

Econ 323  
Economic History of the U.S.

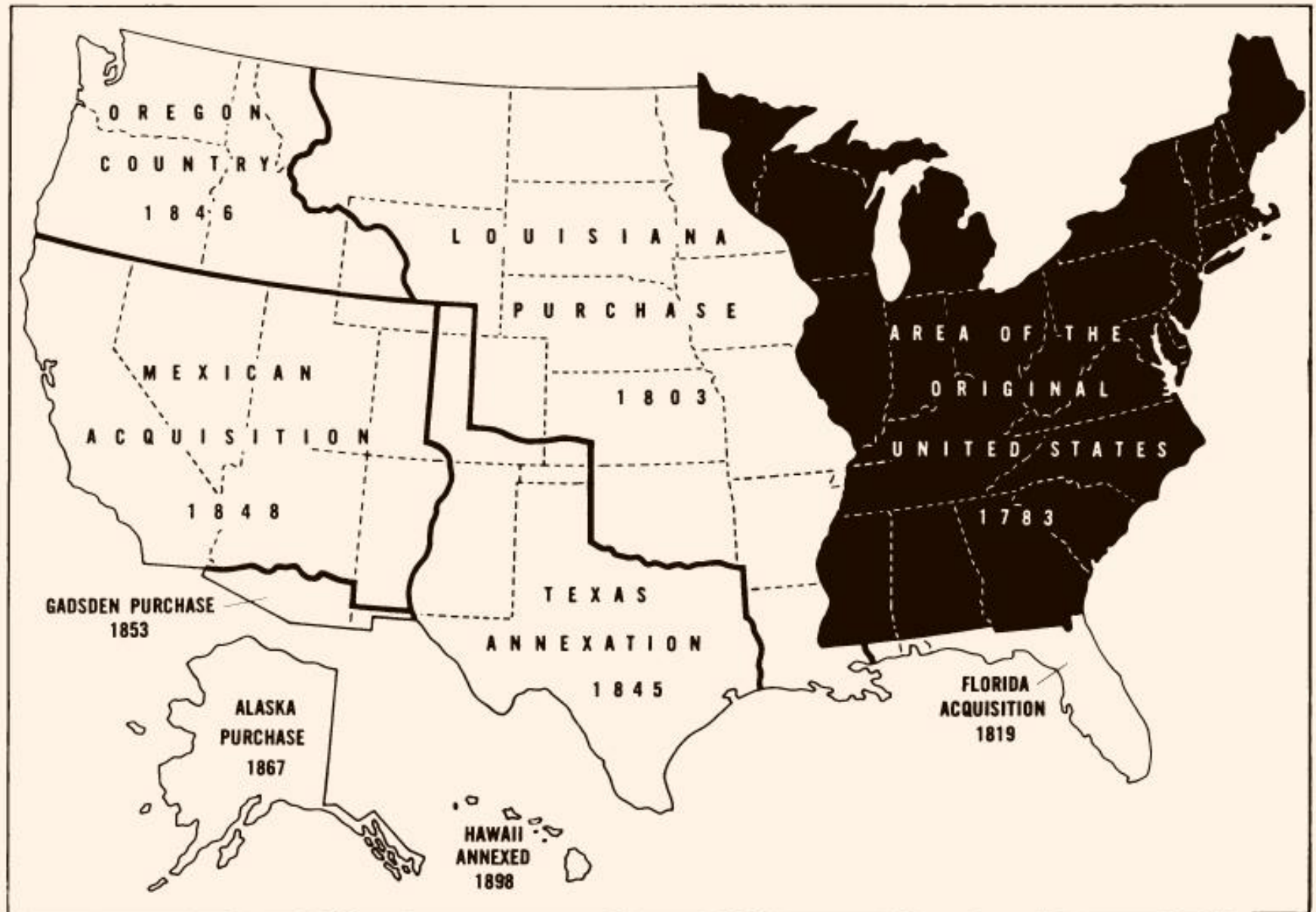
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# Today's Topics

- Essay writing
- Independence!
- Disposal of U.S. public lands
- Economic Incentives for migration

- Discussant Essay Rubric
- Searching for articles
  - Library
    - Search and Locate → Articles and Databases → Economics → **Econlit**
    - Or Search Site for **Econlit**
- Rules of good writing
- Examples to edit
  - Prof. Eschker
  - Together
  - Small groups (5 minute paper #5)

# Land Growth



<http://www.edstephan.org/48states.html>

# Land Acts

- Land Ordinance of 1785
- Land Ordinance of 1787
- Preemption Act of 1841
- Homestead Act of 1862
- Graduation Act of 1854

# Oklahoma, 1889



# Clearing Land

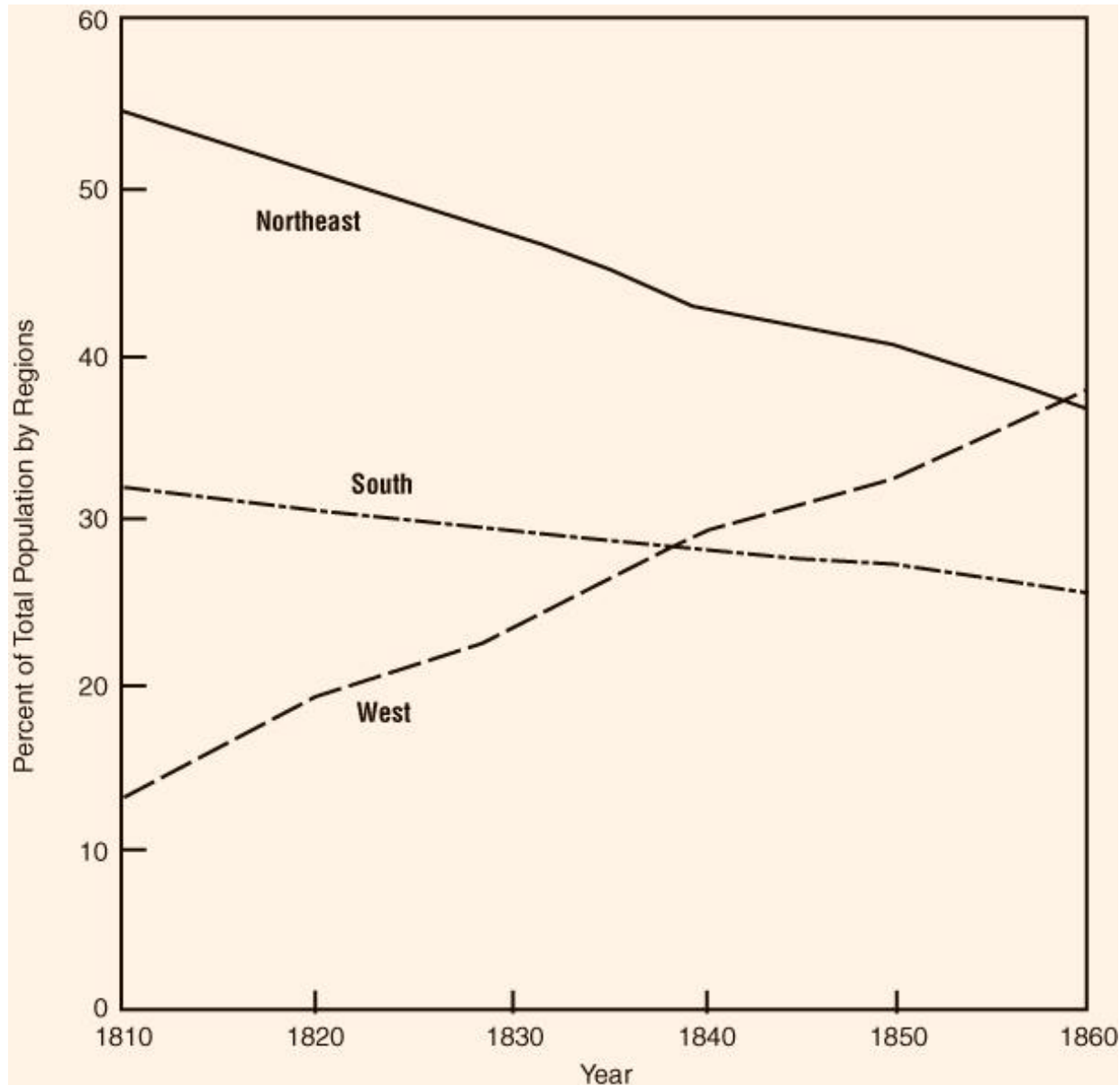






# Population Distribution by Regions, 1810-1860

**Note: West = IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MI, MN, MO, NE, OH, TN, WI, CA, NV, OR**

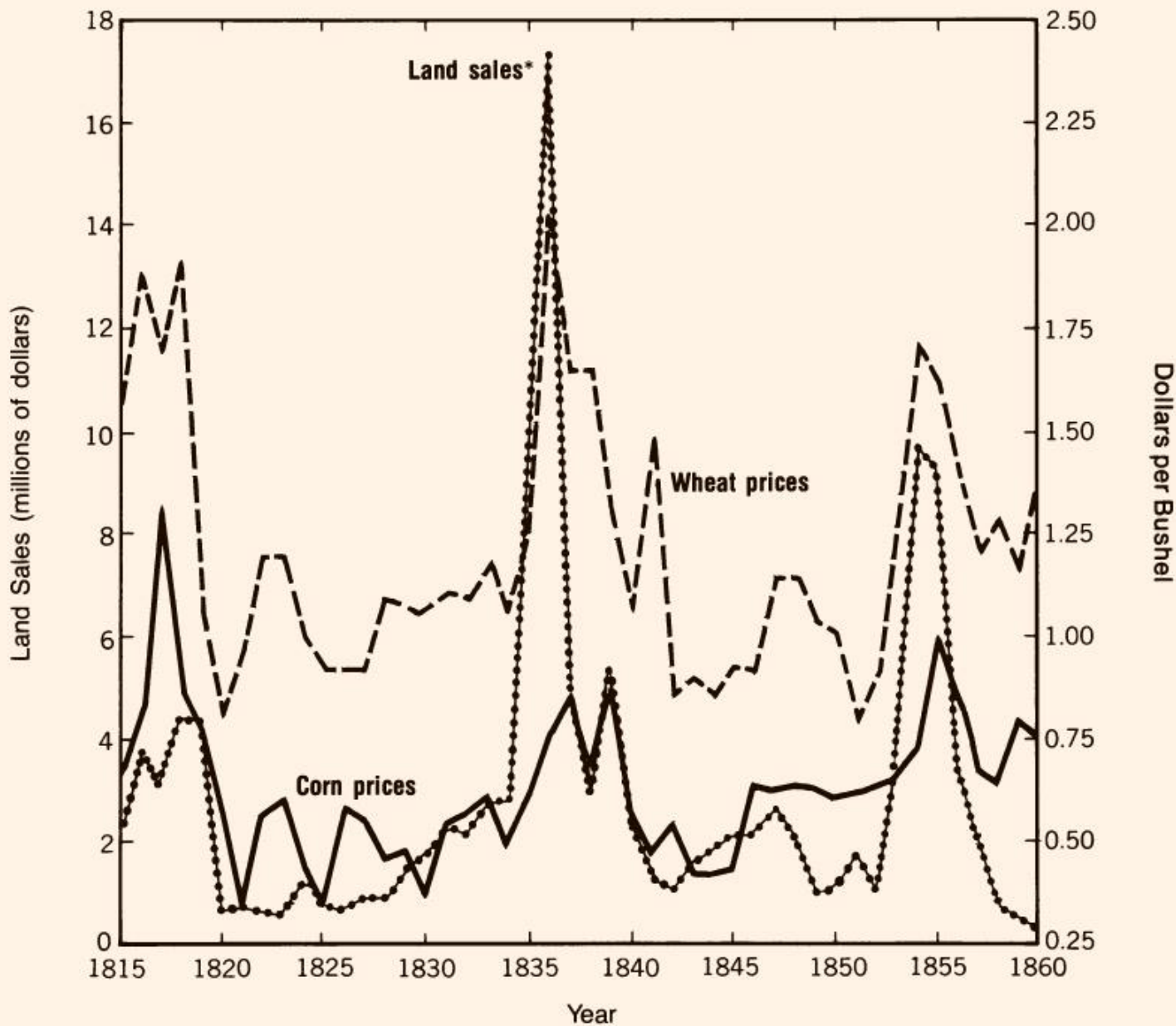


# Economic Incentives for Migration by Region

- Midwest
  - Corn, Wheat, Hogs
  - Cincinnati “Porkopolis”
  - Many German immigrants
- South
  - Cotton pulled people westward to Texas, Mississippi
- California
  - 1848 Gold Rush and Sutter’s Mill

- Migration depended on Economic Incentives
- This is true today

# U.S. Public Land Sales in Several Western States and Wheat and Corn Prices, 1815-1860



# U.S. Public Land Sales and Cotton Prices, 1814-1860

