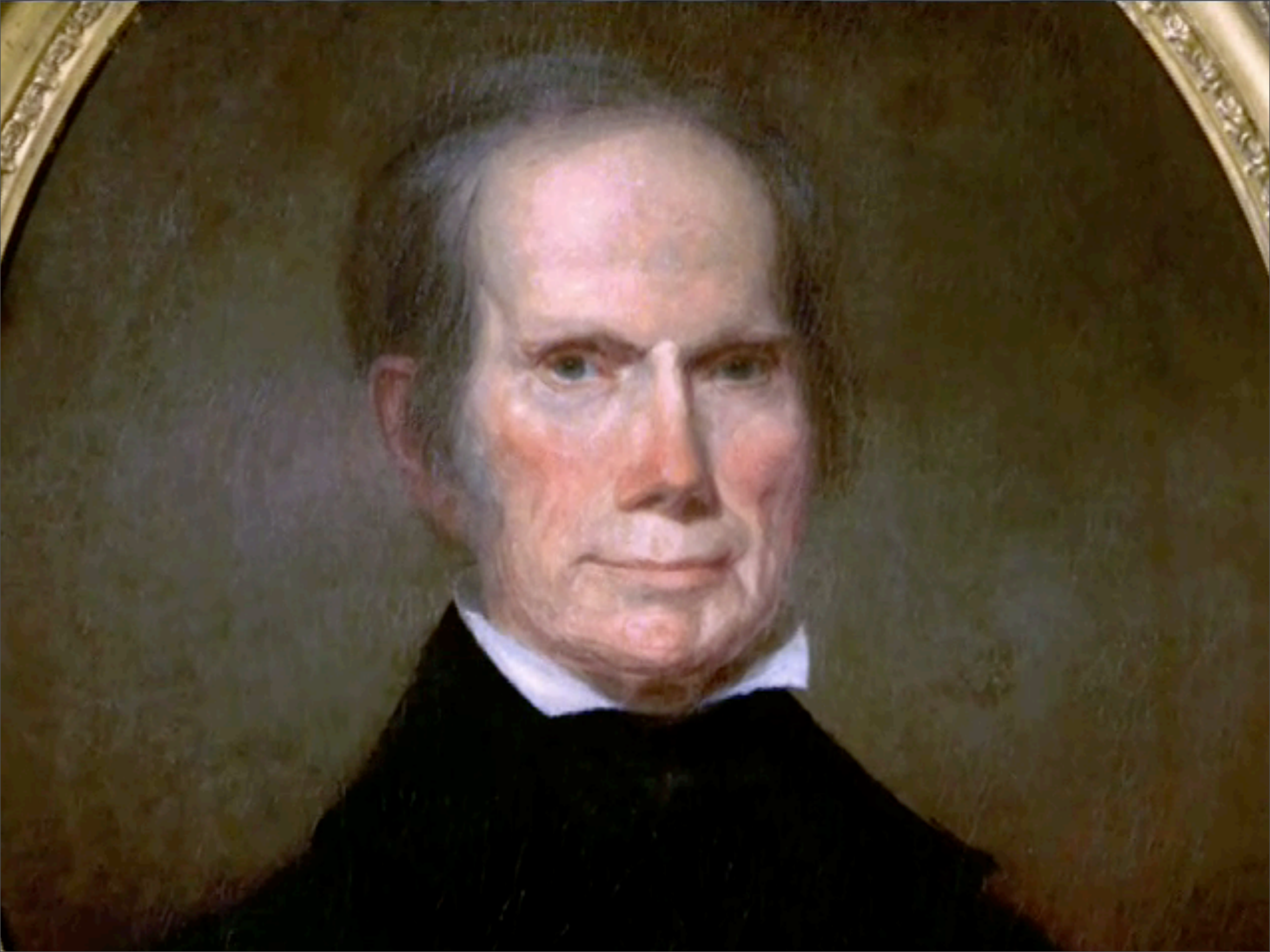


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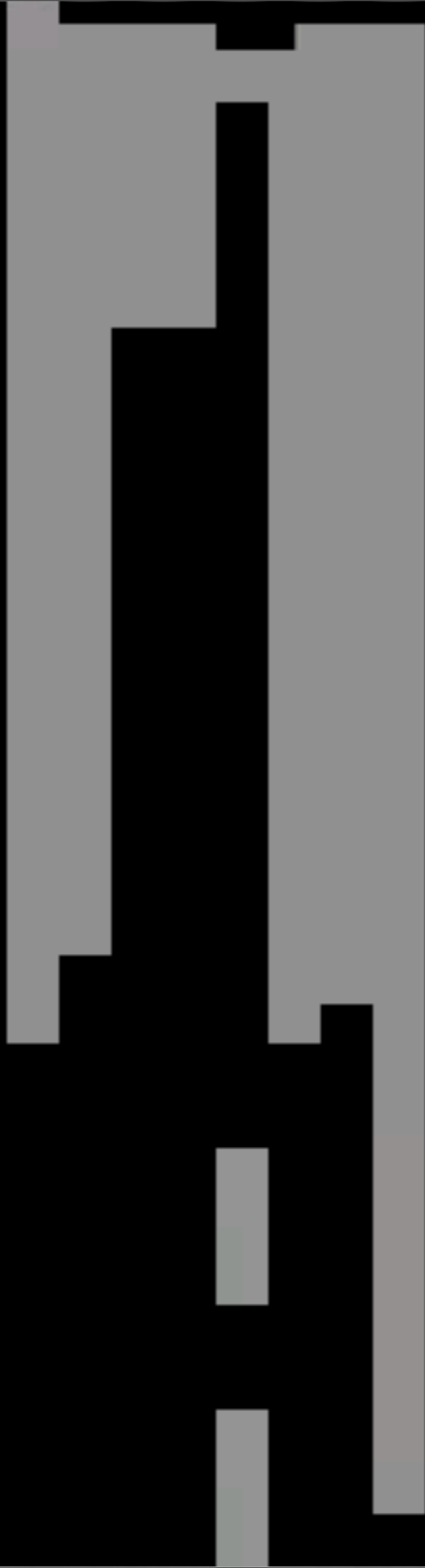
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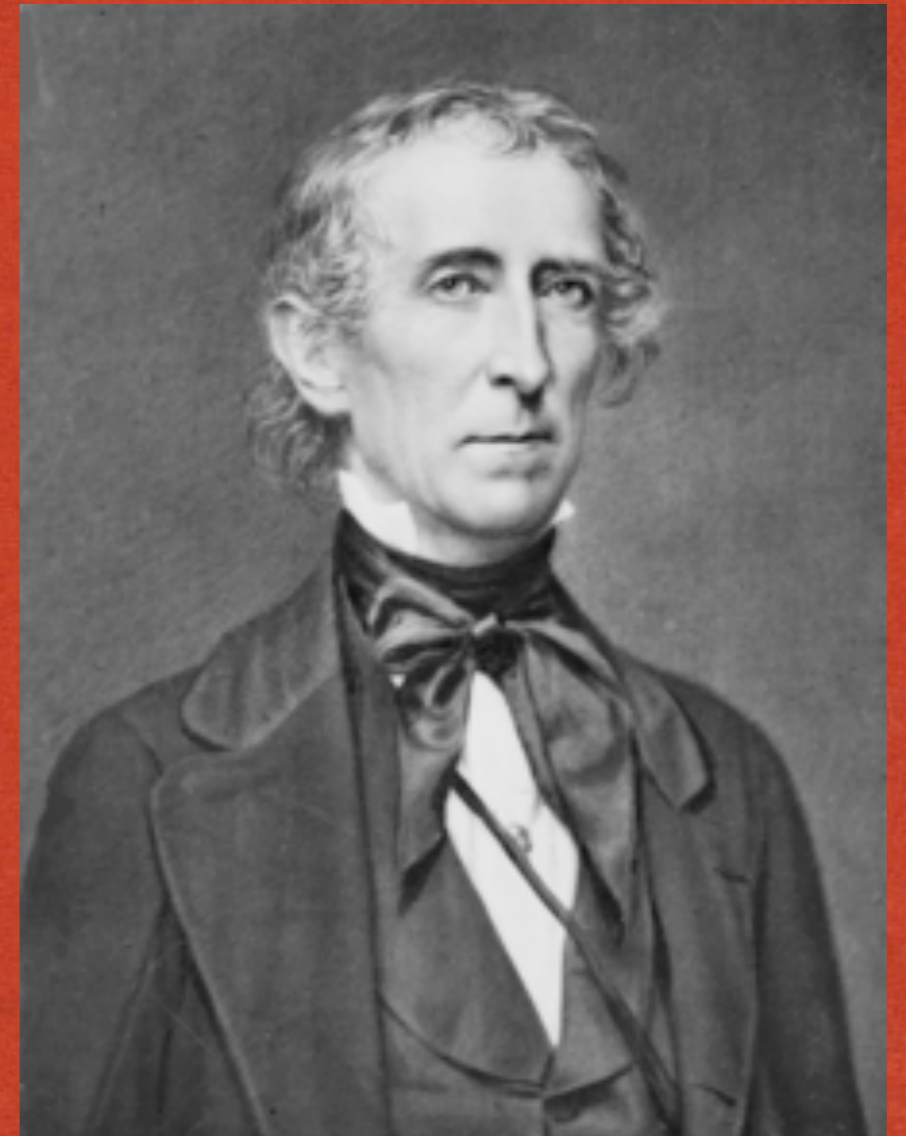
WHIG DYSFUNCTION

- Harrison dies after 31 days
 - 1st president to die in office
- VP John Tyler becomes President
 - Clay expects to control him from the Senate



TYLER

- Disliked Jackson, became a Whig
- Picked to get states' rights votes
- Not really a Whig
 - Anti-Tariff, anti-Nat'l Bank



TYLER EXPELLED

- Refuses to charter new U.S. Bank
 - Clay is furious
- Kicked out of Whig Party



WEBSTER-ASHBURTON TREATY



TEXAS



TEXAS

- Mexico wants Texas populated
 - Offers Americans huge land
 - Convert to Catholicism and become Mexican
- Led by Stephen F. Austin

TEXANS

- 30,000 Americans by 1835
- Tension with Mexico
 - Texans pro-slavery
- Declare independence
 - 1836



TEXAS REVOLUTION



ANNEXATION

- Most Texans want to be American
- Most Americans want to annex Texas
- Democrat Polk defeats Clay in 1844
 - Victory for Jackson (yup, still alive) and expansionists

- Why, were other reasoning wanting, in favor of now elevating this question of the reception of Texas into the Union, out of the lower region of our past party dissensions, up to its proper level of a high and broad nationality, it surely is to be found, found abundantly, in the manner in which other nations have undertaken to intrude themselves into it, between us and the proper parties to the case, in a spirit of hostile interference against us, for the avowed object of thwarting our policy and hampering our power, limiting our greatness and checking the fulfillment of our manifest destiny to overspread the continent allotted by Providence for the free development of our yearly multiplying millions.

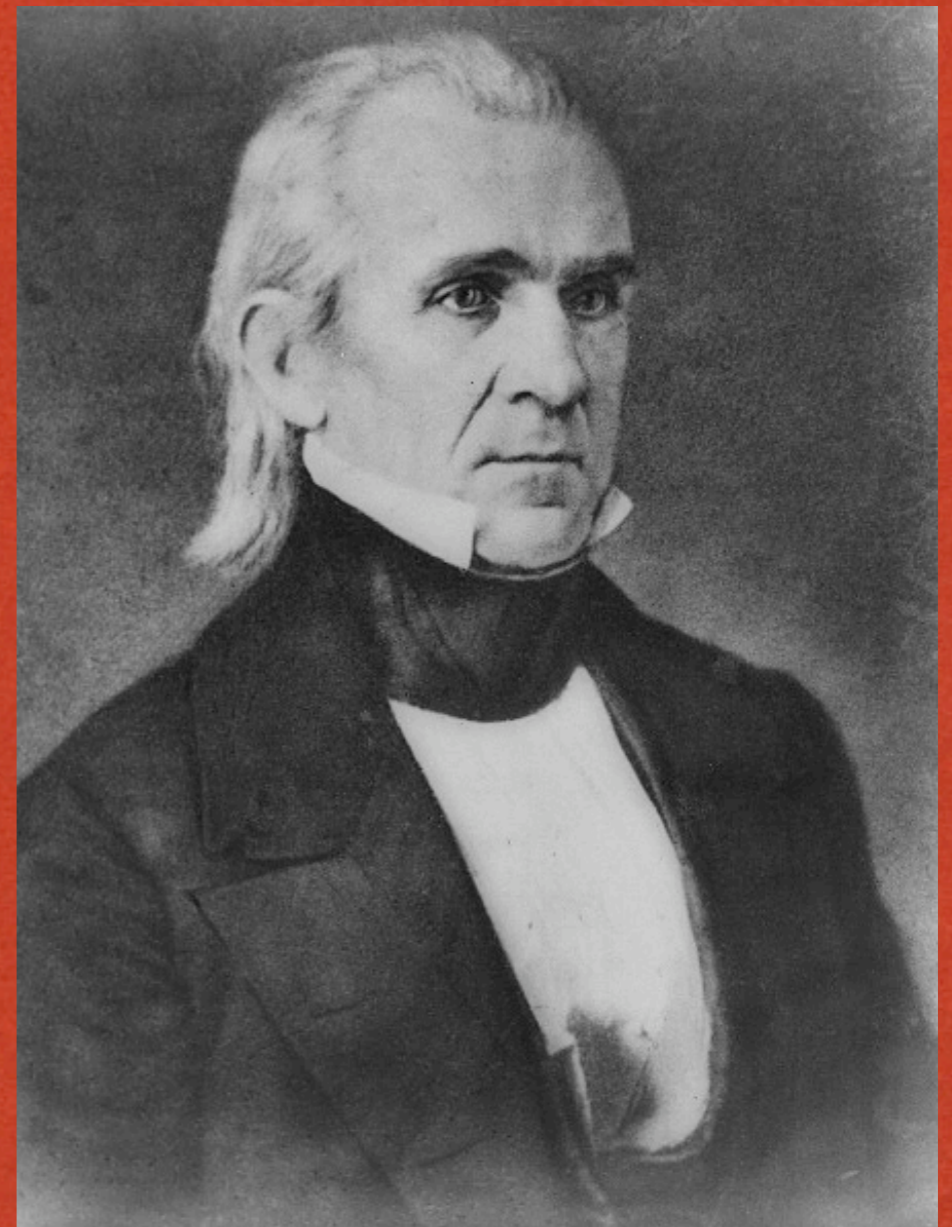
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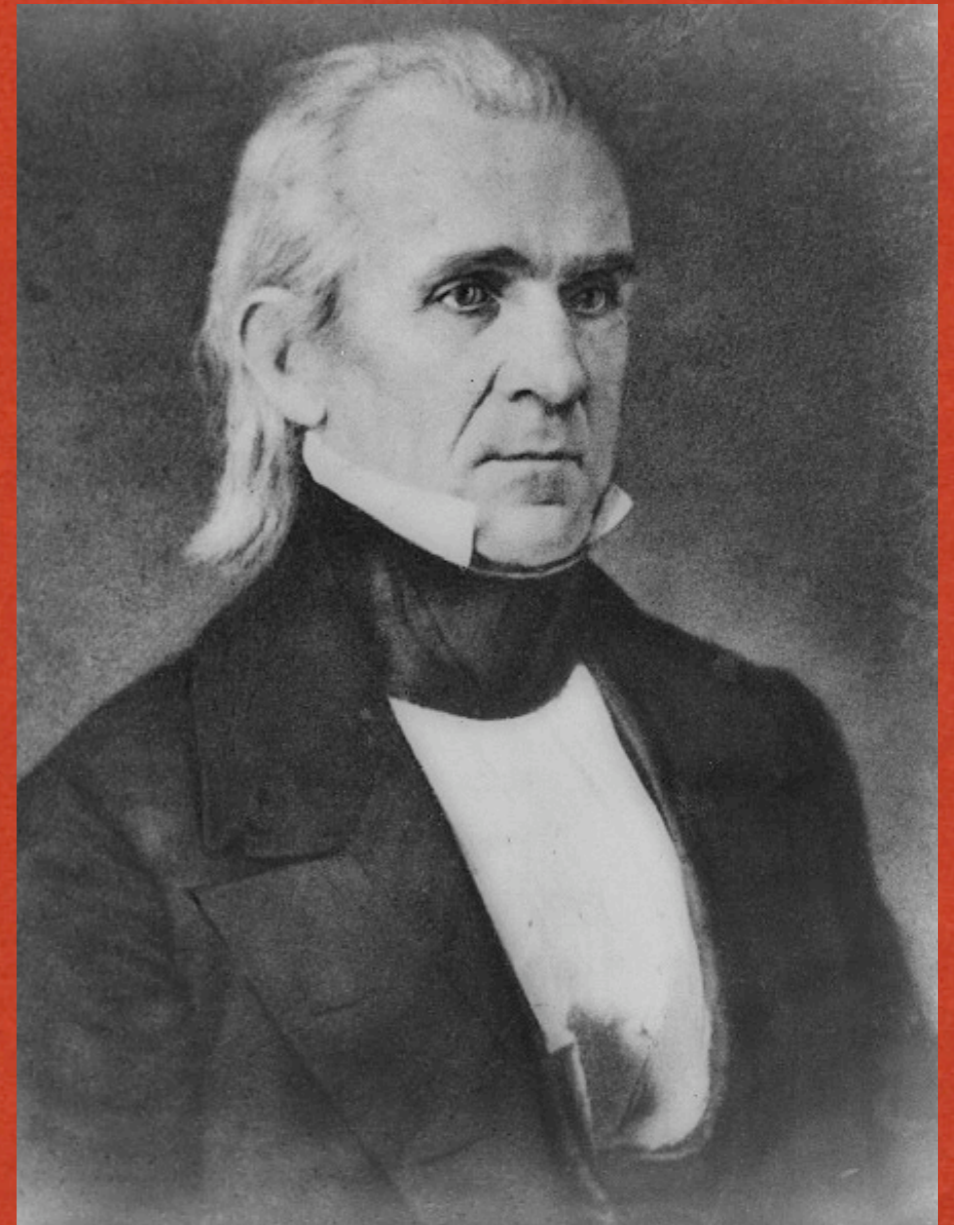
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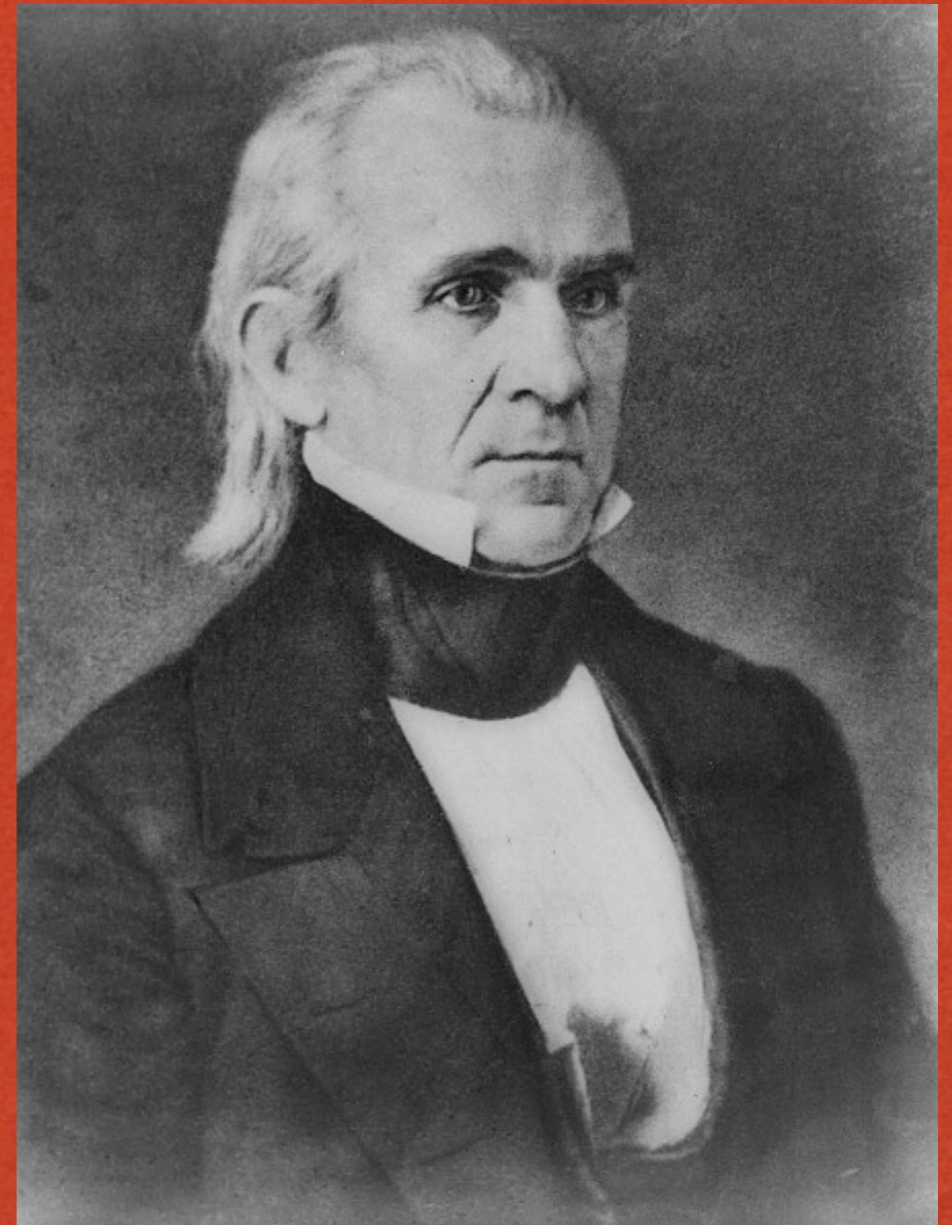
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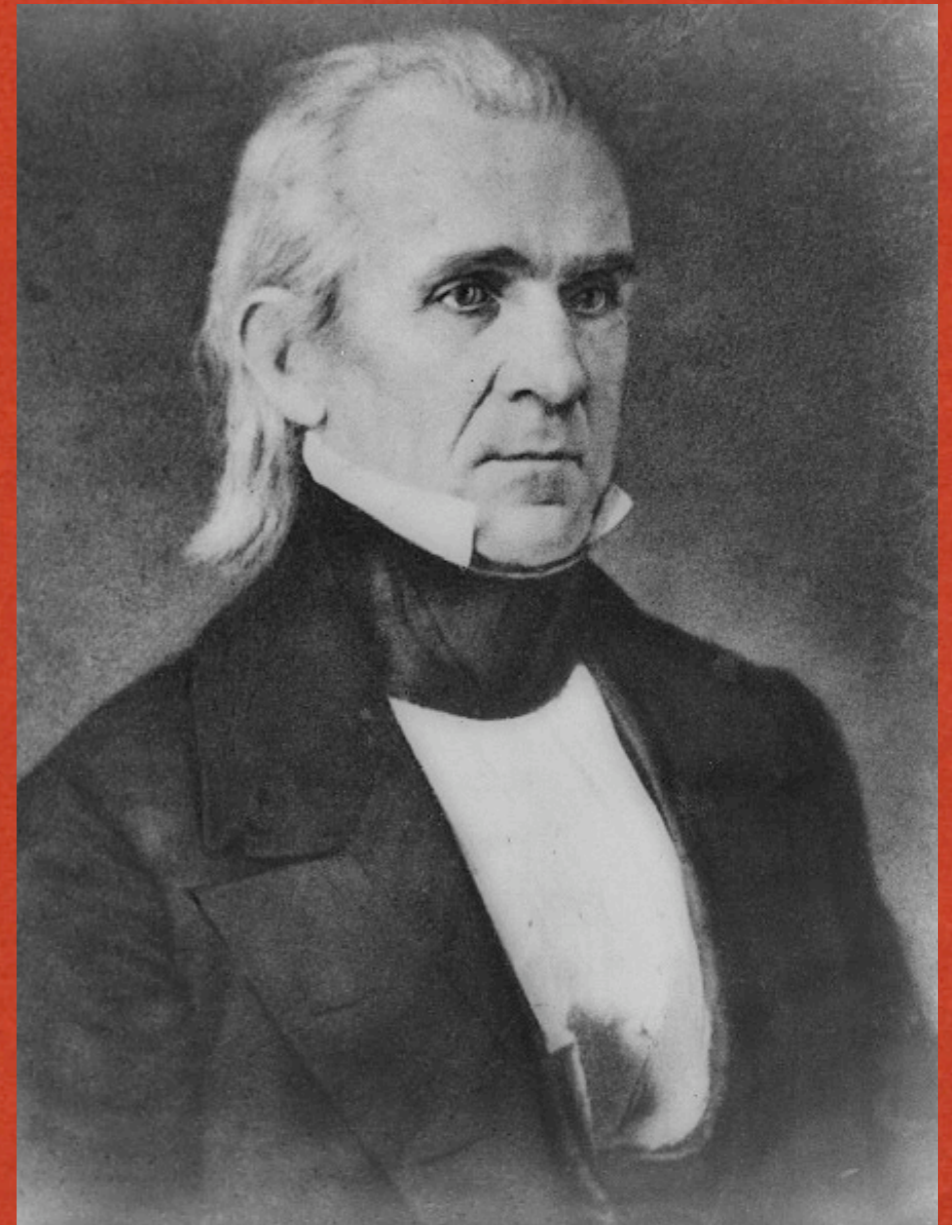


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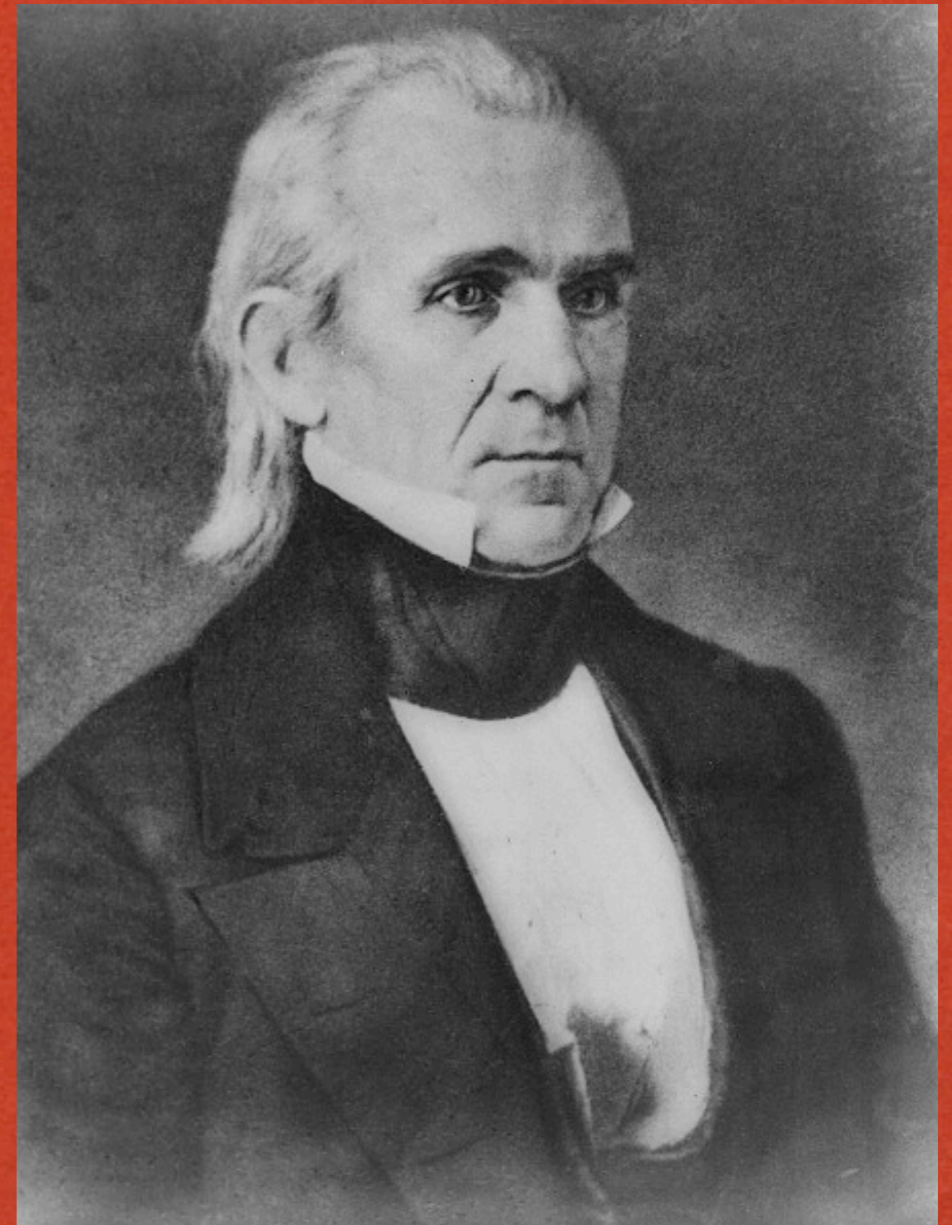
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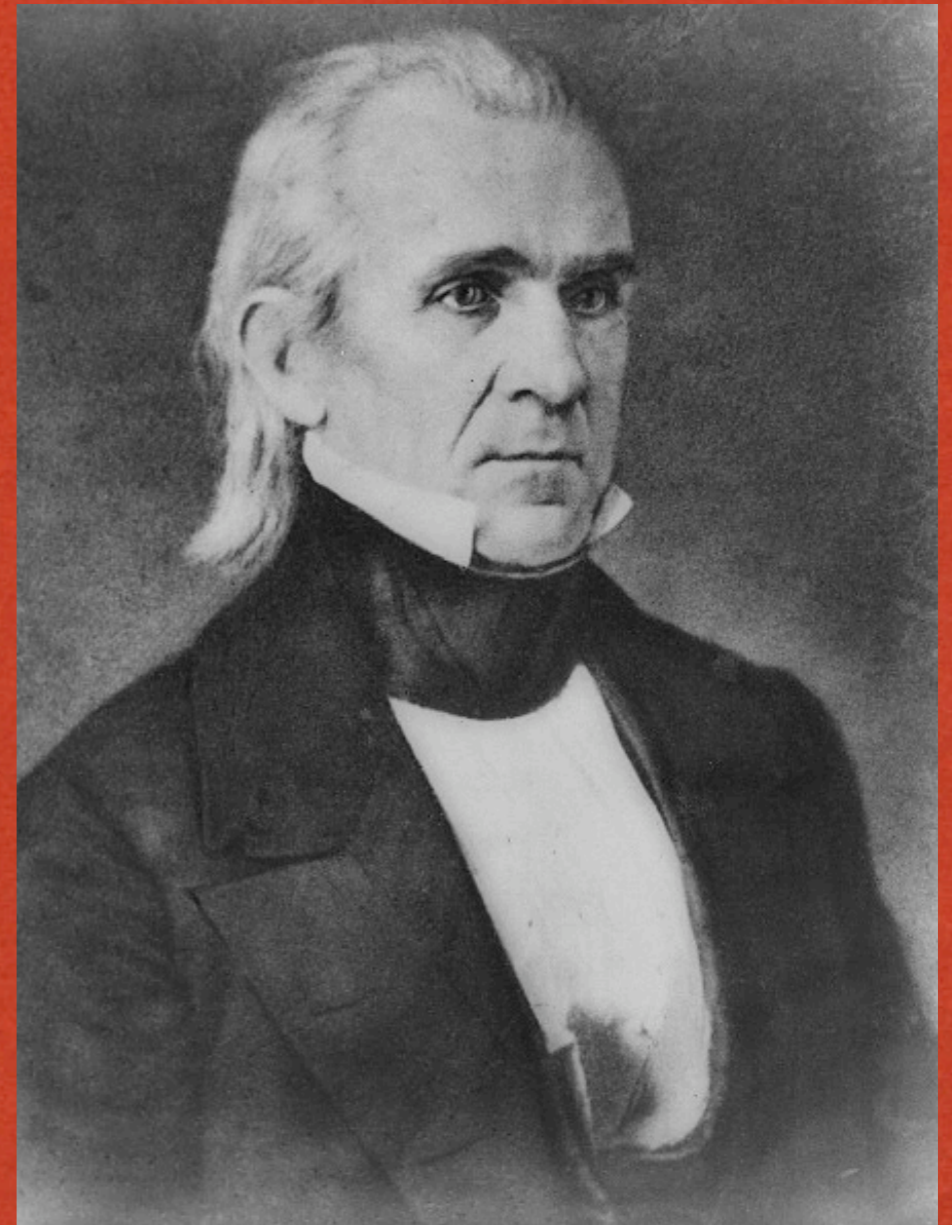
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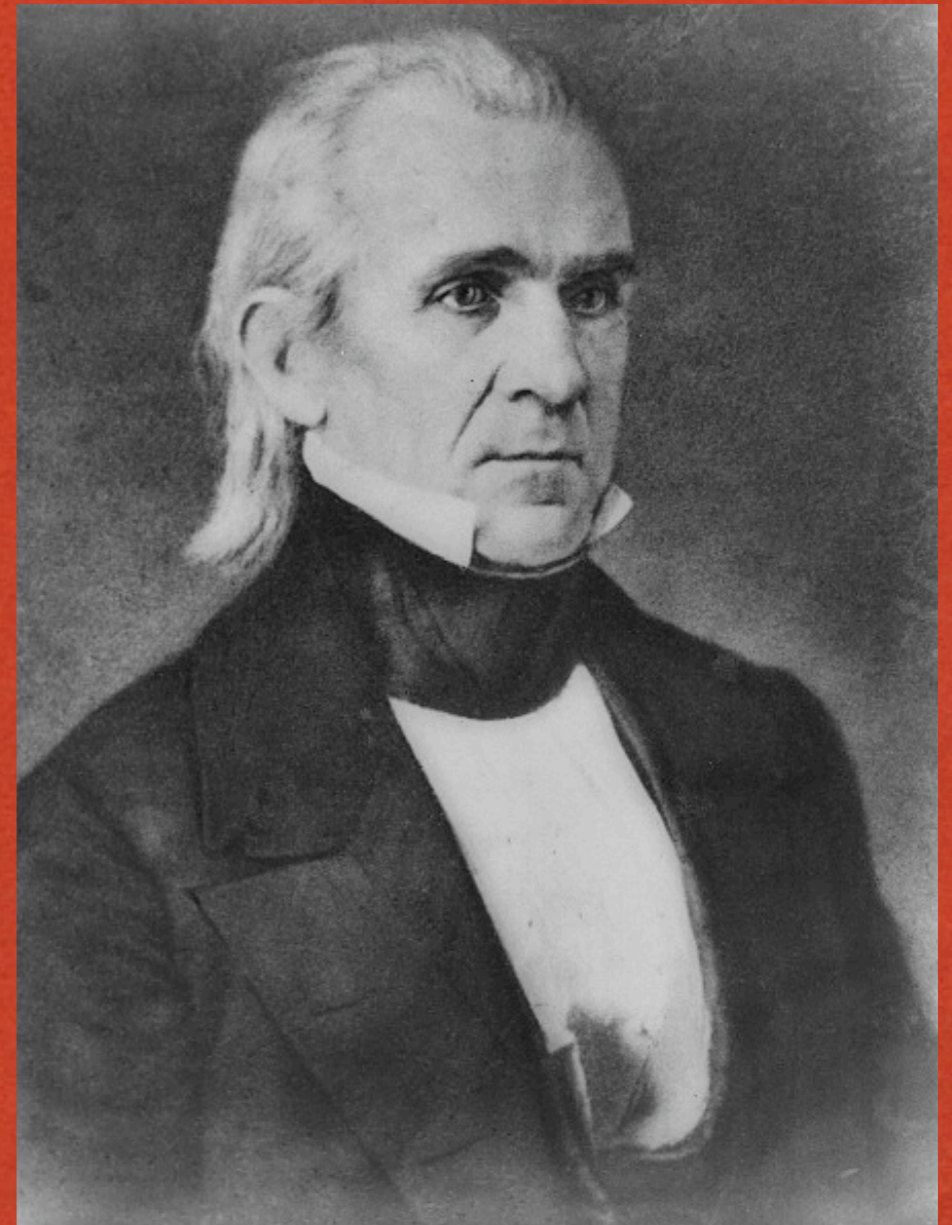
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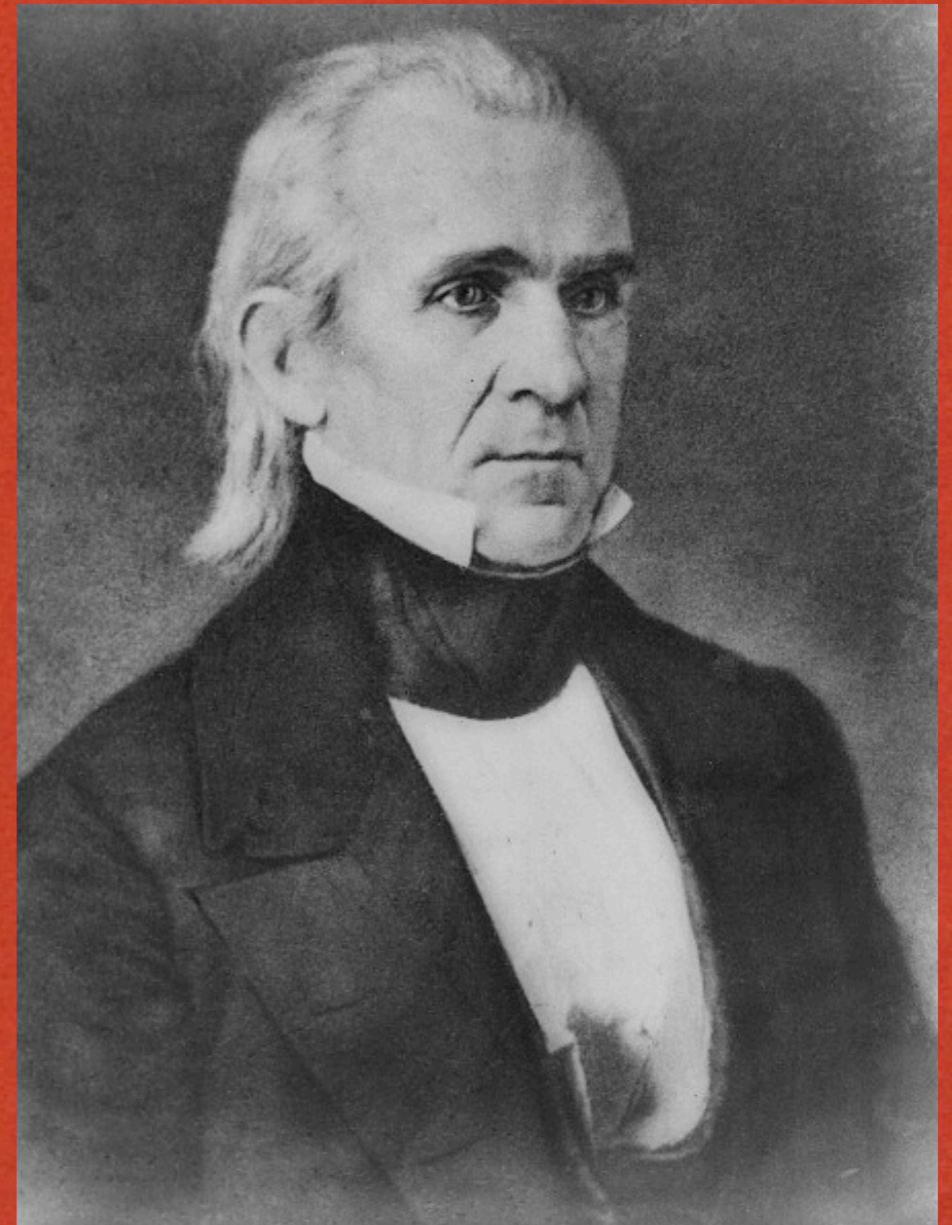


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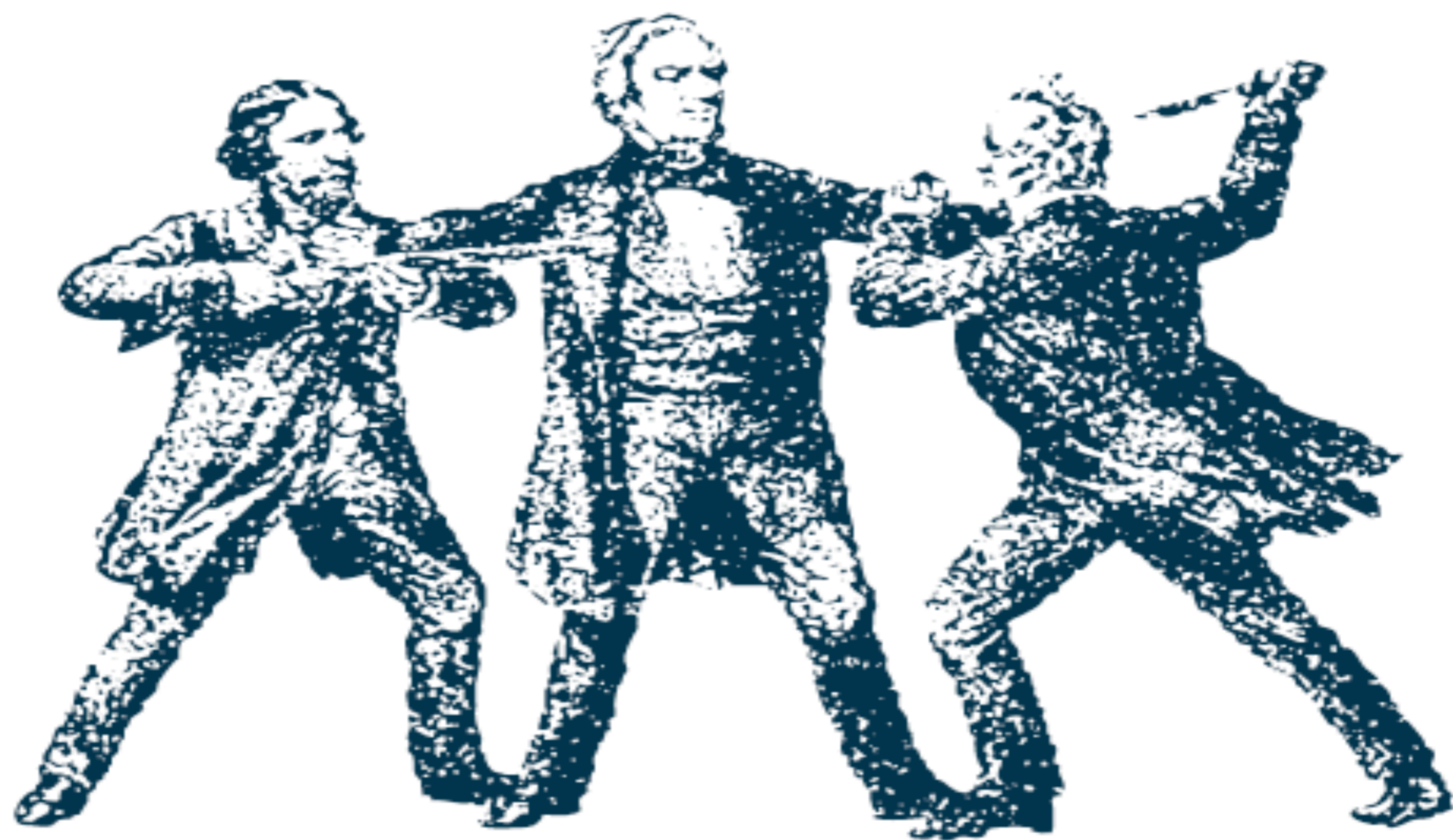
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- Dies



OREGON

- British/U.S. share Oregon
- Expansionists want all of Oregon
 - 54°40' or Fight
- Compromised line of 1846



54-40 or
FIGHT!



Emerson Hough, the man who wrote "The Covered Wagon," standing at the rear of a genuine old covered wagon which crossed the plains in that memorable journey of the pioneers in 1841.

THE NOVELS OF EMERSON HOUGH

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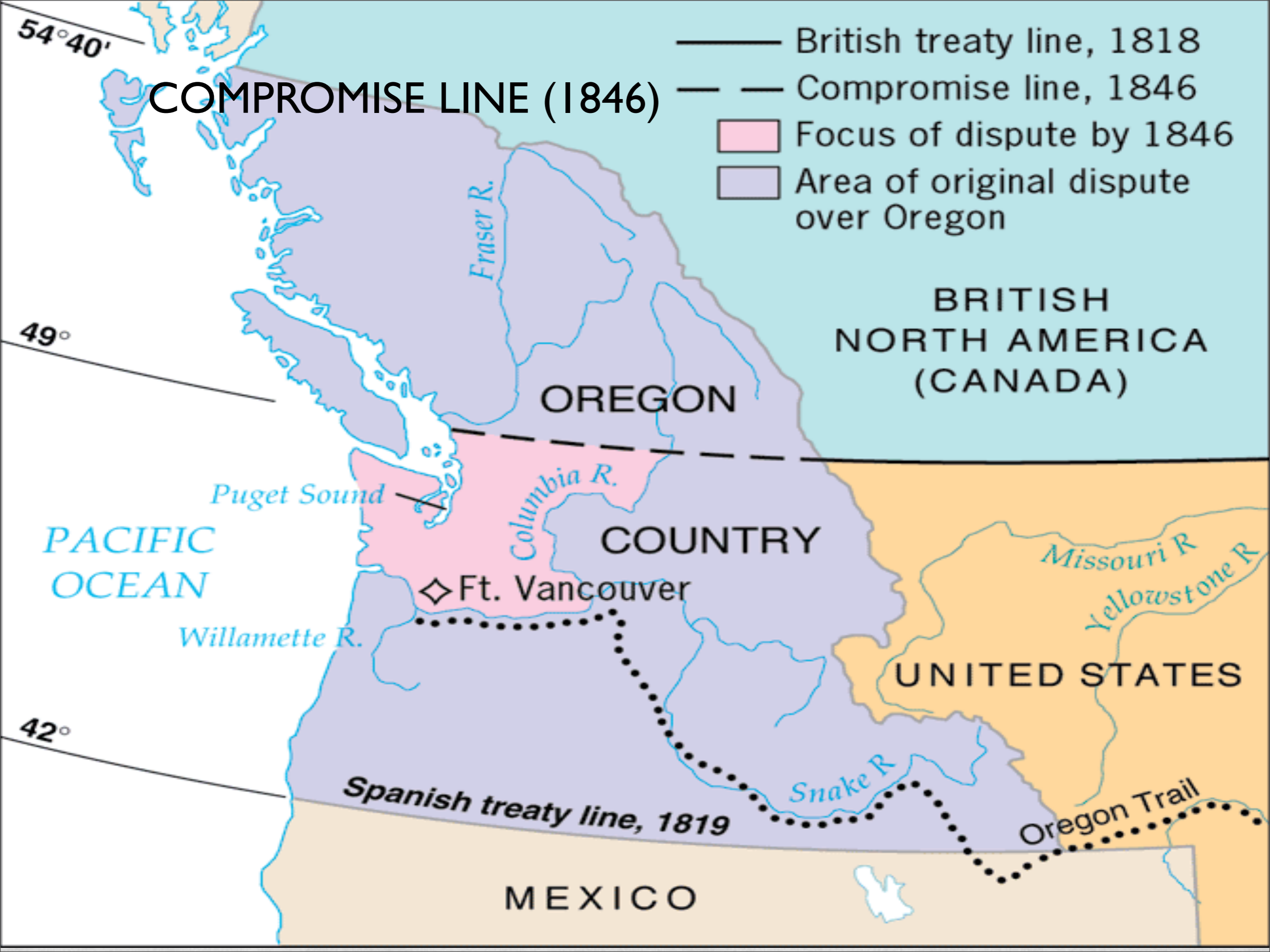
By the Author of THE COVERED WAGON

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COMPROMISE LINE (1846)



MEXICAN-AMERICAN WAR (1846-1848)

- Polk wanted to buy California
 - Offers 25 million dollars to Mexico
- Orders Gen. Zachary Taylor to march to Rio Grande
 - Defend Texans/provoke Mexican soldiers
 - Mexicans attack, 4/25/46



MILITARY CAMPAIGNS

TREATY OF GUADALUPE HIDALGO

- Nicholas Trist signs treaty in Mexico
- Texas recognized as American
- U.S. pays \$15 million for California
- Treaty sent to Senate for ratification

Pacific Ocean



Mexican Cession 1848

Oregon

Idaho

Wyoming

Nevada

Utah

Colorado

California

Arizona

New Mexico

San Francisco

Monterey

Los Angeles

San Diego

Las Vegas

Tucson

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