



# The Road to Disunion

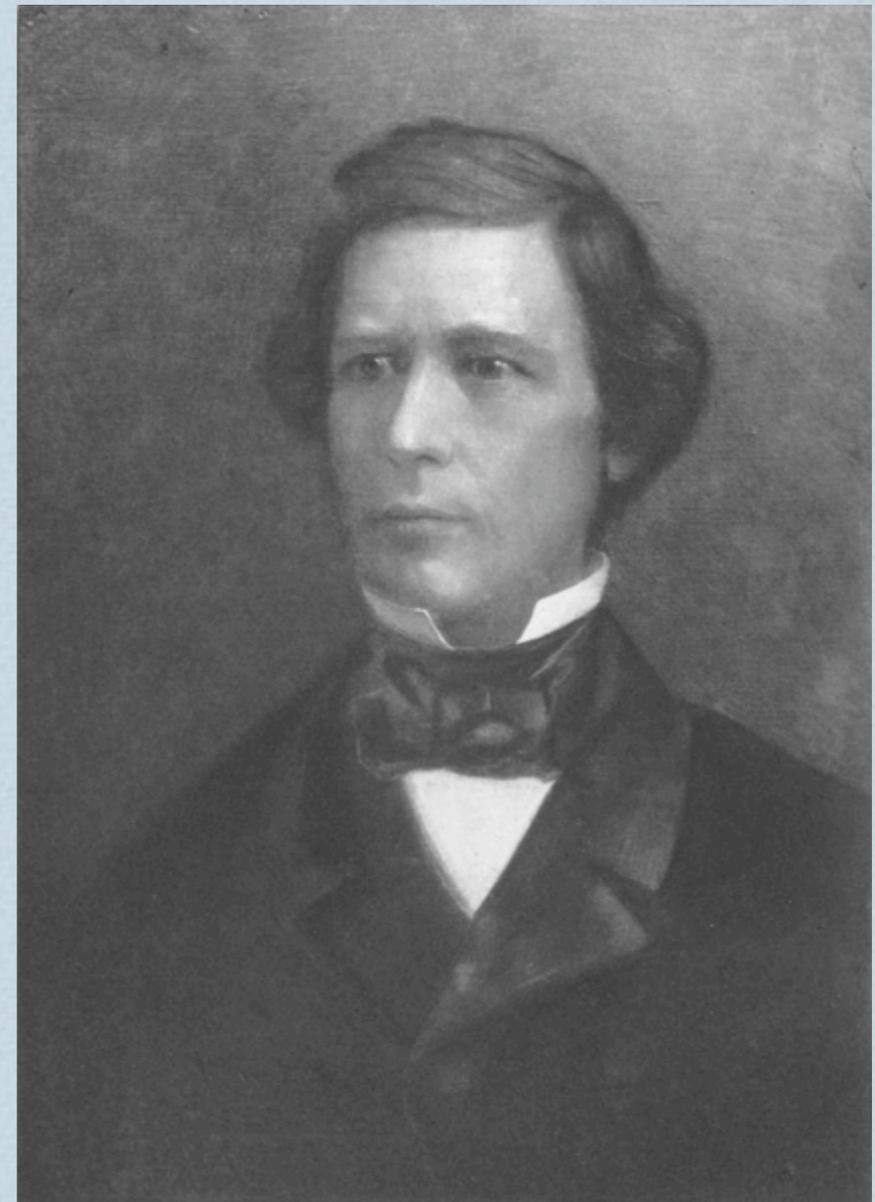
1848-1861



# Expansion of Slavery

- ❖ America had won California to Texas
- ❖ Mexican-American War
- ❖ Wilmot Proviso
  - ❖ Slavery can never exist in gained territories
  - ❖ Ruins the treaty in the Senate

David Wilmot



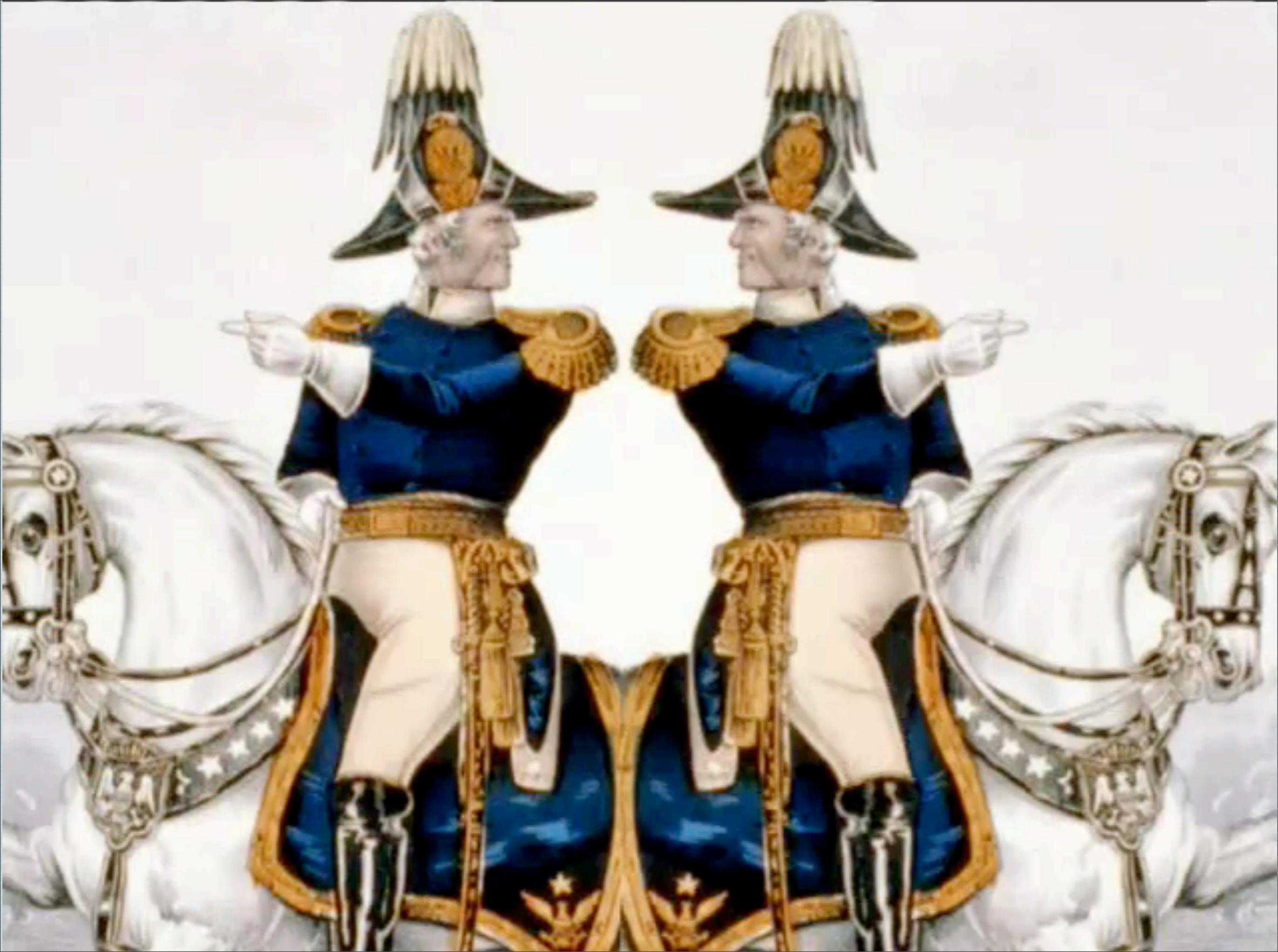
# Popular Sovereignty

- ❖ Citizens of states should decide slavery
- ❖ Brainchild of Lewis Cass
- ❖ It's the people's choice!

# Election of 1848

- ❖ Whigs run Zachary Taylor
  - ❖ Hero of Mexican-American War
  - ❖ Had never even voted!
- ❖ Lewis Cass for the Dems
- ❖ North creates Free Soil Party
  - ❖ Antislavery (No expansion West)

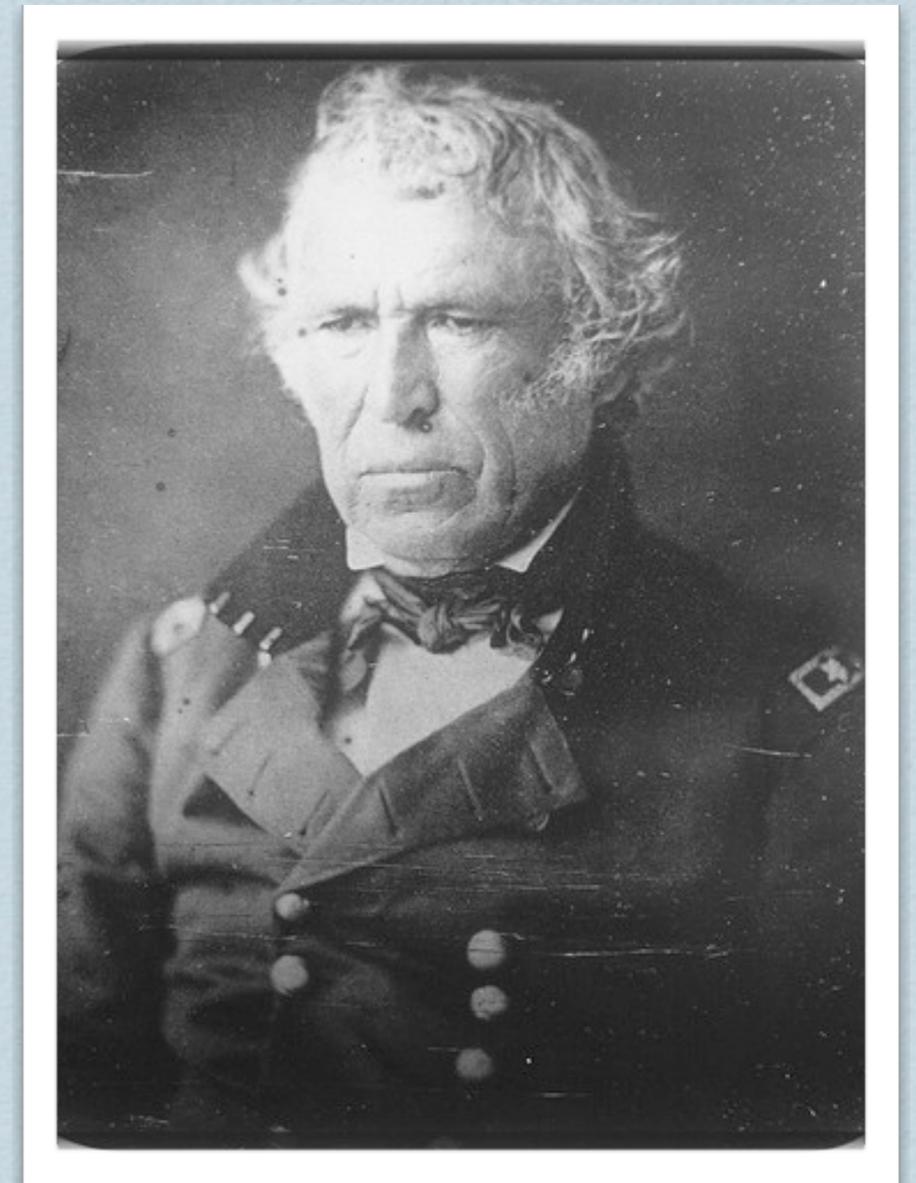




# Zachary Taylor

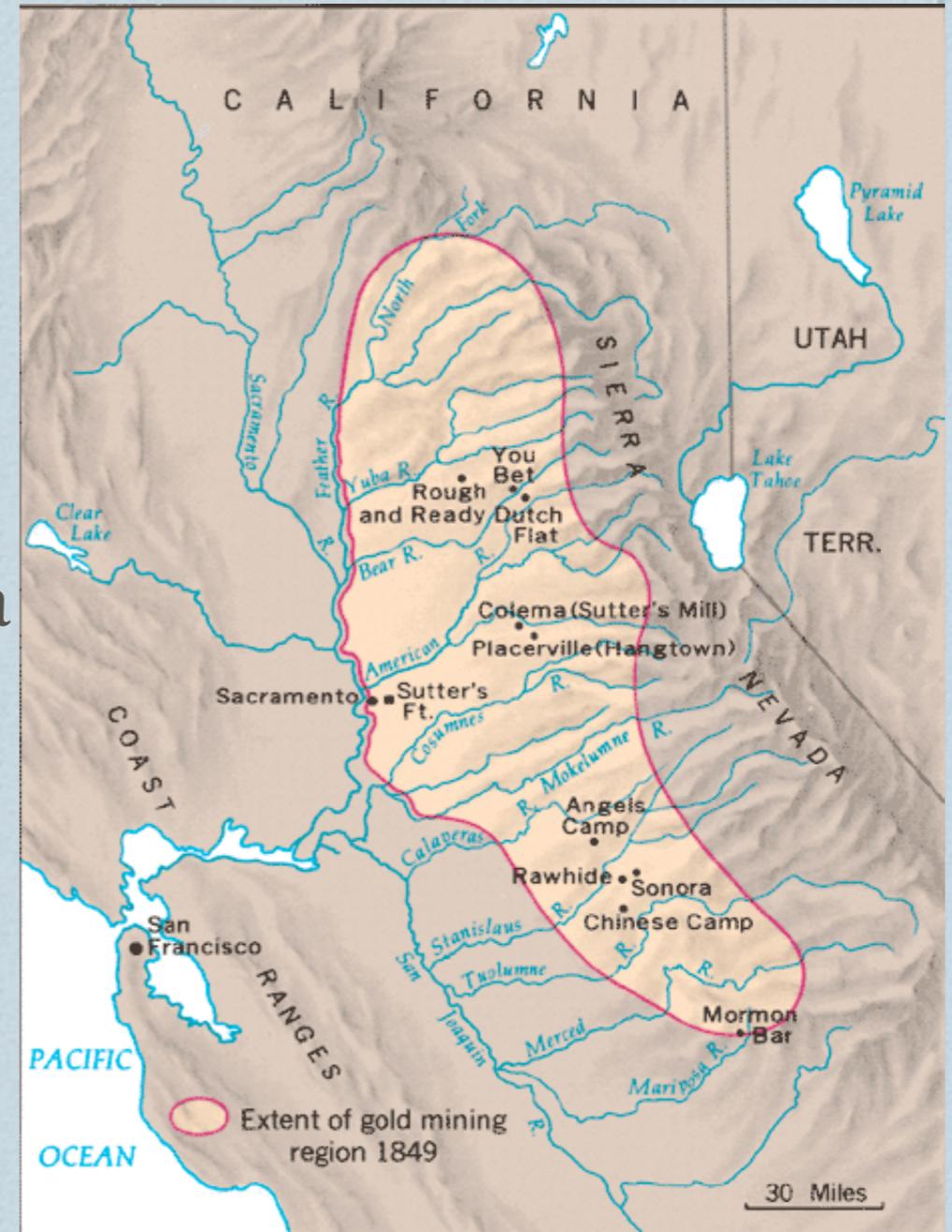
(Ole Rough and Ready)

- ❖ Southerner/Slaveowner
- ❖ Wanted to avoid slavery issue
  - ❖ Let Congress decide!
- ❖ Dies during Compromise of 1850

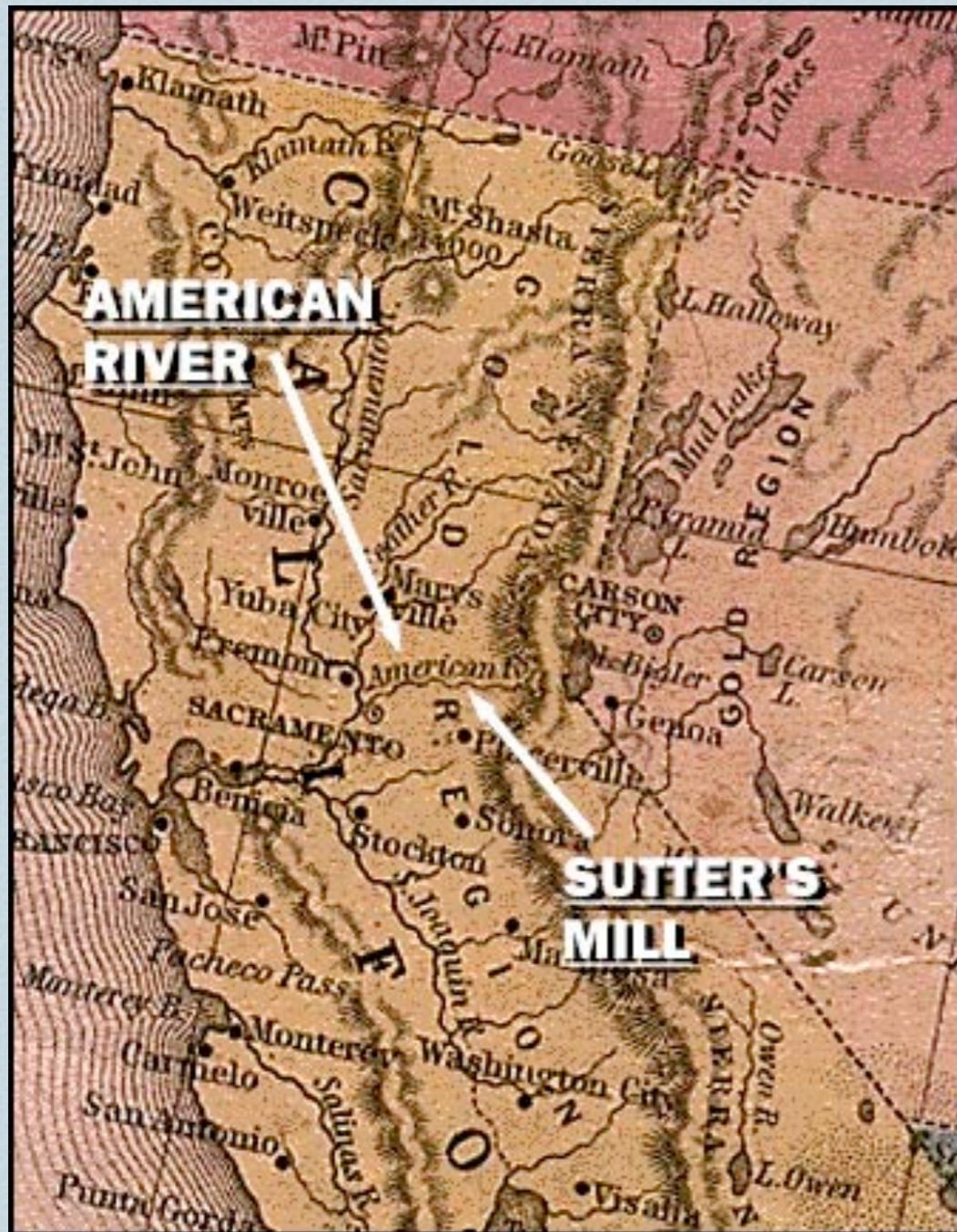


# Gold!

- ❖ Discovered at Sutter's Mill, CA: 1848
- ❖ Tens of thousands pour into California
- ❖ CA applies for statehood, 1849



# Sutter's Mill



SUTTER'S MILL AT COLOMA

A reproduction of photograph in possession of Charles B. Turrill, of San Francisco, from original daguerreotype taken on the spot by R. H. Vance in 1850. James W. Marshall in the foreground.

# California and Slavery

- ❖ Senate is tied at 15 free/slave states
- ❖ California will destroy the balance
  - ❖ South rejects statehood
- ❖ Clay steps in to compromise



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# Millard Fillmore

- ❖ You have the right not to care about Millard Fillmore
- ❖ It's okay, really...I don't mind

# Compromise of 1850

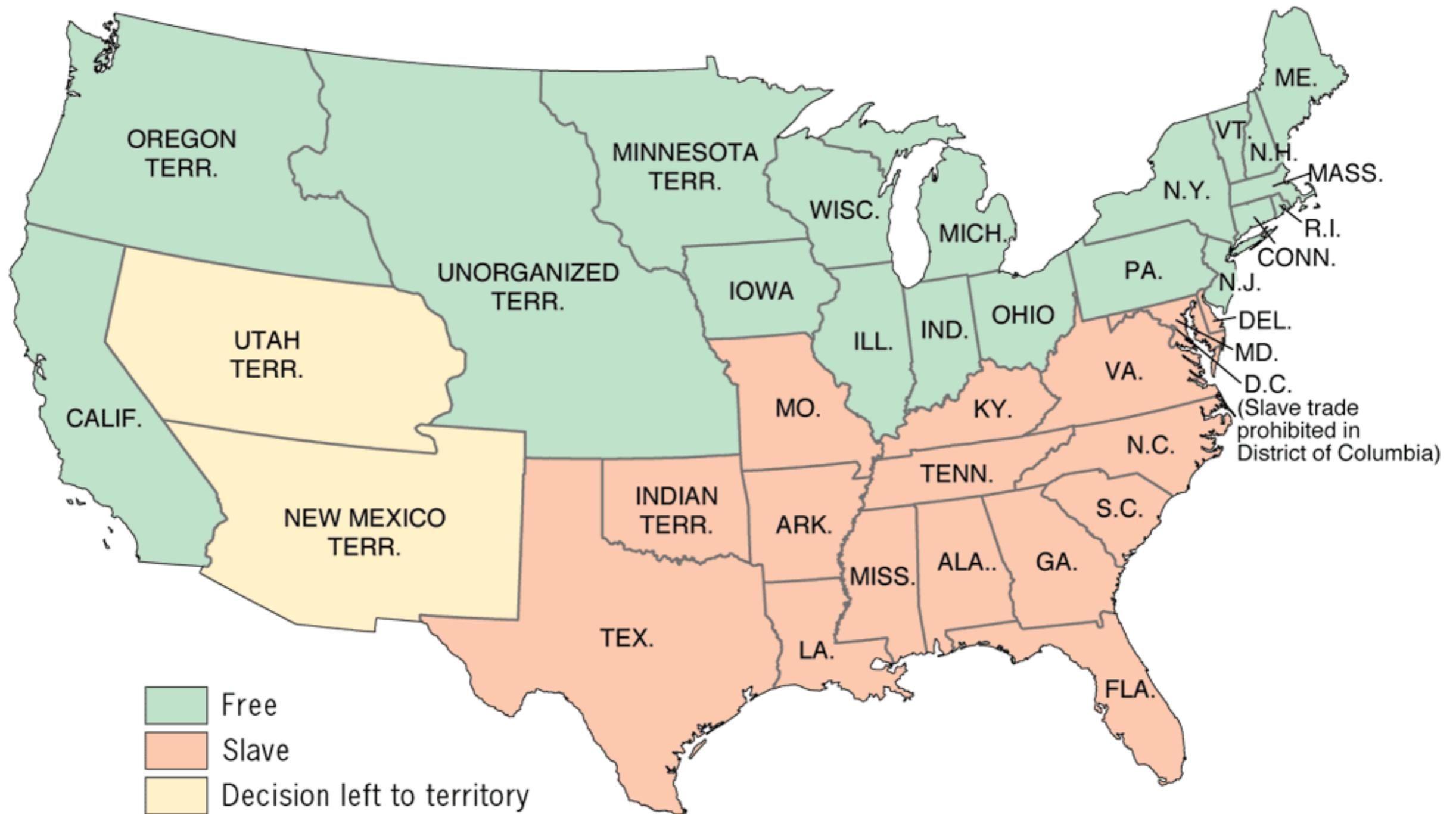
## ❖ North Gets:

- ❖ CA admitted as free state
- ❖ D.C. abolishes slave trade
- ❖ Territory surrendered to NM

## ❖ South Gets:

- ❖ Slavery in NM/UT based on popular sovereignty
- ❖ Texas gets 10 million dollars
- ❖ Stronger Fugitive Slave Law

# Compromised America



# Bleeding Kansas (1854)

- ❖ Kansas/Nebraska Act
  - ❖ Slavery decided by popular sovereignty
  - ❖ Thousands pour into territory, kill each other
- ❖ Fought for ten years



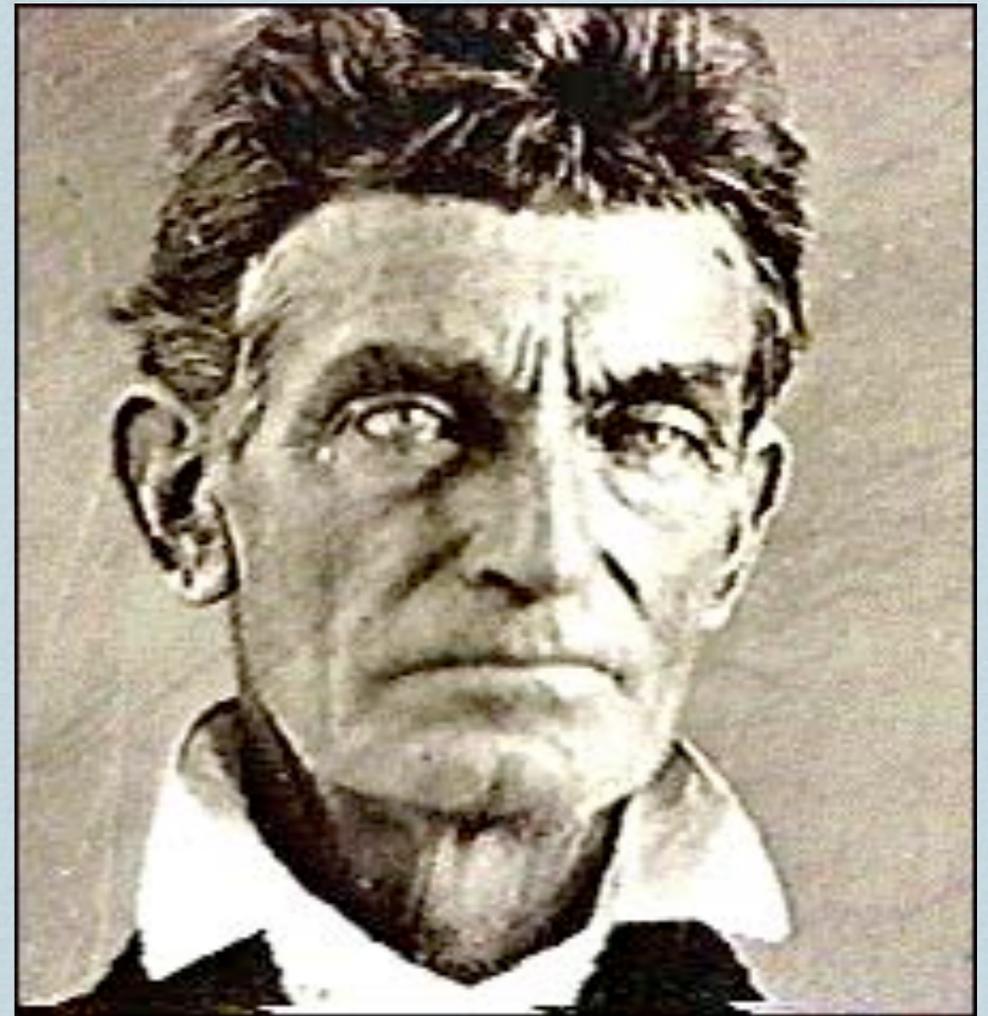
# Dred Scott (1857)

- ❖ Scott was a slave, lived on free soil (Illinois)
- ❖ Sued for his freedom
- ❖ Court rules:
  - ❖ **Scott, as property, has no right to sue**
  - ❖ **Any slave can be taken anywhere**



# John Brown (1859)

- ❖ Religious abolitionist
- ❖ Leads raid on Harper's Ferry, VA
- ❖ Caught, executed



# A House Divided