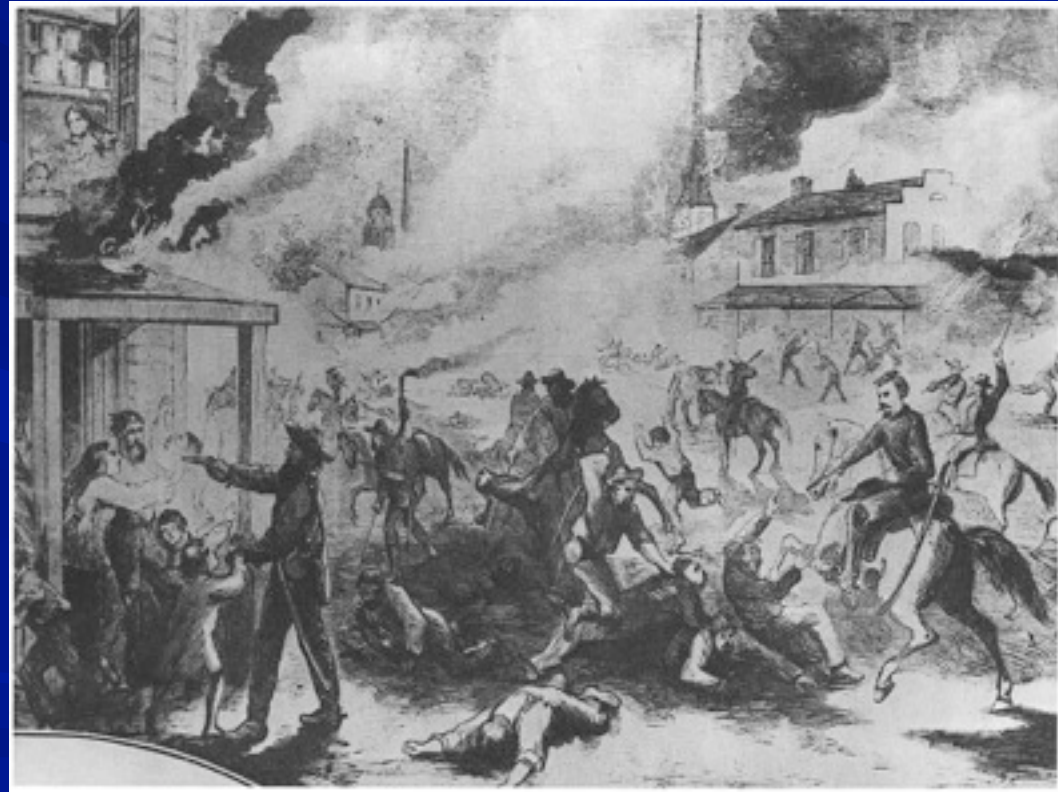




# Mary Ellen Pleasant & the Struggle for Freedom



# Bleeding Kansas & Black Freedom



# KANSAS EMANCIPATION LEAGUE; TO THE FRIENDS OF IMPARTIAL FREEDOM

Our name indicates the purpose of this organization. The hour has past for elaborate arguments whose results are visible in civil strife. War teaches in such startling language that none not its import—that Union is impossible and Freedom a myth while Slavery exists. Liberty deals with National life. In it is no geography—no race—no color,—MAN is more than all. We seek results of the work to overthrow Slavery, remove evil effects from the nation, and especially to elevate the victims of Slavery. This, then, is our special work. It lies at our door and waits for our hands.

Kansas was honored in being the instrument whereby this continental tide of despotism was first stayed. Here we slavery must, by its own laws, culminate in force. A territory large as a continent was saved, and a people educated in the belief that there can be no peace without justice. Out of Kansas came Harper's Ferry—the sacrifice of a man whose especial grandeur our common humanity is glorified. It is the glory and triumph of our State—the death of those who die for man. The Nation sees how the key-note—FREEDOM—which our grand struggle has with ever-increasing sublimity through the varying chords of that magnificent symphony of sorrow and triumph, the centuries have prepared for these hours. This strife is but the drift of the ages. It can only cease when the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man—the Union shall arise, disenthralled—redeemed—the equal rights of Man.

But honor brings duties. One there is about us now. It was true for Missouri in '54,—that Kansas a Free State could not remain Slave. It is now true for Kansas—that Missouri a Slave State, Kansas cannot remain Free. Eventual liberty and suppression of the evils and misdeeds which this revolution brings, valuable to the nation, to the State, and to themselves. Common humanity, if nothing else, bids us forbid refusing that refuge they seek in Kansas.

We have thus thrown among us nearly four thousand "contrabands." They throng our towns, they are found through our counties. Fortunately for them they come at a time when our farms and workshops are dunned of labor. Our

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# Fighting for Freedom in the West

**Colored Men Attention !**  
**FREEDOM TO ALL, THE NATIONAL**  
**P O L I C Y ,**  
**Now and Forever.**

**SECOND REGIMENT KANSAS**  
**COLORED VOLUNTEERS.**



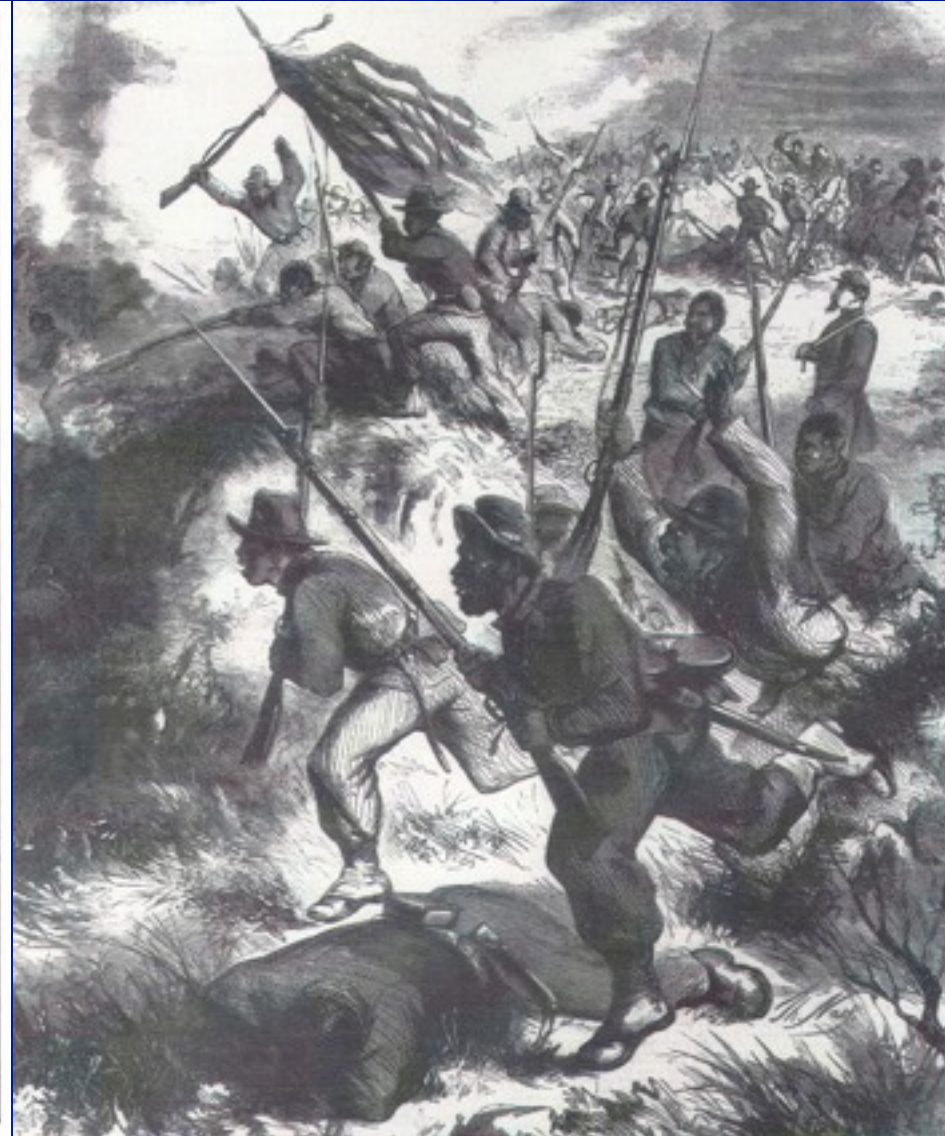
**B**Y order of Major General James G. Blunt, the undersigned is authorized to  
**RECRUIT ONE OR MORE COMPANIES**  
for the above regiment.

Able bodied men will receive \$10 per month, clothing, subsistence and medical attendance from date of enlistment.

Hear what FREDERICK DOUGLASS says : " The decision of our destiny is now as never before in our own hands. We may lie low in the dust, despised and spit upon by every passer-by, or we may, like brave men, rise and unlock to ourselves the golden gates of a glorious future. To hold back is to invite infamy upon ourselves, and upon our children. The chance is now given us. We must improve it, or sink deeper than ever in the pit of social and political degradation, from which we have been struggling for years to extricate ourselves."

Recruiting Rendezvous—Office of Dr. Bowlby, Fifth Street, opposite Market House.

**RICHARD J. HINTON,**  
1st Lieut. and Adjutant 1st Reg't Kan. Col'd Vols.  
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# Juneteenth: The Birth of An African American Holiday

## MILITARY ORDERS.

### HEAD-QUARTERS U. S. FORCES.

COLUMBUS, TEXAS, June 25, 1865.

In obedience of General Order No. 4, from District Head-Quarters, all Arms, Horses, Waggon, Carriage, Machinery, War and Public Property, of every description, belonging to the so-called Government of the Confederate States, or to the State of Texas, will be at once turned into the Post Quartermaster at this place, under penalty of the arrest of all persons failing to comply with the Order.

L. H. HOUSTON, Maj. 2nd Iowa,  
Commanding Post.

### HEAD-QUARTERS DISTRICT OF TEXAS, GALVESTON, TEXAS, June 24, 1865.

#### GENERAL FIELD ORDER.

Columbia, Colorado County, Texas, is designated as a point for the paroling of Prisoners of War surrendered by the Commanding Officer of the Texas-Mississippi Department to the Forces of the United States.

Captain J. M. WALKER, 23d Iowa Vol. Inf., is appointed the Paroling Officer.  
By Order of  
Major General GRANGER,  
Wm. L. AVANT, Major and A. D. C.

### HEAD-QUARTERS DISTRICT OF TEXAS, GALVESTON, TEXAS, June 19, 1865.

#### GENERAL ORDER, No. 2.

The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights, and rights of property between former master and slave, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that of employer and free laborer. The freedmen are advised to remain at their present homes and seek for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at Military Posts, and that they will not be supported in idleness, there or elsewhere.

By Order of  
G. GRANGER, Major General Commanding,  
F. W. ENOCK, Major and A. A. GENL.

### HEAD-QUARTERS DISTRICT OF TEXAS, GALVESTON, TEXAS, June 19, 1865.

#### GENERAL ORDER, No. 4.

All acts of the Governor and Legislature of Texas since the Ordinance of Secession are hereby declared illegitimate. All civil and military officers of the so-called Confederate States Government, or of the State of Texas, will at once report for parole at the following places, or such others as may be designated hereafter, to the proper United States Officers, to be appointed: Austin, Galveston, Pecos, San Antonio, Marshall, Brownsville.

Although their legs shackle from their bodies, and the peculiar circumstances of these States may palliate these measures from their organizations, this Order will be strictly and promptly complied with.

The above-mentioned and all other persons having in their possession public property of any description whatever, as Arms, Horses, Blankets, etc. formerly belonging to the so-called Confederate States, or the State of Texas, will immediately deliver it to the proper United States Officer at the nearest of the above-mentioned places. When they cannot carry it, and have not the means of transporting it, they will make in the same Officer a full report of the character, quantity, location, security, etc. All persons not complying promptly with this Order will be sent North as Prisoners of War, for imprisonment, and their property forfeited. All persons committing acts of violence, such as banding guerrillas, pay-lawyers, horse thieves, etc. are hereby denounced as enemies of the Union cause, and will be dealt with accordingly.

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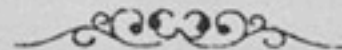
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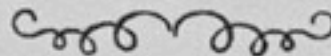
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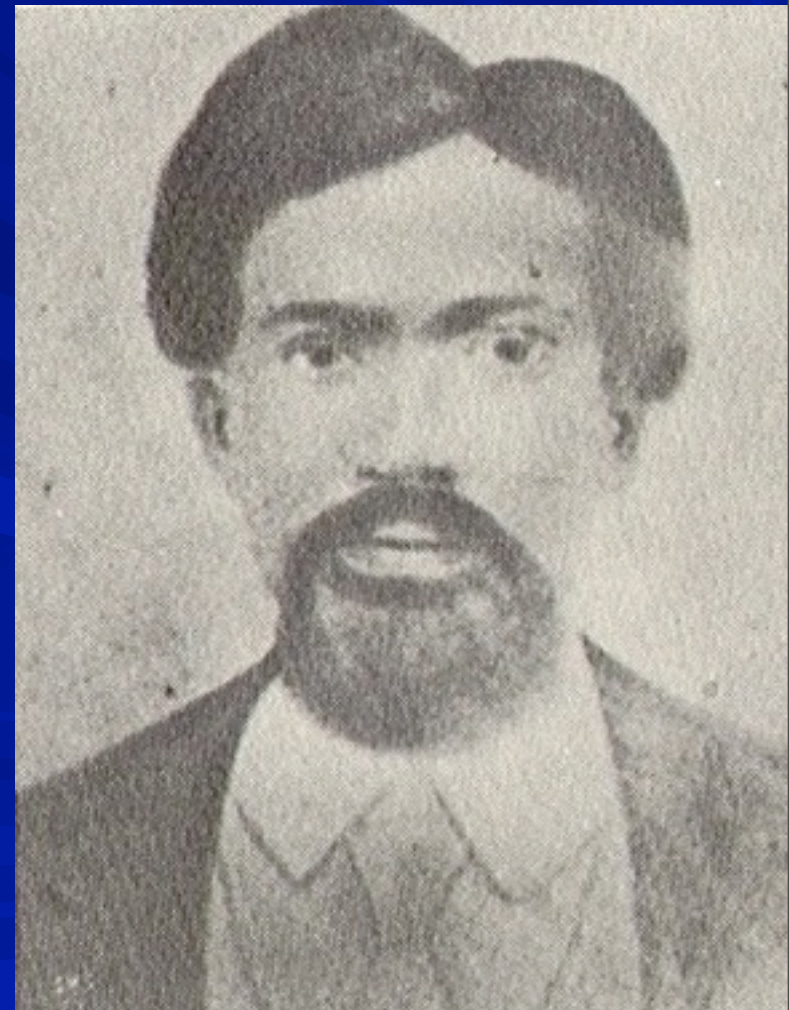
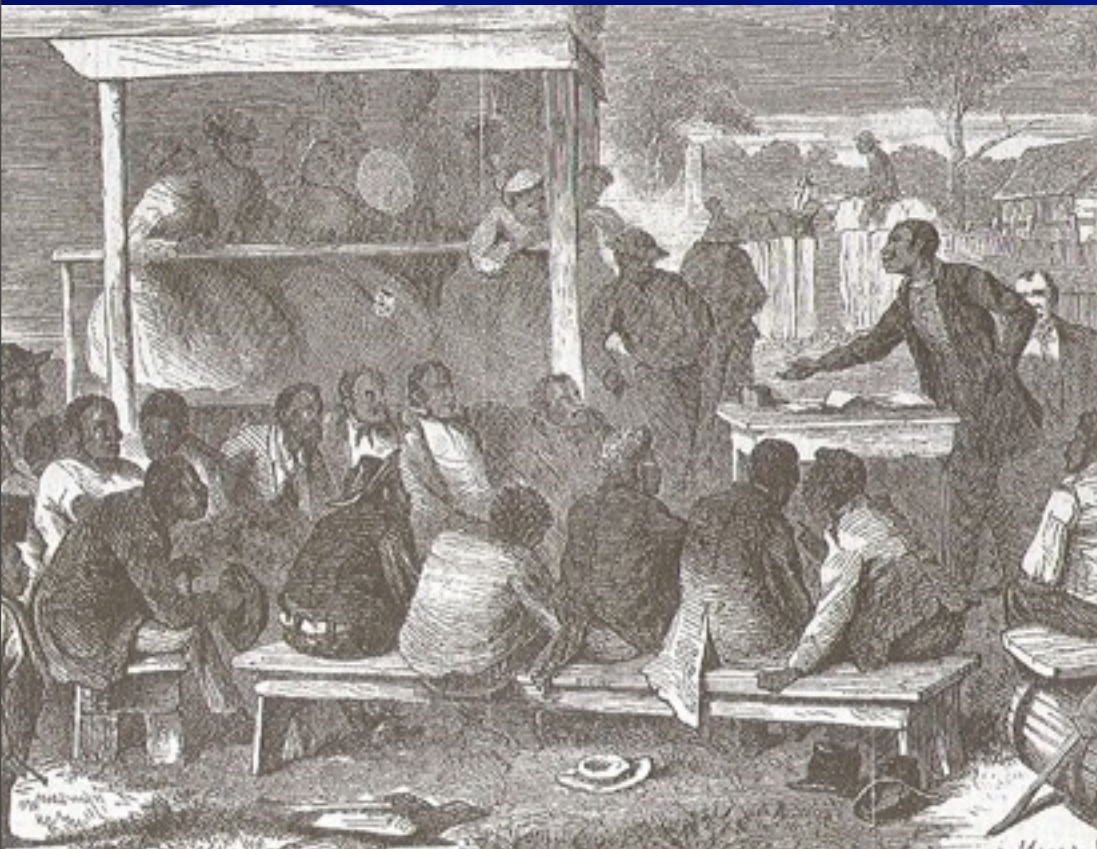


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# Reconstruction in Texas







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# Black Women in the West: Two Images

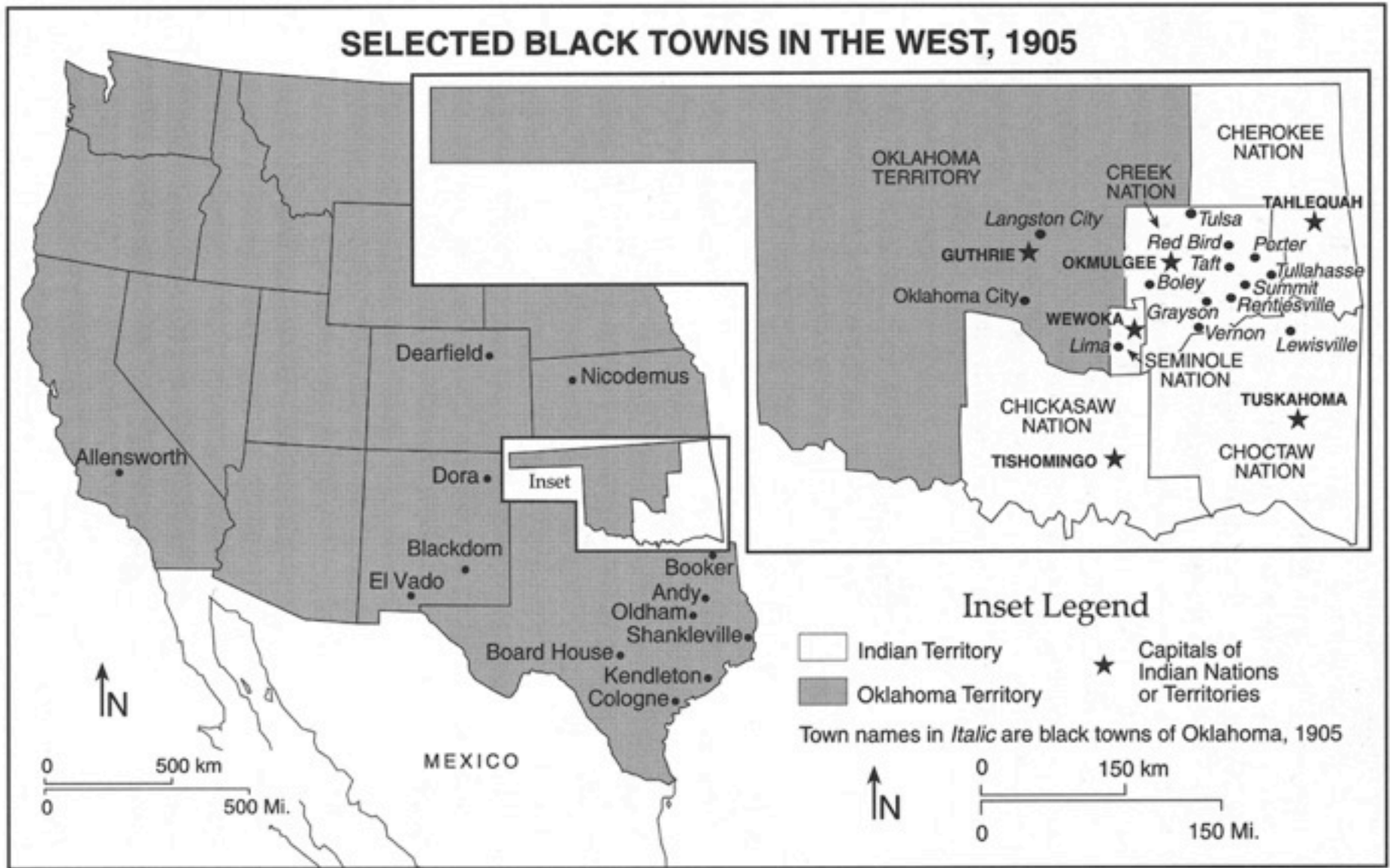


# The Oklahoma Land Rush, 1889



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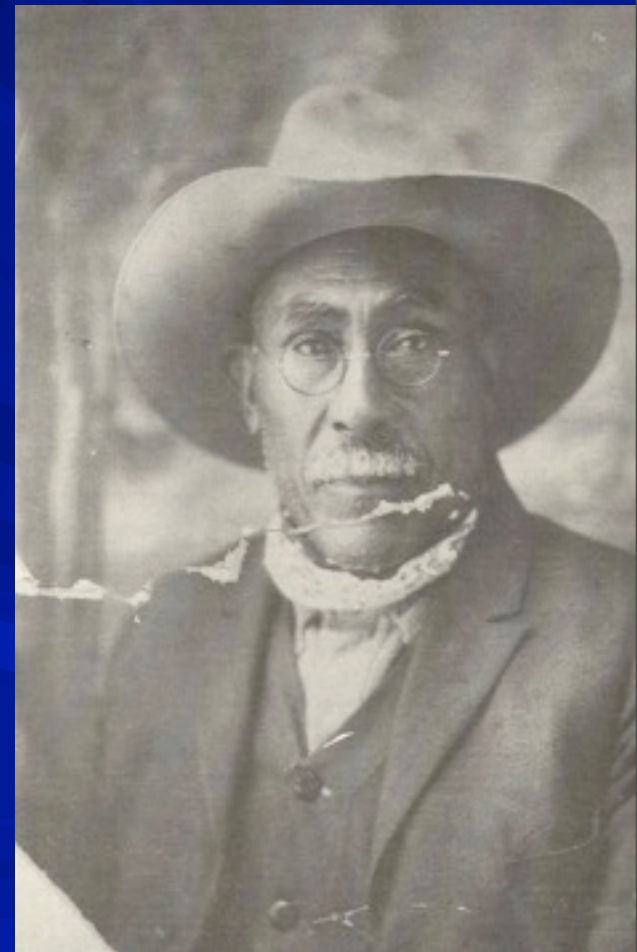
# Map: Black Towns in Oklahoma



# Junius and Matilda Groves of Kansas, ca. 1900



# Texas Cowboys, ca. 1890



# Black Ranchers, ca. 1890: Daniel Webster “80 John” Wallace in Texas Ben Palmer in Nevada



# PNW Rodeo Circuit Entertainers: George Fletcher & Tracy Thompson





# Buffalo Soldiers in the West: 1866-1941





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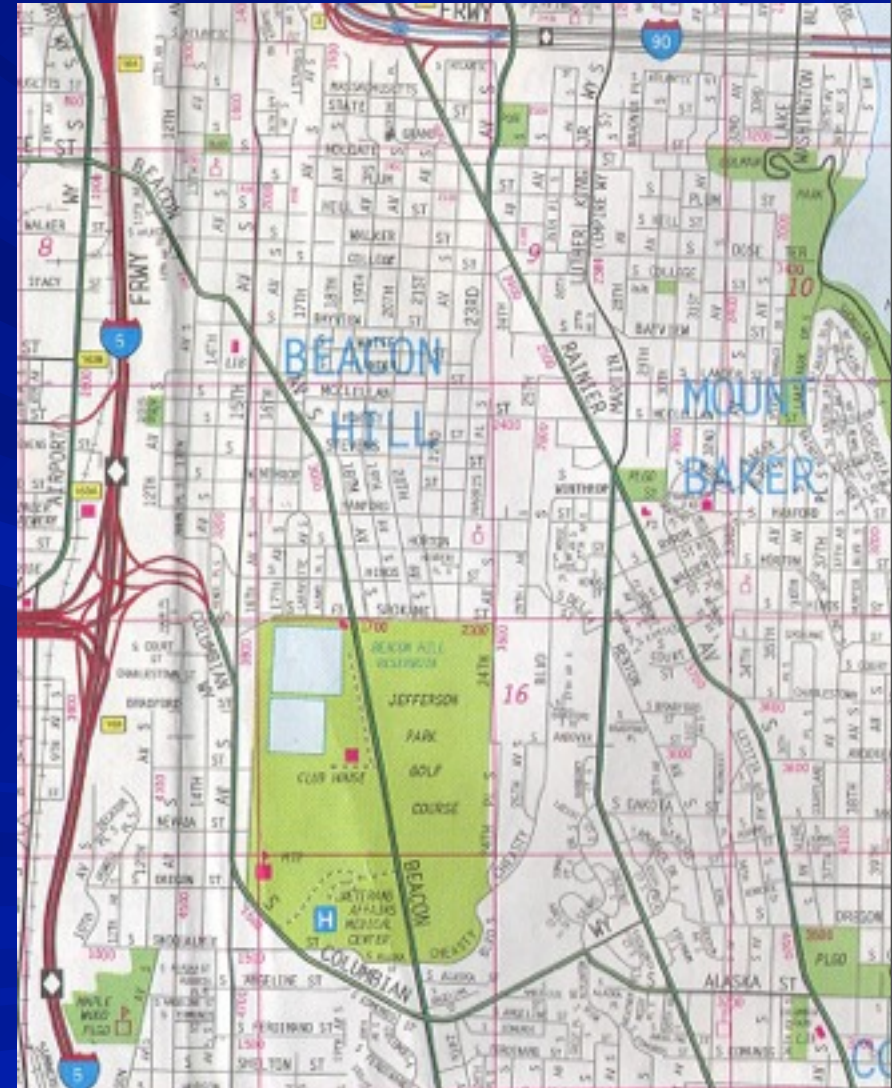
# Buffalo Soldiers at Fort Lawton, 1900



# The 19<sup>th</sup> Century Urban West: Leavenworth, Kansas and Denver, Colorado



# George P. Riley and Beacon Hill



# Mary Sanderson and Her Students, Sacramento, 1870



# Montana Federation of Colored Women's Clubs State Convention, Butte, 1924



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# African American Students at the University of Washington, 1923



*Students of the University of Washington class of 1923*  
From left to right standing—Charles Lewis, E. Dupee, O. Smaliding, Carl Norris,  
Don Webber, Ted Simpson, John Prim. Sitting—Hamilton Greene, Clara Jones,  
Essie Jones, Emily Brown, Hazel Griffith, Harold Waggener.



# The Rise of Black Hollywood



# Boeing Workers, ca. 1945



# NAACP Dinner at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 1945



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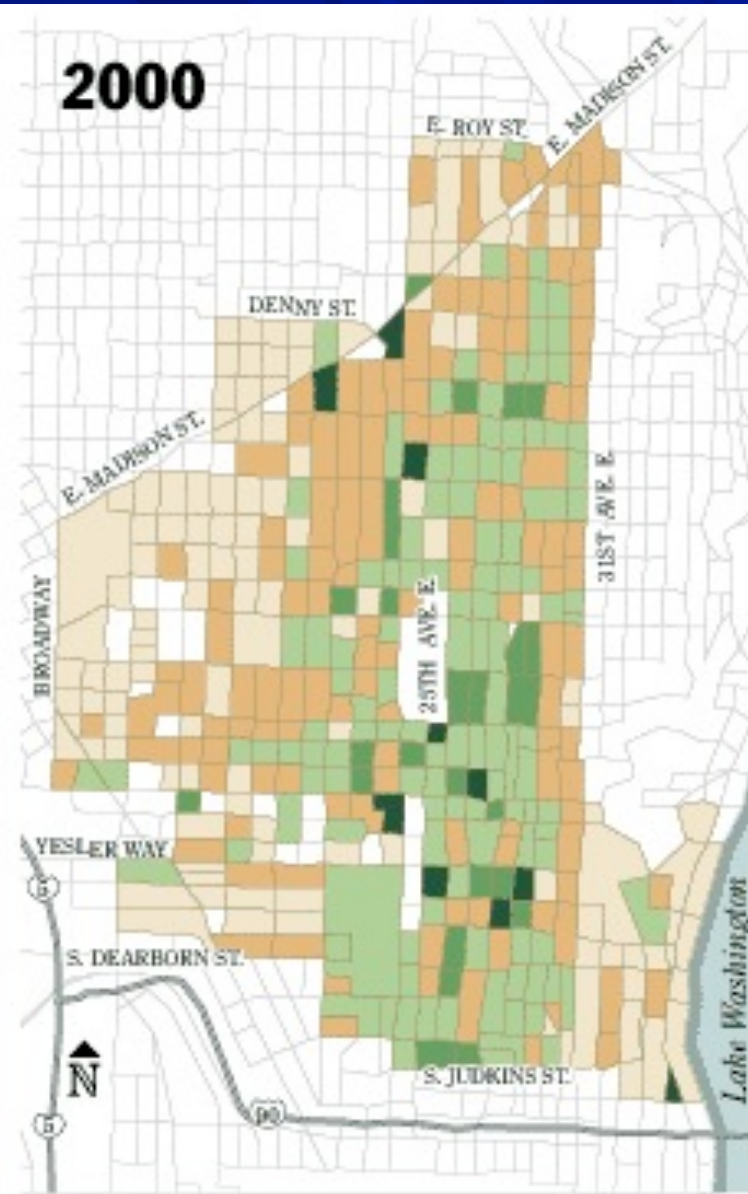
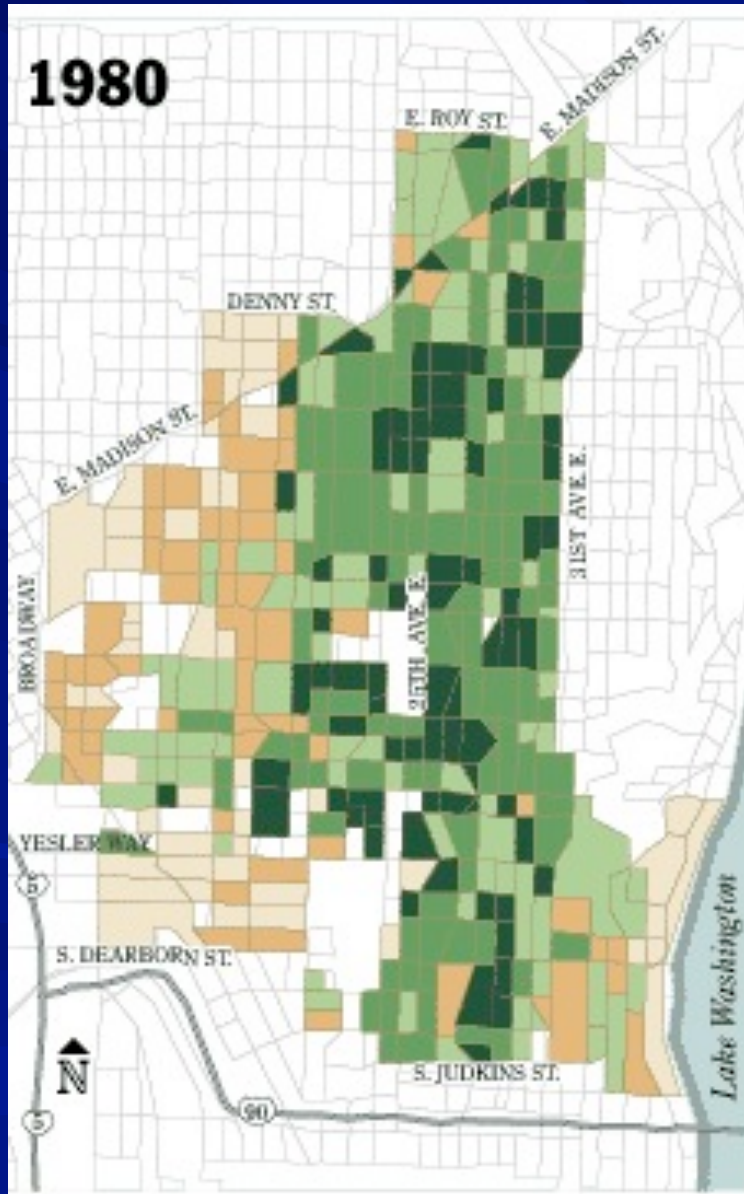
# The Civil Rights Movement in Seattle, 1960-1968



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