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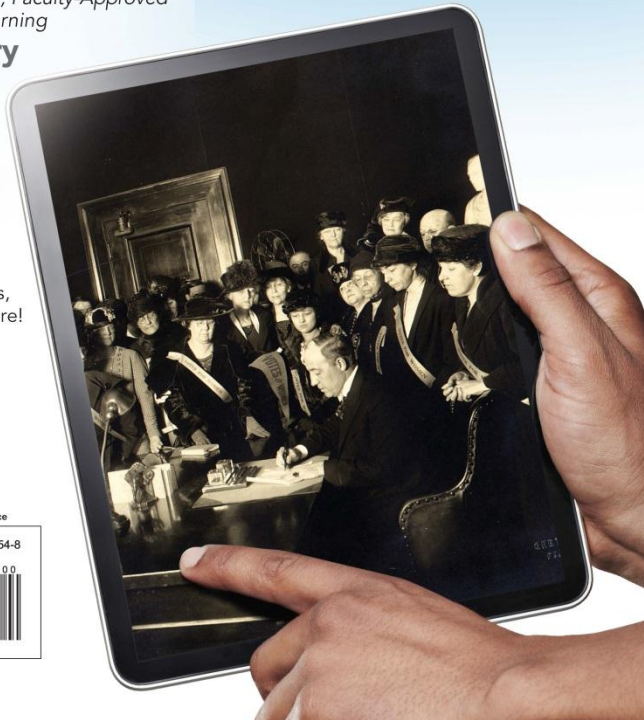
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## Chapter 13

# The Continued Move West



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# What do **you** think?

**It was inevitable that the United States would expand all the way to the Pacific.**

*Strongly Disagree*

*Strongly Agree*

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# Western Conquest and Development, 1820–1844

- Four unique territories in the West between 1820 and 1844:
  - Texas
  - Oregon
  - Utah
  - California

# Mountain Men

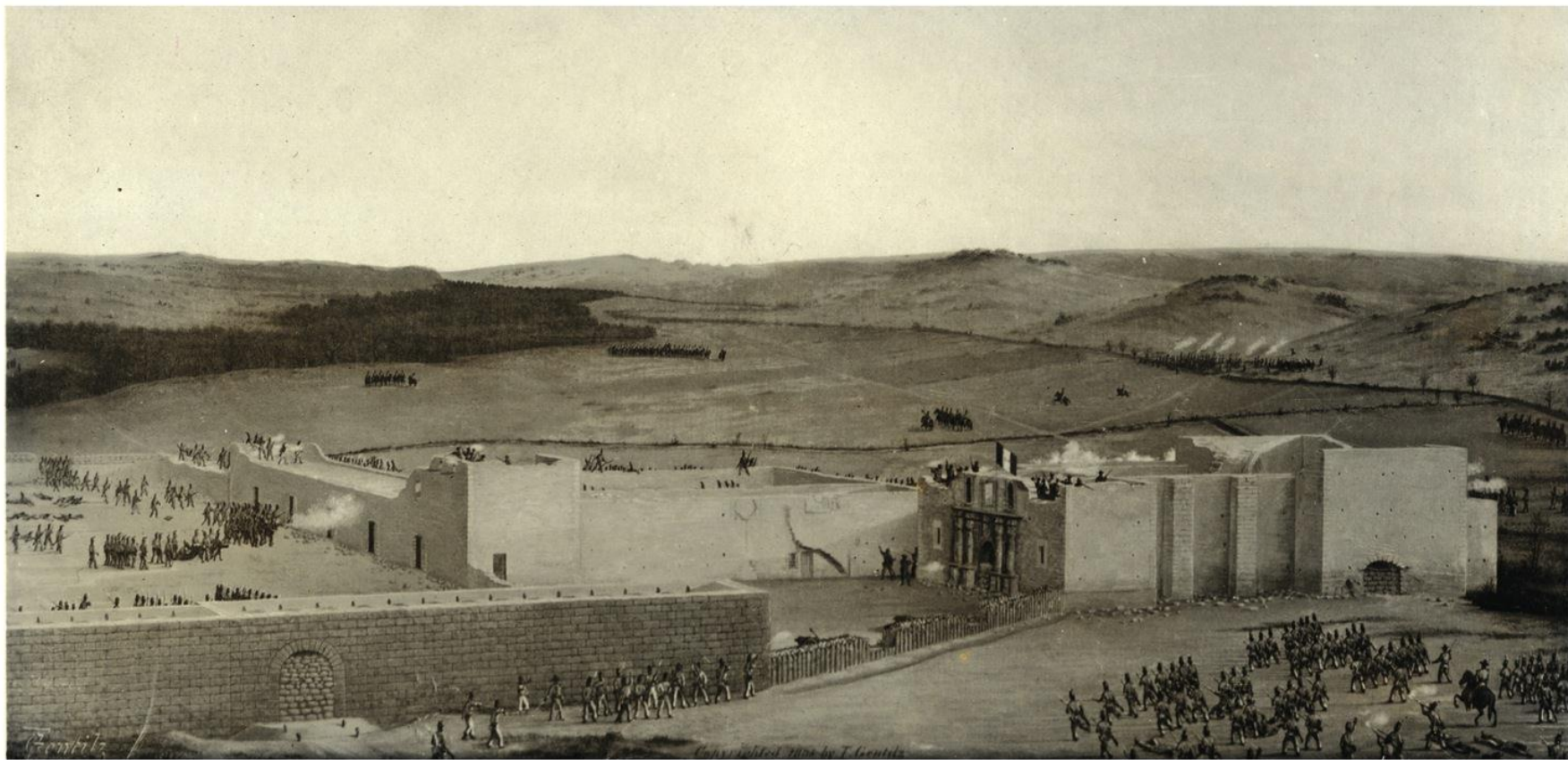
- 1820s to the 1840s mountain men roamed the Rocky Mountains

# Texas

- Mexican-American Hostilities
- A Victory for Texas . . . and for Slavery



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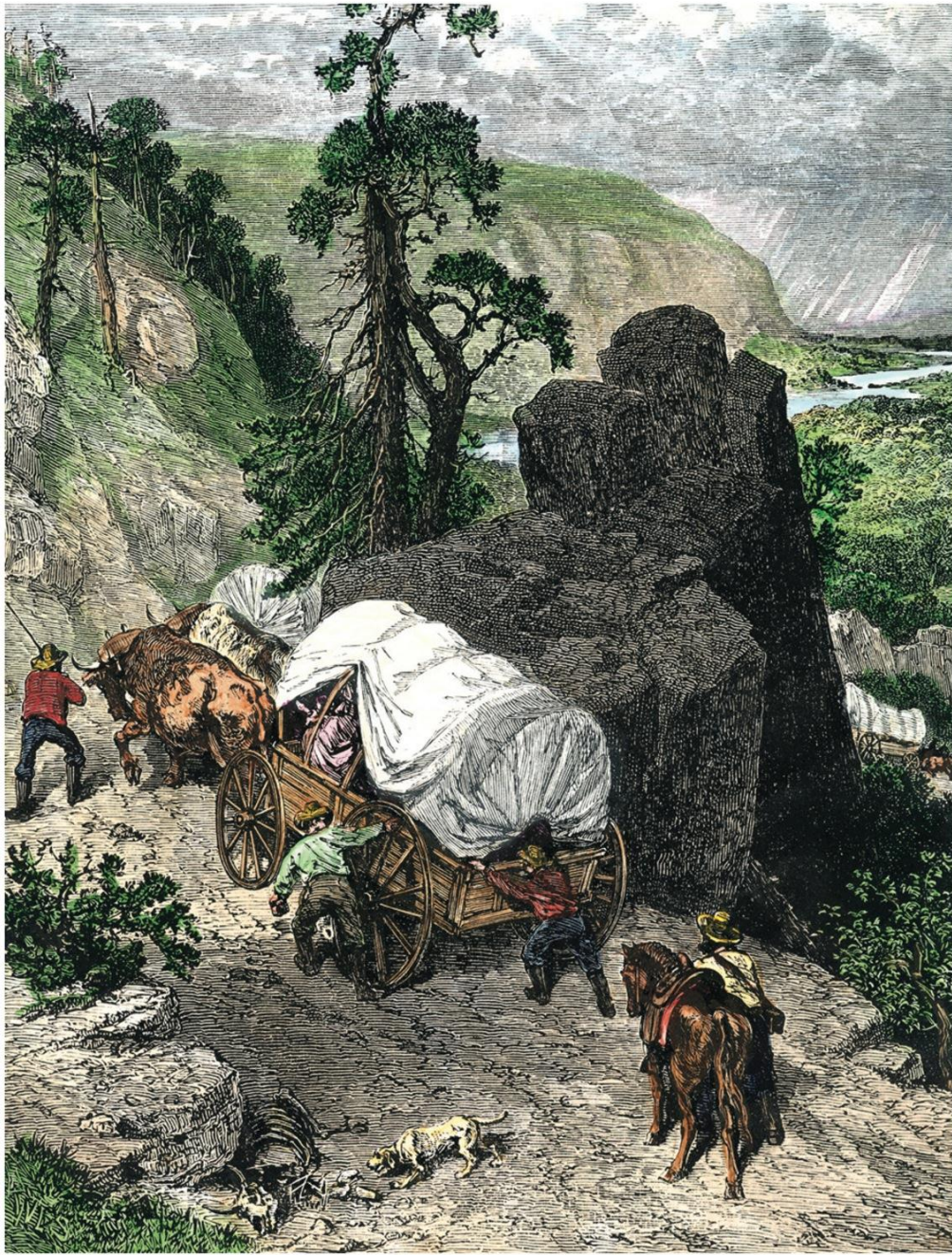




# Oregon and the Oregon Trail

- New Settlements and Indian Violence
- Oregon Fever

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# Utah and the Mormons

- Joseph Smith and the Origins of Mormonism
- Brigham Young
- To Utah



MOUNTAIN WILSONS BARRAGE - THROUGH CALLED BY MORMONS.



MORMON TABERNACLE - BUILT BY THE MORMONS.



THE MORMON HANDCART COMPANY CROSSING THE PLAINS.

# POLYGAMY

## OR, THE MYSTERIES OF MORMONISM.

BEING AN EXPOSÉ OF THEIR SECRET RITES AND CEREMONIES:  
WITH A FULL AND AUTHENTIC HISTORY OF POLYGAMY AND THE MORMON SECT, FROM ITS ORIGIN TO THE PRESENT TIME.  
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**Map 13.1.** Overland Trails



# California: Ranches and Gold

- Early 1846, about 800 Americans and about 8,000 to 12,000 *Californios* in California
- January 1848, Gold Rush begins



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# Tribal Conflicts

- Fort Laramie Treaty

# Conclusion

- Western settlement complicated matters reaching far beyond the lives of the settlers themselves

# The Expansionist Spirit Rebounds

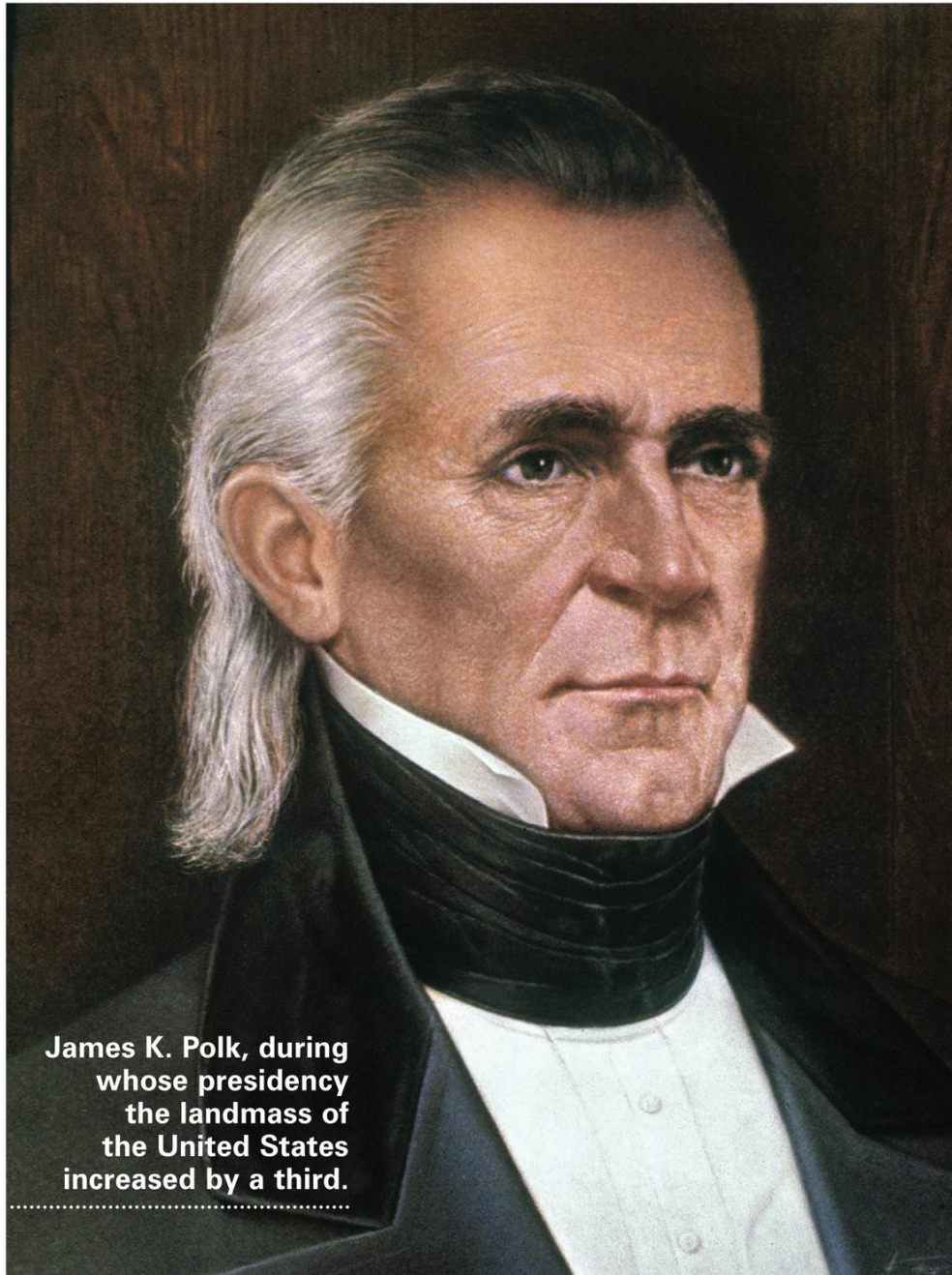
- American government to aggressively resume territorial expansion
- Journalists favored national expansion
- Manifest Destiny

# Texas and the Rise of James K. Polk

- The Election of 1844
- Texas and the Liberty Party
- Tyler and Texas

# Oregon and American Dominance in the West

- Polk as President
- 54° 40'
- 49th Parallel



**James K. Polk, during  
whose presidency  
the landmass of  
the United States  
increased by a third.**

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# Manifest Destiny

- Journalist John O' Sullivan
- Many Americans felt that their country—by virtue of its strong Christian faith, its commitment to “civilization” and democracy, and the supposed “emptiness” of the West—would dominate North America as a great Empire for Liberty

# The Mexican-American War

- Polk Seeks a Fight
- Patriotic Fervor
- California and New Mexico
- Invading Mexico
- Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo





**Map 13.2.** The Oregon Boundary Dispute



**Map 13.3. War with Mexico, 1846–1848**



## What else was happening . . .

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| <b>1822</b> | A yellow fever epidemic leaves New York City with 16,000 corpses and no readily available space to bury them.   |
| <b>1829</b> | Mexico abolishes slavery.   |
| <b>1835</b> | The Liberty Bell becomes cracked.   |
| <b>1840</b> | The saxophone is invented.  |
| <b>1842</b> | The Treaty of Nanjing ends the First Opium War between Great Britain and China, which began when China protested the importation of opium by British merchants. The treaty mandates that China open trade relations with Great Britain, including the continued trafficking of opium, and it makes Hong Kong a British colony, which it remains until 1997. |
| <b>1845</b> | The New York Baseball Club plays the Knickerbockers in the first recorded baseball game, at Elysian Fields in Hoboken, New Jersey.  |