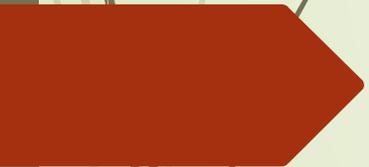


American History

Talk 11: Era of Good Feelings (1816-1824)



Overview

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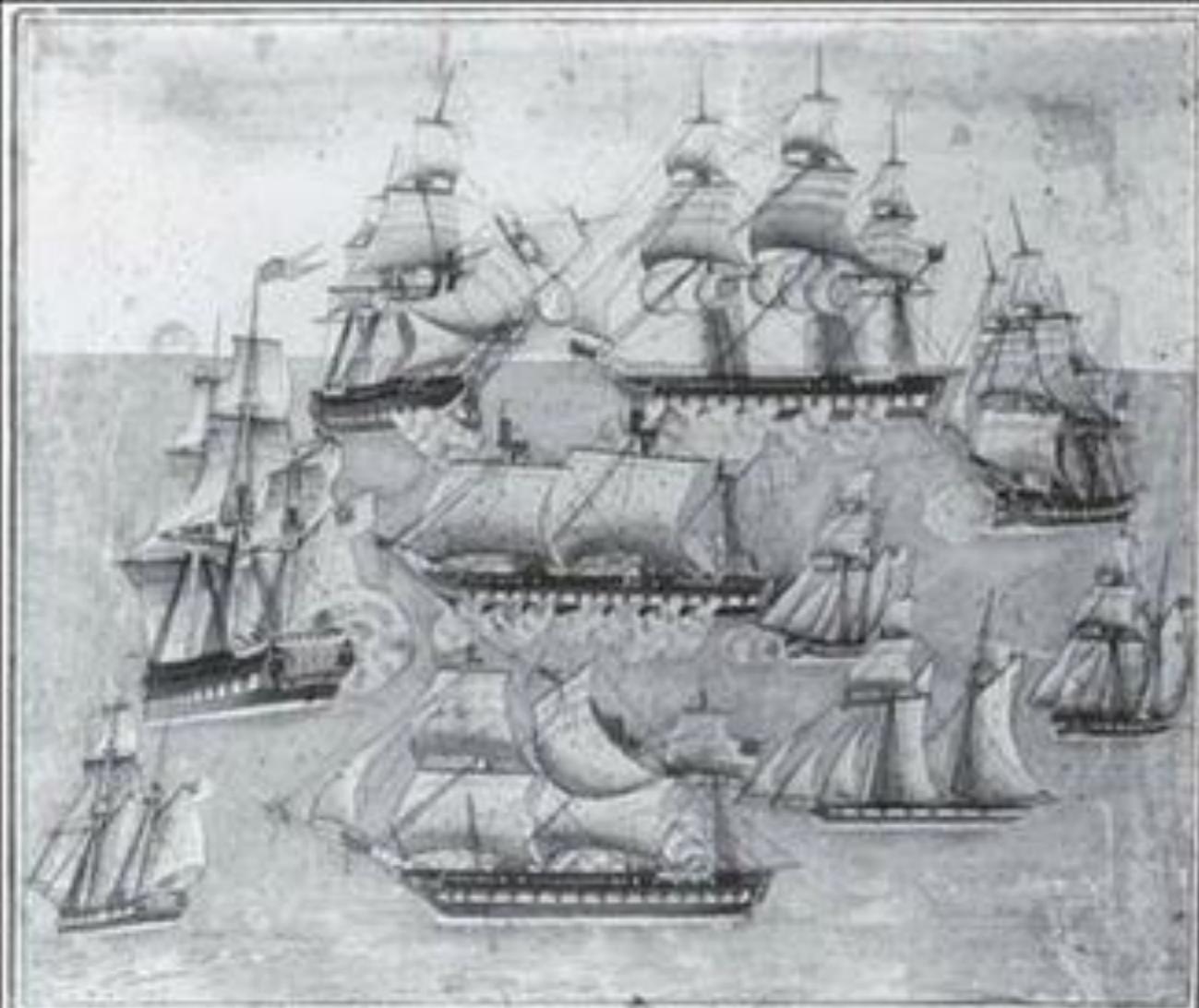
- Prelude: pirates, maroons and a volcano
- The One Party State
- Threats to unity resolved
- Second Great Awakening
- Good feelings shelved



Prelude

2nd Barbary War June 1815

Battle of Cape Gata June 17, 1815



Berbers resume attacks on US Shipping
During War of 1812 capture 10 Americans

Congress despatches Stephen Decatur
and fleet recover captives

US chase and capture Algerian flagship
...other ships, threaten to bombard Algiers

Dey gives in returns captives. refunds
Ransom.. Agrees to stop piracy..US leave

Captives drown on return journey

Dey resumes piracy when ships leave,
threatens US ambassador...he flees on
British ships...British bombard Algiers
1816.....peace...piracy resumed till
French invasion 1830

Maroons and Fort Negro



Florida Spanish Colony 1500-1763
British till 1783...returned to Spain

West Florida occupied by runaway slaves, Choctaw Indians, Pirates, former Black British Colonial Marines.....no Spanish

“Capital” Fort Negro (formerly British Evacuated end war of 1812

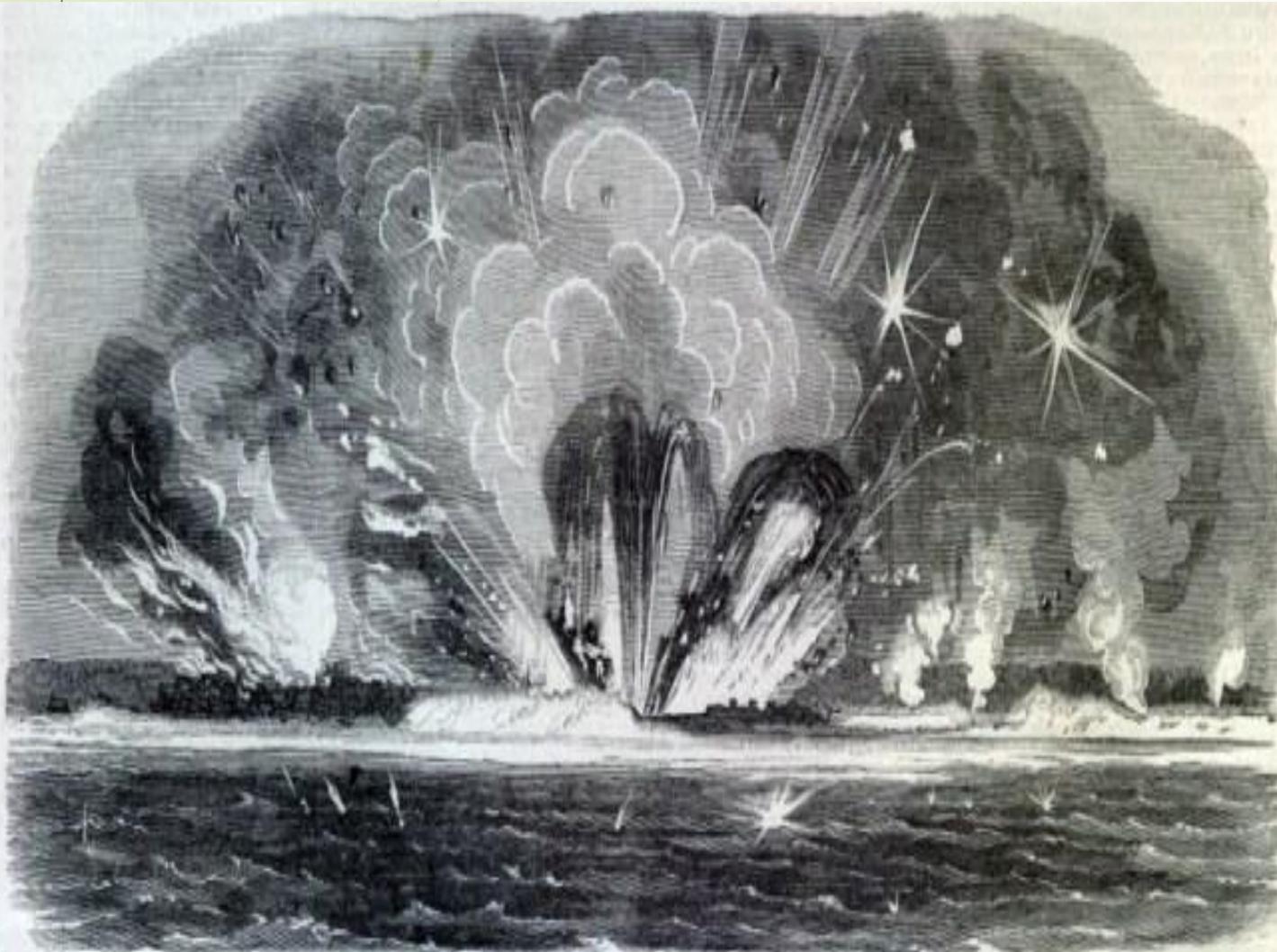
“Free community”venue for escaped slaves from Georgia, raids Into Georgia

Andrew Jackson....fort an “abomination” to be destroyed

Spanish garrisons only in East Florida

Occupation West Florida

Destruction of Fort Negro June 1815



Jackson dispatches army of 300 plus gunboats and Creek Indians to destroy fort

Pretext need before attack
...Spanish territory..raiding
Party ambushed and killed..1
Boiled alive

Fleet approaches fort..baits
attack, slave masters, Fort fires
On Americans

US response....gunpowder
magazine...storm fort

US army attacks survivors
enslaved...or shot...

Jackson announces US has
occupied West Florida...Spain
unable to reply

Mount Tambora volcano 1815

2 Men by the Sea, Kaspar Friedrich 1817



Largest eruption ever recorded explosion..10x Krakatoa ..heard 1,200 miles away

Ash cloud circulated To Europe by early 1816

Year without summer across Europe and North America...sky Yellow for 2 years

Catastrophic loss of Crops....Virginia price of oat Rose from 12cents to 92c Per Bushel (

Year without summer

Massachusetts farmer

severe frosts occurred every month; June 7th and 8th snow fell, and it was so cold that crops were cut down, even freezing the roots ... In the early Autumn when corn was in the milk it was so thoroughly frozen that it never ripened and was scarcely worth harvesting. Breadstuffs were scarce and prices high and the poorer class of people were often in straits for want of food. It must be remembered that the granaries of the great west had not then been opened to us by railroad communication, and people were obliged to rely upon their own resources or upon others in their immediate locality. ¹³

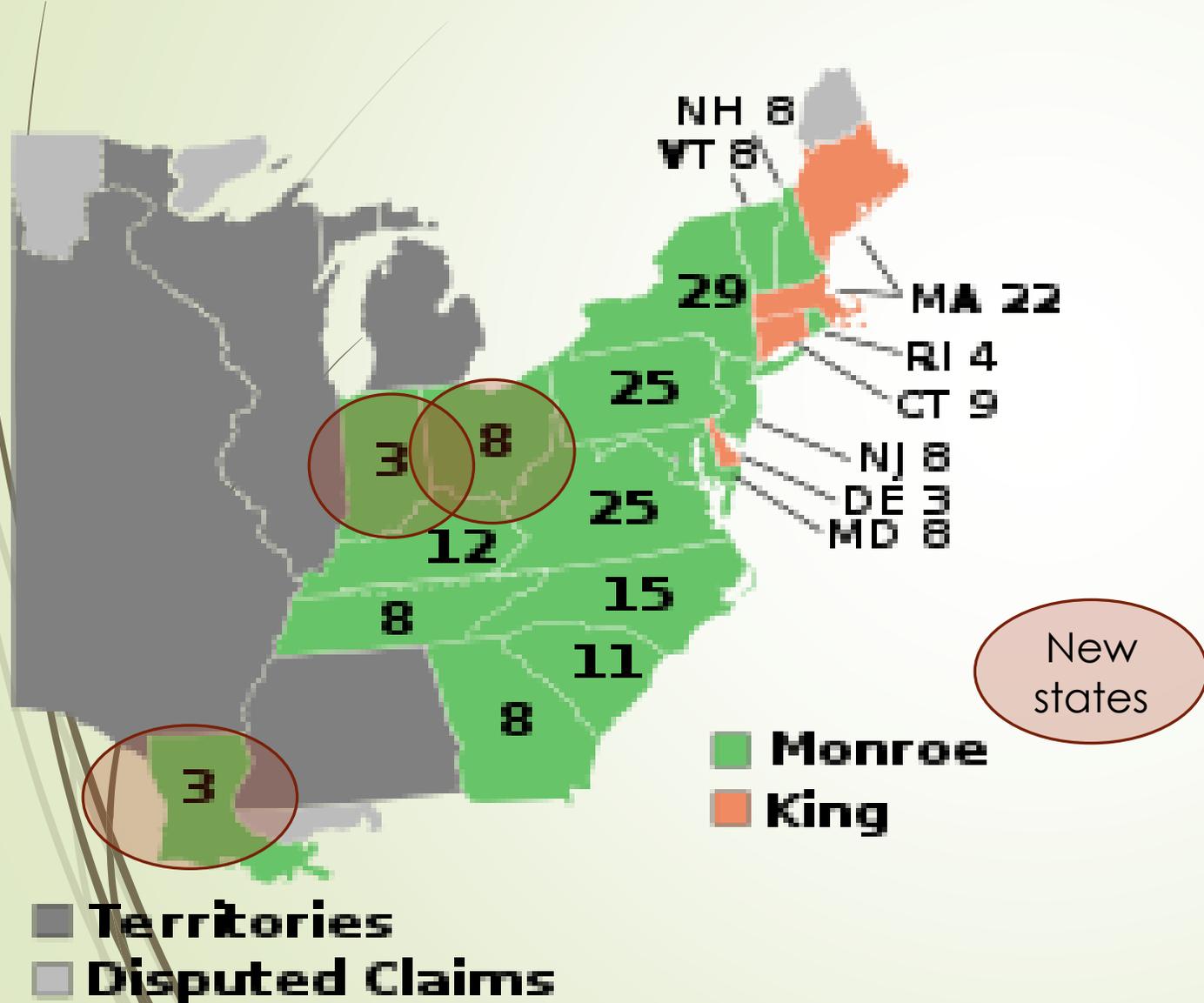
Lord Byron

I had a dream, which was not all a dream.
The bright sun was extinguish'd, and the stars
Did wander darkling in the eternal space,
Rayless, and pathless, and the icy earth
Swung blind and blackening in the moonless
air; Morn came and went—and came,
and brought no day

Impact on United States

- High food prices stimulated demand for land
- Emigration west accelerated...fertile government owned land
- Frenzy of Mass unregulated lending to fund land purchases
 - Re established Bank of US led by political appointees
 - Drop reserve requirements for banks, down payments for purchases of Louisiana (renamed Missouri) Territory

Election of 1816



Madison retires after 2nd term.
Hand picked candidate James Monroe...wins 183 votes to 34

Federalists discredited by anti War position....obliterated as political force...except New England

New states Louisiana, Ohio, And Indiana

Most electors still appointed...only 100K popular votes (population of 10 million)..property tax eligibility



The One Party State

James Monroe (1751-1831)

James Monroe



Son of small plantation owner, inherits slaves , brought up by uncle, left college to fight for independence

Distinguished Revolutionary war record mentored by Jefferson ...studies law

State Senator, diplomat, pro French returns to US...sneaky...leaks letter of Hamilton blackmail payments.

Appointed ambassador, Louisiana Purchases, Governor of Virginia.

Supports manumission and resettlement to Africa of slaves...but not his own.

Opposes big government but Supports National Bank, large army

The grand tour of New England 1817



Policy of “domestic tranquillity”
Includes Federalists in Cabinet

Visits New England in 1817
to encourage Unity...war hero,
Above faction.

Appoints Democrat Republicans
And Federalists to Cabinet
John C Calhoun Secretary of War
John Quincy Adams (North)
Former Federalist Sec of State

Maroons & Seminoles raid
Georgia, free slaves from
East Florida...Monroe asks
Calhoun to solve problem

John Calhoun (1782-1850): Voice of the South



New generation Politician “statesman

Born into minor South Carolina
Plantation. Slave owner”. Unitarian
Religion, Lawyer, elected To Congress
, marries well, 10 children

"Intensely serious and severe, he could
never write a love poem, though he
often tried, because every line began
with 'whereas' ...

Starts career as “nationalist”
Anti British, War Hawk, supports
Big Government, large army/navy

Defender of slavery and South

John Quincy Adams (1767-1848) : Economic

Nationalist

John Quincy Adams aged 40 (1818)

Born Massachusetts son of President John Adams. Harvard Scholar, no slaves, devout, becomes Unitarian

Ambassador to Russia & Britain. married Englishwoman (only foreign first lady till Melania)

Federalist but approved Embargo and War of 1812. Opposes slavery, becomes Abolitionist

Made Secretary of State

Set US Foreign policy as Neutral...focus expansion west and peace with Europe



Andrew Jackson (1767-1845): man in the saddle

Jackson in 1819



War hero. Victor of Creeks
And British at New Orleans

Disciplinarian, duellist, brutal
hangs 19 militia deserters

Paternalistic slave owner...
Harsh runaways: advertises
About escaped slave: "ten dollars
for every hundred lashes any
person will give him" up to three
hundred lashes....

Commander US Army
Southern United States

Seminole Indians

Osceola Seminole Leader



Name means “refugee”

Formed 1700’s fusing Creeks, Choctaws
Refugees from white settlers,
Escaped black slaves, and
Surviving indigenous peoples
...ethnogenesis.

Allied with British during Revolutionary
War and war of 1812

Raid Georgia for food, slaves,
and guns. Adopt Slaves ...some
Become Chiefs...Tribe of 2,000
in Northern East Florida

First Seminole War 1817-1818



Jackson leads army
Into Florida to destroy
Seminole Indians

Ambushes, skirmishes
Indians retreat to Spanish
Fort. Jackson bombards for
....without agreement by
Calhoun or Monroe

Spanish surrender

Jackson claims he is “helping
Spanish fight Seminoles,
seizes British Agents Amiste
and Coombe

'Purchase of Florida'

Trial of Ambister and Coome



Jackson puts agents on trial
has Coome shot, overrides jury
And hangs Ambister...diplomatic
Incident...Spain and Britain

War with Spain and Britain ?

Calhoun incensed demands
Jackson's Court martial...

Monroe asks John Quincy to meet
Spanish and placate British..

British complain want trade not war

Adams offers to settle boundary
With New Spain, pay up to \$5 million
For US legal claims vs Spain...Spain
No choice...weak empire falling
apart

New Boundaries



US acquires Florida, agree to pay Spanish debt to American slavers ...and not to invade New Spain !
Boundary with New Spain “fixed” ...for 20 years

Jackson forces Seminoles to Move to Everglades

Jackson removed from command
Seen by Federalists and North as future despot, ‘man on horseback’

Louisiana Territory renamed “Missouri Territory “ and opened for settlement

Henry Clay (1777-1852): The Great Compromiser



7th son and only survivor of Baptist Minister, shop worker, father dies, mother remarries to rich planter moves to Kentucky

“Amanuensis” for judge sponsored to law school...successful lawyer

Successful gambler and generous.. Forgive and forgiven. Duelist but Agrees to miss

Married. 11 children (...all die young, go bankrupt, become insane or get killed in war)

Anti slavery but buys and sells slaves plantation and slaves

Speaker of the House...advocates ‘American System’

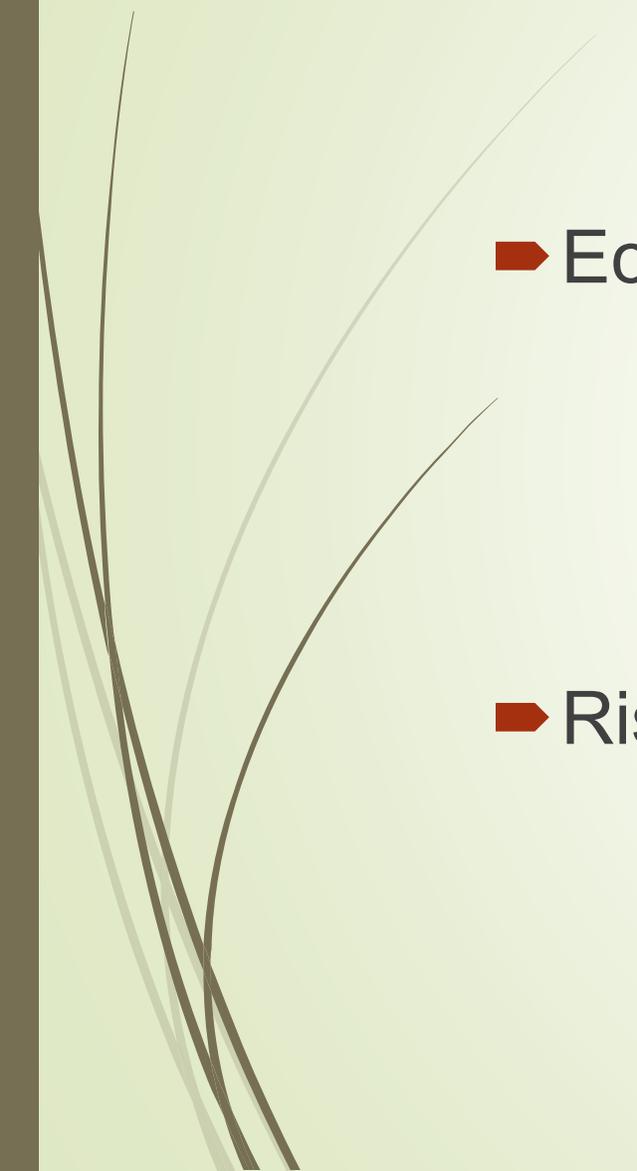
Henry Clay's "American System"

- High Tariffs to protect manufacturing industry
 - Set at 5% by Hamilton in 1790's
 - raised from 12 ½% to 40%
- US Central Bank and state bank regulations
- Encourages sale of US government land and westward expansion
- Government funded "Internal Improvements" (roads and canals)

Economic Nationalism: Federalist (Northern) ideas adopted by Democrat Republicans.... Jefferson Agrarian dream abandoned



Threats to Unity

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- Economic collapse
 - Rise of sectionalism

Panic of 1819

➤ The Boom (1816-1819)

- Food prices soar during Napoleonic wars
- Land prices soar due to demand and “frontier spirit” and easy credit
- Bank of US charter expired 1814 replaced by unregulated state banks
- Bank of US renewed 1816: ‘political appointees’ fuel lending
- Surge in state funded Improvements such as Erie Canal

➤ The Bust (1819-1820)

- Food prices fall 50% as Europe recovers from wars and weather
- Cotton prices collapse as British switch from US to India
- British dump surplus goods on US market due to European post war depression ...US factories collapse...US gold and reserves drained
- Investors unable to pay loans
- Bank of US new regime...calls in loans, imposes 60% reserve, imposes specie requirements

Impact of Panic

- ▶ US GDP decreases 30% in one year
- ▶ 20% unemployment in North
- ▶ Half new banks go bankrupt in one year
- ▶ 20% population ruined, rise in debtor prisons
- ▶ Land prices collapse (Pennsylvania from \$350 to \$50 per acre)

Economy recovers 1820/21 as prices rise, credit and reserve eased
.....Shock to American self belief....not supposed to happen here!
Sense of betrayal by elites...demands to remove franchise restrictions

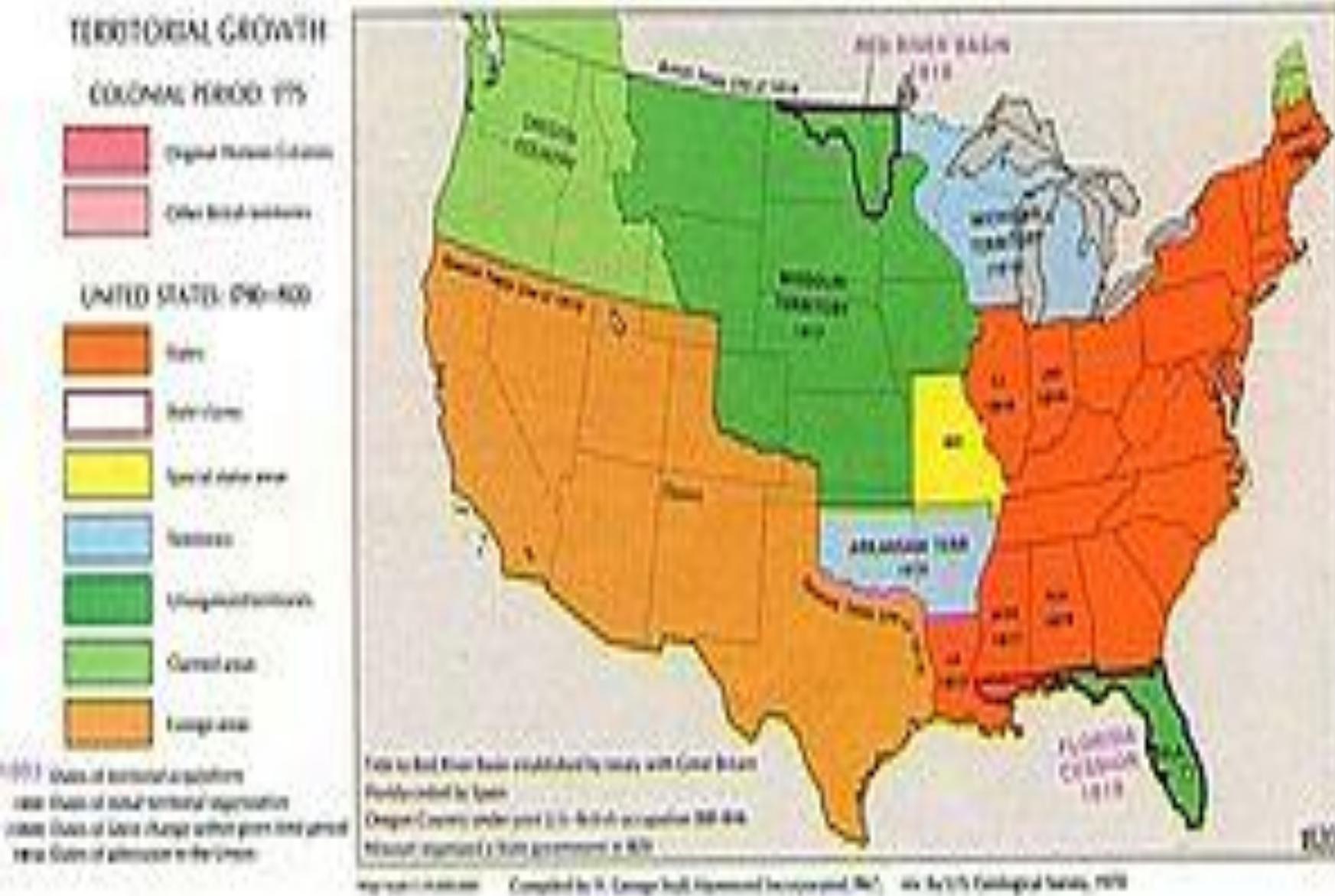
The Missouri problem

Expansion West...Missouri
 Population >60,000 and
 Ready for statehood...as
 “slave” or “Southern state”

South controls Senate due
 To 3/5 vote for slaves..des
 only 40% white population

Rising abolitionist in north
 seek to restrict slavery in
 Missouri: Tallmadge
 Amendment

South outraged...North
 Imposing control...threats
 of secession .violent debates



The Compromise of 1820



Tallmadge Amendment narrowly
Passes House....blocked in Senate

Admission of Missouri blocked
North fears South control of
Senate

Clay proposes Compromise
Admit Missouri...split Maine
From Massachusetts,

Agreement that new states
Admitted must balance...one
'free' one 'slave'

First of several....requires Clay to
maintain...Calhoun 'transformed'

Emerging Divisions

➤ North

- Want high tariffs to protect domestic manufacturing
- Central bank , regulated credit, gold conversion, prevent panics
- Restrictions to slavery to protect wage labour
- Abolitionist presence rises....Second Great Awakening

➤ South

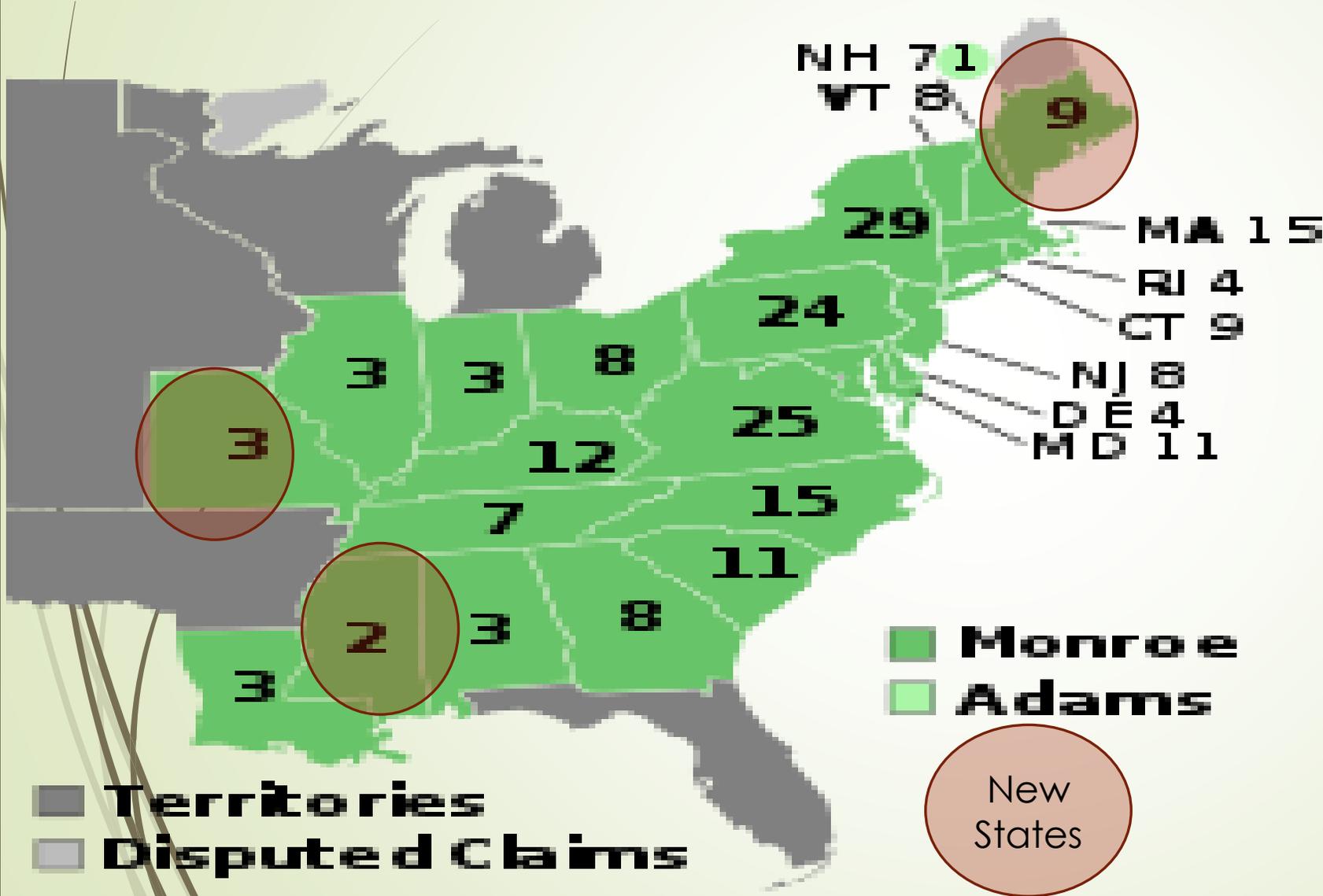
- Free trade to support cotton exports and cheap imports
- Deregulated banks, easy credit, paper or bi metallic money
- Protection of slavery property

➤ West

- Cheap land
- Government funded Improvements

Plus rise of populism and distrust vs elite and demands to increase franchise

1820 Election



Monroe's Second Term (1820-1824)

Economy recovers.... "good feelings return"

- Foreign Affairs dominate
 - Spanish Empire disintegrating....new South American Republics
 - British propose joint declaration no European power to invade
 - JQ Adams rejects US to guarantee independence... "Monroe Doctrine"
- Democratic Republicans split as Jackson decides to run in 1824
 - National Republicans... High tariff, central Bank, centralised finance (ex Federalist), Indian rights
 - Democratic Republicans... Low tariff, anti bank, for Indian removals

Jackson decides to run in 1824 election vs Bank Conspiracy

.....era of "good feelings" about to end



Intermission

Second Great Awakening



Mass meetings
Rural, small
towns

Emotional..
Fits, seizures

Itinerant 'rock
star; preachers

'Anxious Bench'

First vs Second Great Awakening

First Awakening 1720-1740

- Anglican or Methodist led
- New England
- Pre Destination... trust in God's mercy, individual has no agency
- Communal focus
- This earth "as it is"

➤ Second Awakening 1800-1850

- Multiple denominations
- Western focus (West = Appalachians, Great Lakes)
- Deeds and behaviour decide 'after life'... humans have agency
- Individual not community
- Apocalypse and 1,000 rule by Jesus imminent... need "heaven on earth first"

Context



Jamestown
1620

Independence
1776

Jefferson
1800

Good Feelings
1820

Mexican
War
1850

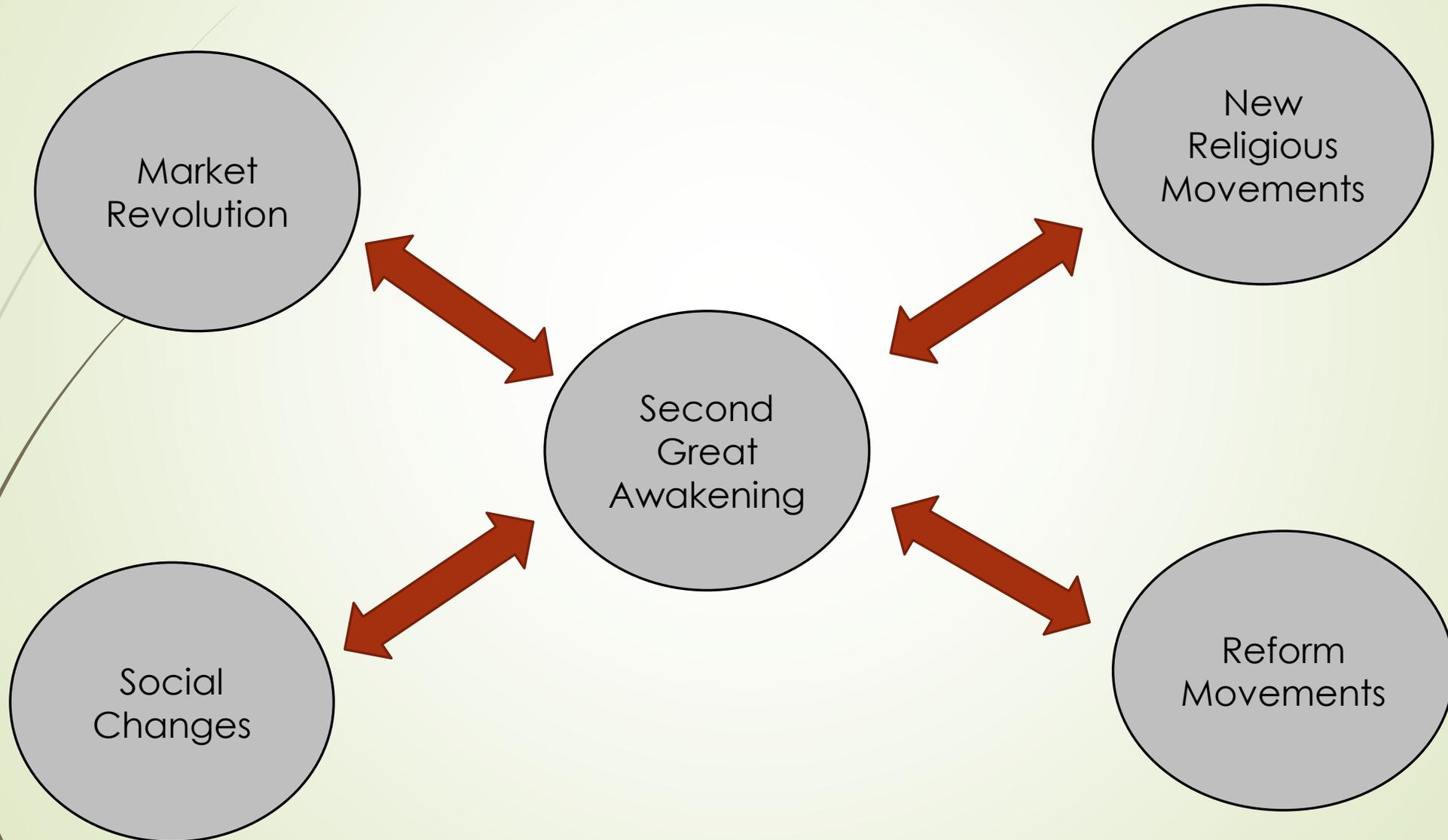
Civil
War
1860

First Great
Awakening

Second Great
Awakening

Unique American events create unique culture

Second Great Awakening Causes and Effects



Market Forces

Erie Canal

First American “Superhighway”
Completed 1825 at cost of £17 million:NY State as “Improvement”

Most labour Catholic Irish migrants
...physical attacks

90% reduction in freight costs

Grain from Great Lakes to
NY..Manufactured goods in return

‘National Road completed 1811-
1837connects Interior to coast

Shocking transition from personal barter
economy: Impersonal, unpredictable
relationships...





Social Change

- Movement west....away from traditional power centres NY, Philadelphia
- Increase in wealth and opportunity for all....beyond self sufficiency
- Cult of the “rugged individual”
- Middle class of trades, shop owners, small manufacturer emerge
.....especially along Erie Canal
- Conditions ripe for ‘new religion” focused on individual and agency

Religious Movements: common themes

- “Heaven on earth”the objective
 - Jesus’s return imminent ---1,000 yeas of His rule
 - ‘Apocalypse” to be welcomed (not ‘Day of Judgement’)
 - Heaven on earth must be created first
- Emotion not Logic
 - Conversion to be personal, sudden, overwhelming
 - ‘Conversion accompanied by seen to be real: ‘Rapture’“
- Mass Appeal
 - Everyone can be saved.....poor, women, blacks
 - Mass meetings...each an event involving entire communities
 - ‘Star preachers’ touring ‘Burned Over Districts”

'Black Harry' Hosier (1750-1803)

Benjamin Rush: "making allowances for his illiteracy, he was the greatest orator in America...The white people looked on with attention" even at the first performance;¹

⁸¹ subsequently, they would often be moved to tears

Slave born in Carolinas, sold north, acquired By Ray Asbury leading Methodist...memorises Bible, first use to preach to blacks...but expands ..preaching vs slavery, for common man, that Slave 'should be good'

Seeks ordination but rejected due to being Black...falls out with church

Becomes drunk, living of rags from garbage for resale. Recovers but dies in poverty



Lyman Beecher (1775-1863)



Traditional New England Presbyterian preaching vs Catholics and for Temperance & repatriation of slaves
Evangelism, female preachers and Temperance..Much respected but poor

Gets big job and huge salary to move to Ohio and run Seminary...supports camp meetings, revival sessions

Organises debate on slavery...gets out of Hand (Lane Debates) student vote repatriation a hoax. Riots, has to flee to NY

13 Childrenmost become evangelists.
Daughter Harriet writes "Uncle Tom's Cabin"abolitionist tract

Charles Finney (1792-1875)



Born new England, brought up Presbyterian Self taught, 'born again' abandons law school to preach

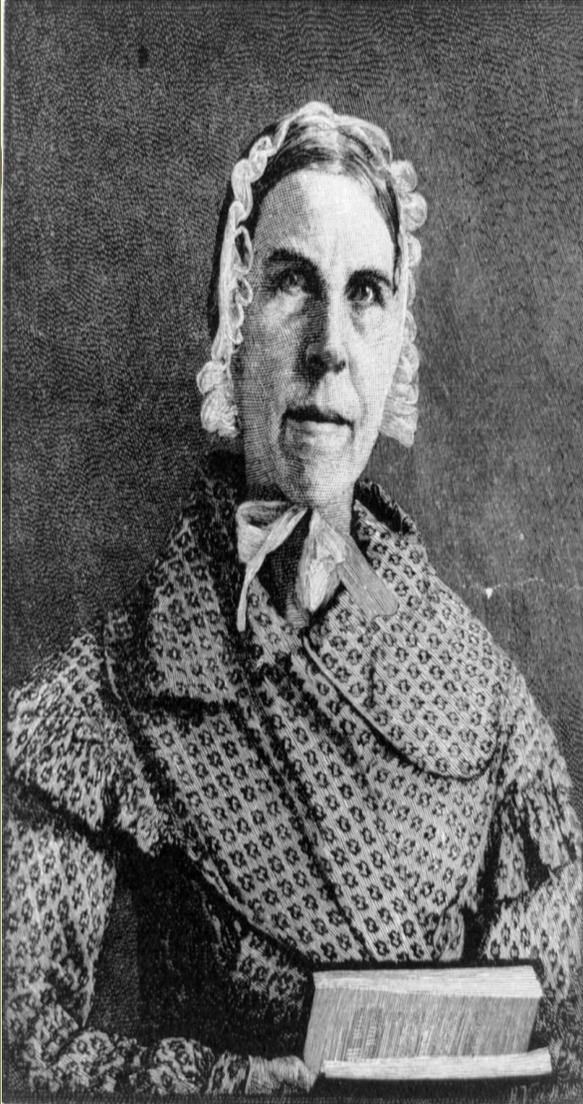
Intinerant evangelist, Mass meetings supports women preach
Temperance Bans slave owners from communion

Advocates 'perfect perfectionism' unity belief
And behaviour due to surrender to God..impossible without
Abolition of slavery

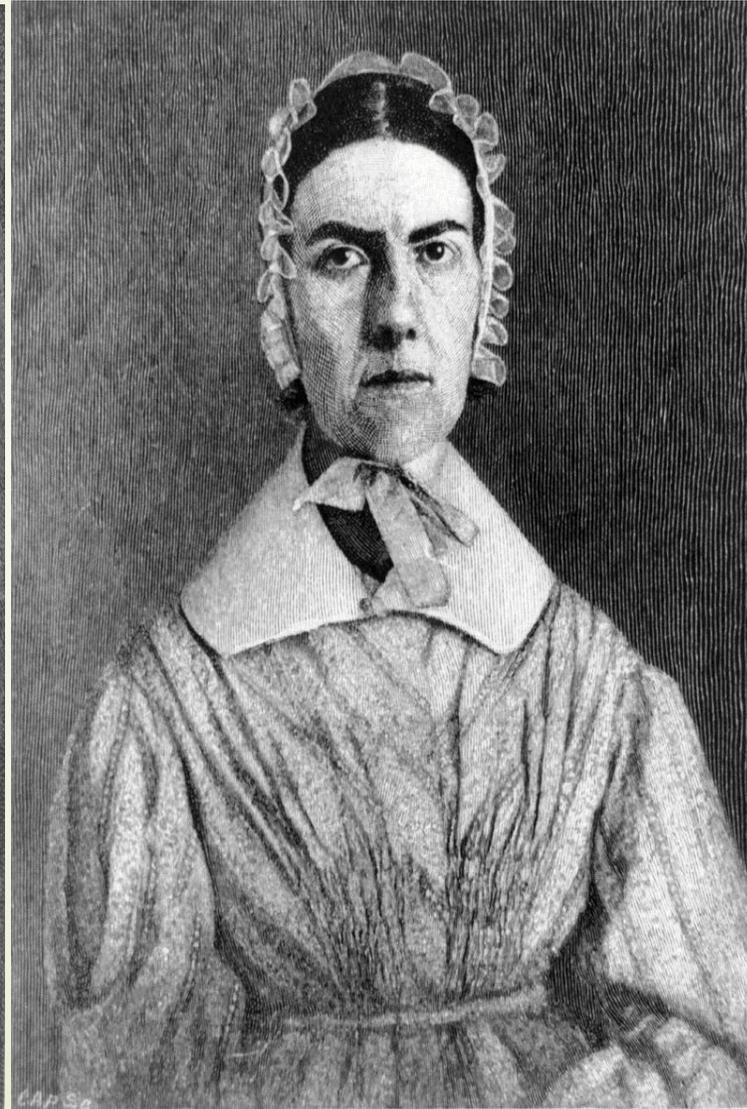
Effect on Rochester: "The whole community was stirred. Religion was the topic of conversation in the house, in the shop, in the office and on the street. The only theater in the city was converted into a livery stable; the only circus into a soap and candle factory. Grog shops were closed; the Sabbath was honored; the sanctuaries were thronged with happy worshippers; a new impulse was given to every philanthropic enterprise; the fountains of benevolence were opened, and men lived to good."^[1]

Grimke Sisters

Sarah (1792-1873)



Angelika (1805-1879)



Born S Carolina to slave owning family
Self educated..father would not allow education
...reject slavery

Accompany father to Philadelphia meets
Abolitionists...father retains support..Angelika
Marries abolitionist...Sarah joins family

Become writers for Abolitionism and women's
Rights. Then public speakers...to women, then
mixed groups..

Speech at new "Philadelphia Hall"
Intimidated...flee building...mob attack

Grimke's cease public speaking
Set up boarding school adopt mixed race
children of deceased brother..live to
See Slavery ended



Sarah Grimke on female equality

Sarah "Letters on Equality..1838):

"men and women were CREATED EQUAL....
Whatever is right for a man to do, is right for
woman....I seek no favors for my sex. I
surrender not our claim to equality. All I ask of
our brethren is, that they will take their feet from
off our necks and permit us to stand upright on
that ground which God destined us to occupy"

Burning of Philadelphia Hall



Destruction by Fire of Pennsylvania Hall.
On the night of the 17th May, 1838

Great Awakening Events

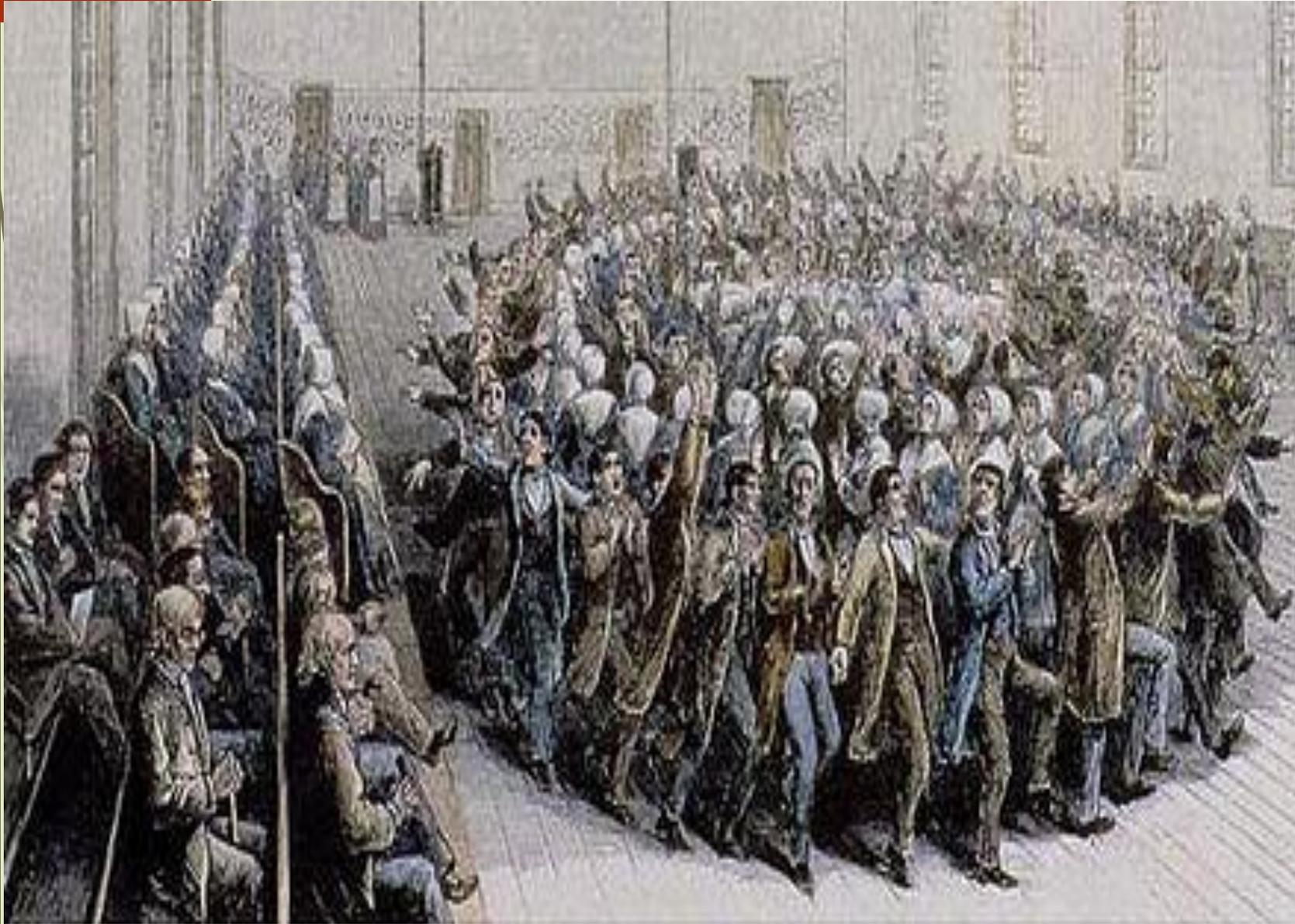


Most along Erie Canal....“Burned Over District”
(so many preachers.. hellfire

All classes
mix...political
Impact...Democracy

Spurs creation of
religious movements

Shakers



Originated in England,,,
“Shaking Quaker”...end of
World...ecstatic feelings

Believe women leadership
Leader Anne Lee preaches
Celibacy The way to purity

Anne moves group to US
In 1774 to escape persecut
Establishes communities

Communal living all propert
Shared. Men women equal
Celibacy, dancing..spirit gift

Era of Manifestations
Expansion 1820-60..then
Decline...3 left (2014)

Shaker "spirit gifts" ...gift drawings--- messages from 'the mother'

Hanah Cohoon 1845

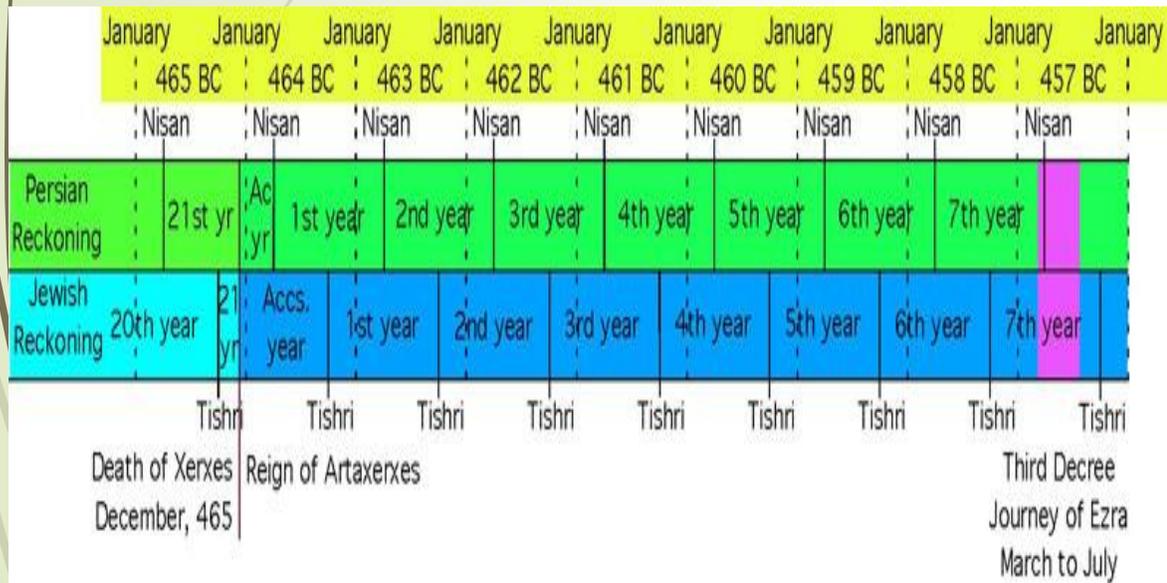


Polly Anne Reed 1851



Millerites

End of World calculated 2,300 'days' (year day method) after building of new Temple 457 BC



Founded Charles Miller. Prosperous farmer..obsessed with Book of Daniel Publishes prediction end of world due 1830... 600,000 copies ...”Sign of Times” newspaper

Mass movement.. Up to 500,000 members across “Burned Over District”. Only true believers saved “EOW October 22nd 1844...crowds Gather...expecting world to be consumed By fire. And deserving saved..abandon Possesions...families

Great Disappointment....violence, ridicule & rapid reinterpretationsMiller recalculates till his death 1849 7th Day Adventists

Oneida Community



Perfectionist Religious community of up 300 in New York founded in 1848...Charles Noyes

Jesus already returned but cannot be found till perfection achieved

“Complex marriage”....multiple Partners, communal children, all equal (except for Breeding) , rotate jobs...silverware

Public criticism and confession circles

Policy of Eugenics....selective breeding for elite members to achieve purity

Disbanded 1885

Origin of the Mormons

Joseph Smith (1805-1844)



Born Vermont to Methodist family moved to New York “Burned out District” Family immersed in revivalism, visions, does ‘odd Jobs” ‘folk magic and treasure seekers”

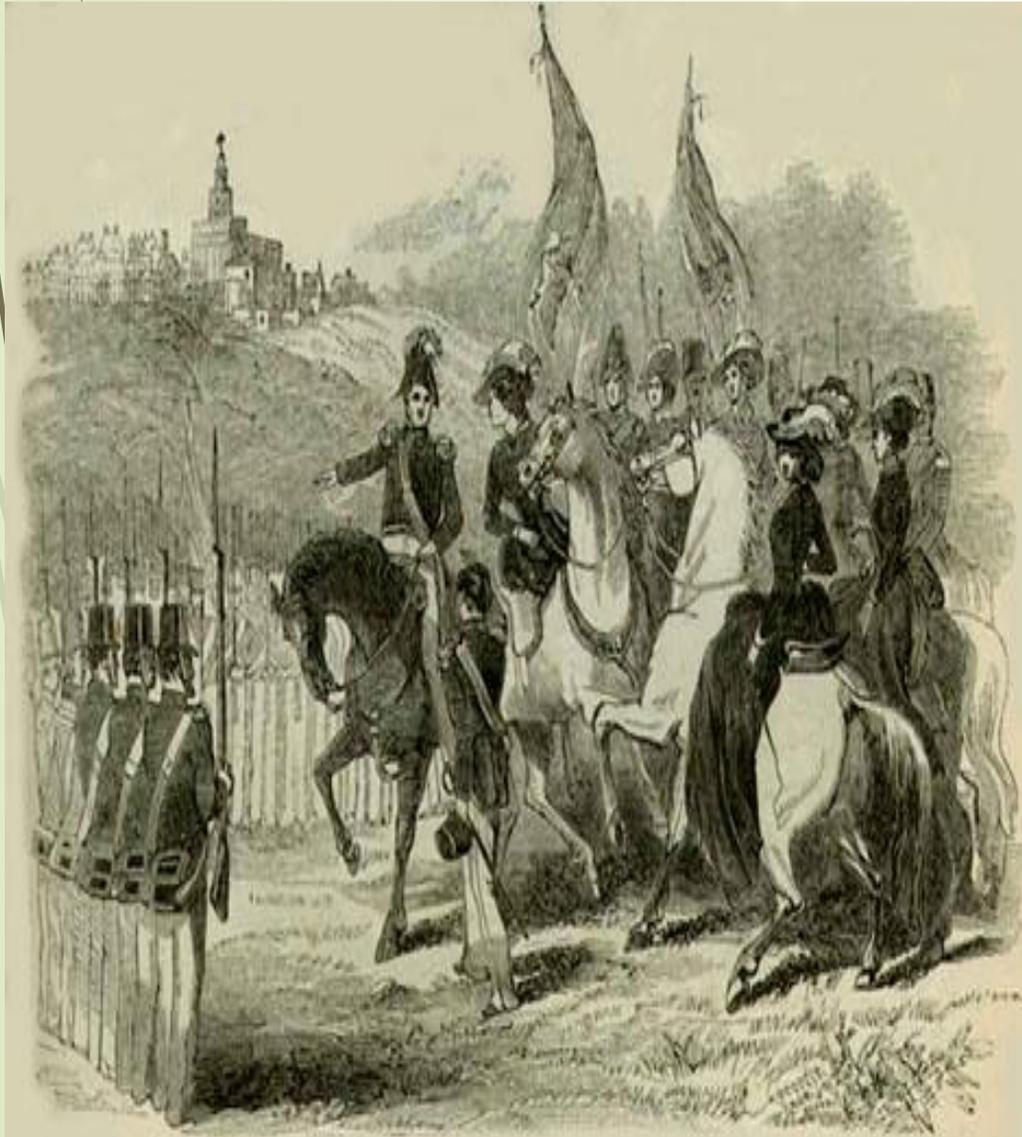
Claims visited by God and Jesus in 1821: his sins forgiven, Gospels incomplete

Visited by Angel Moroni in 1823 :Magic box golden tablets. transparent “Seer Stones” Translate....create “Book of Mormon”

Creates new church with followers considered heretics...flees to Ohio with followers

Mormons in Ohio/Missouri

Smith & Nauvoo Legion



- Smith to Kirtland Ohio: community of thousands
- Establishes 'theocracy' ...crushes local 'ecstatic' believers...communal society, disciplined, ritual, creates bank, influences State Government
- Mormons seen as "heretics". Smith tarred and feathered by mob... moves to Missouri...'Far West'...create theocracy
- 'Mormon War'...killings both sides, Smith arrested for Treason...escapes to Illinois...the new Zion
- Governor sympathetic. Smith builds Nauvoo.
- Wants new territory , creates 'army & introduces polygamy...backlash. Smith suppresses dissent, revolt, arrested...and lynched

To be continued...Talk 14 "Manifest Destiny"

Mormons: Key Beliefs

- ▶ End of world due but 'Zion' must be built first
- ▶ God a physical being, multiple wives, lives on throne near star Kolob
- ▶ Book of Mormon includes "lost truths" > Gospels
 - ▶ Three tiers of heaven.....intercession possible by post death baptism
 - ▶ 'Celestial marriage' and family
- ▶ Jews populated North America 600BC...war with 'Laminites" Jesus appears after resurrection:United States 2nd coming "chosen place"

Polygamy abandoned in 1890...End of world delayed to gain state-hood



End of “Good Feelings”

1824 Election 'Campaign'

- ▶ No Federalist campaign
- ▶ 'Popular Vote' triples to 300,000.....Elector 'appointment' process ending (states removing property and tax payment qualifications to vote)
- ▶ Democratic Republicans one party four competing candidates....based on Regions

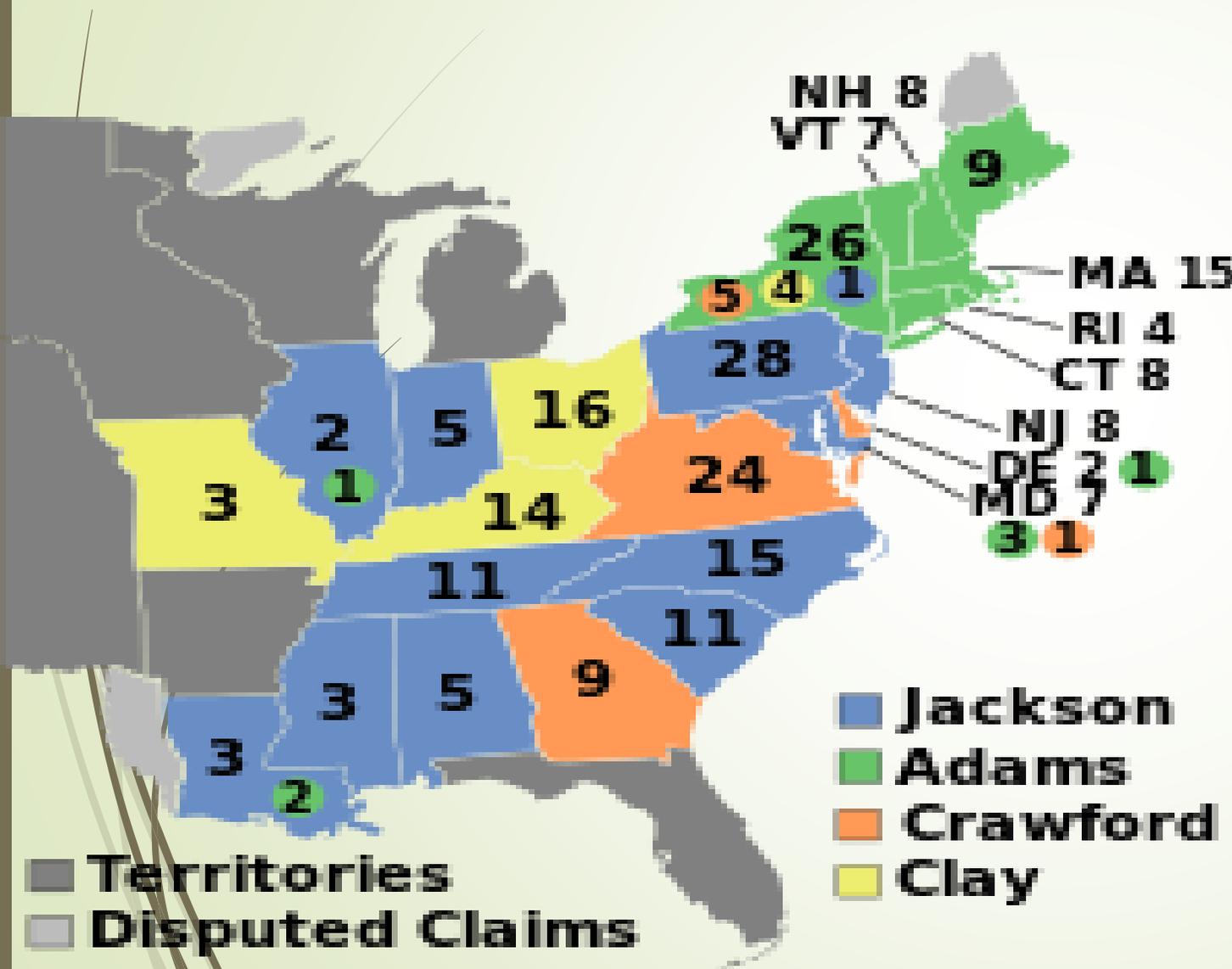
John Quincy Adams. North East, Bank of USA , high tariffs

Andrew Jackson: West and South: Anti Bank, anti foreigners, Indians

Henry Clay: West: "American System" ...high tariffs

William Crawford: South: Plantation owner Anti Bank low tariffs, anti Bank

1824 Election & “Corrupt Bargain”



Popular vote triples to 350,000
As more states allow direct voting

Deadlocked election, no
Candidate majority

Contingent Election by Congress

Clay hands all his supporters
Over to John Quincy Adams/
... appointed Secretary of State

Jackson claims “Corrupt Bargain”



Beginning of “Bad Feelings”

- ▶ Jackson claims “Conspiracy” , employs “Campaign Manager” Martin Van Buren to run four year campaign
 - ▶ Push more states to switch to popular vote
 - ▶ Rebrand Jackson as “Common Man” vs Bank, Elites, Indians, Abolitionists
 - ▶ Motivation Revenge vs Corrupt bargain
- ▶ Democratic Party splits in two
 - ▶ National Republicans led by John Quincy Adams
 - ▶ Democratic Party led by Andrew Jackson



Next time: Democratic America emerges
...for good (poor whites, plantation owners, and
ill (for elite 'enlightened', Indians, and slaves)