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Family history

-10-15 sources where to get info:

- I Unknown family history
- II Family history research
- III Birth / church records
 - A searched through many public
- IV Naturalization Records of grandfather
 - A found ship records
- V Census records
- VI Death records / marriages certificates / newspapers
- VII Ancestry.com?

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The Societies of the West

I The Western Tribes

A. Caste System (Spanish → Pueblos → enslaved natives)

B. Plains Indians

1. Agri + Nomadic types (warring often)

2. reliance of buffalo (food, cloth, fuel)

C. Indians weak (disease + infighting + technology)

II Hispanic New Mexico

A. Generations of Mexican/Spanish aristocracy w/ pueblos & Indians

B. Americans formed white gov, despite only 1000 white: 50k Hispanic

1. led to Taos rebellion

2. Territorial Gov by military general

C. Americans broke Native power w/ army

D. Hispanics tried to adapt to US society (capitalism) but most still

1. most fell → poverty

III Hispanic Cali + Texas

A. Mission Society declined 1830s (serfdom) → aristocracy

B. Whites came & discriminated V. Hispanics

1. fell to lower class

C. Hispanic Authority gone w/ white immigration (working class)

IV The Chinese Migration

A. 200K became success so → Racism! (surprise! surprise!)

1. "Worthy" at first, 1850s became racist (anti-immigrant)

B. Built transcontinental rail (90% west labor) cuz no labor union

C. Chinatowns created in West cities

1. still mostly lower class

V Anti-Chinese Sentiments

A. Anti-Coolie clubs popular in 60s & 70s; demands support

B. Chinese Exclusion Act 1882 ban immigration

C. Chinese said "don't group us w/ Blacks, Jews, Irish!"

VI Migration from the East

- A. Millions from US + Europe; 1870-1900 most
- B. Homestead Act of 1862 gave 160 acre if cultivated
 - 1. too far from town to work (not as good as Mississippi soil)
 - 2. 400k stayed but most abandoned
- C. Govt assistance gave land + money cheap in 70s
- D. Many states integrated 1860-1900
 - 1. only Oklahoma, Arizona, New Mexico remained
 - 2. Indian state; not enough white people

Primary Source: Experiencing Discrimination

- by D.O-Yun Yoon

- A. Rent & buy land not available to foreigners
- B. Discrimination to Asians existed before 1800s
 - 1. lack of opportunity after Civil War

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The Changing Western Economy

I. Labor in the West

- A. Limited Social Mobility C like East
- B. Racially stratified work force (white manager: color worker)
 - 1 "They genetically better for work in sun" - whites
- C. Lots of unemployed/single in cities (prostitution ↑)

II The Arrival of the Miners

- A. Individuals search shallow → Companies deep → land to farm
 - 1. Mining Cycle start 1849
- B. Cali: → Nevada after silver rush (Comstock Lode area)
- C. Thriving mining (! Gold/silver) by outlaws / bad men
- D. Gender imbalance
- E. Terrible conditions in mines

III The Cattle Kingdom

- A. Mexican/Spanish origins ⇒ ranchers
- B. Cattle trails moved cows to north rail → cities
 - 1. Millions on Chisholm trail
 - 2. Mythological (25% black) cowboy
- C. Political gains for women (suffrage Wyoming)
 - 1. owned ranch & managed instead o husband

The Romance of the West

I The Western Landscape

- A. "Rocky Mountain School" mythified landscape
- B. Tourism starting (1880s, w/ Rail)

II The Cowboy Culture

- A. "Free-spirited" cowboy myth
- B. Novels, comics, stories, theater, American Ideal

III The Idea of the Frontier

A. Romantic image from writers/painters (mark twain)

B. Frederic Remington → "wild west w/o civilization"

C. Frederic Jackson Turner's Thesis

1. frontier is democratic force

2. (false) unzivilized land waiting for whites

D. "Lossing of the frontier" made people think less opportunity
! They sad

Primary Source : On Women's Right to Vote

- Susan B. Anthony

A. She "committed crime of voting"

B. Uses constitution to defend

C. Discrimination v. 50% people

! Oligarchy of gender

D. "Are women persons?"

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A. Frederic Jackson Turner's Thesis

1. West desolate/uninhabited until whites
2. Democratic freedom / in the west

B. Depression of 1893-1897

C. Rail R. expansion

D. Columbian World Fair 1893

E. Battle o' Waded knee

F. New immigration (1890-1920) → South/East Europe

G. US imperial expansion for econ grow during depression

> H. Frontier Thesis (American final form)

1. Western Progress & Rapid Americanization

2. Materialization & individualism

3. "You can hear Americans before you see them!"

4. American Identity & Myth by 1890s

Rhetoric

1. The cowboy was white & USA!

2. Rail road built b/Americans!

3. Chinese are stealing jobs!

Reality

1. Cowboy only 1870-90, then RR/Industry

2. West Trans-Rail 90% Asian (road work 80%)

3. Workingmen Party terrorized Asians (w/ KKK)

4. Asians social cohesion

5. worked on central valley irrigation

6. Secret "Tang" societies are "EVIL"

7. Provided Asians as business

8. Laundry, Prostitution, + common laborers

9. Anti-foolie clubs + vigilante justice

10. Maintained culture → so whites mad

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The Dispersal of the Tribes

I White Tribal Policies

- A. 1850s "conservation policy" (many sep treaties)
- B. 2 large reservations 1867 after war (terribly managed)
- C. Decimation of Buffalo (Natives mad)
 - 1 due to food, sport, & skin becoming fad in East.

II The Indian Wars

- A. Indian groups attacked trains, ranch to retaliate
- B. Sand Creek Massacre - Killed by drunk militia in CO
- C. Vigilantes did "Indian Hunting"
 - 1 w/disease + poverty in pop control (5k dead 30 years)
- D. Natives defended their territories in Battle of Little Big Horn
 - 1. 2500 natives v 265 army, massacre, Native Viz.
- E. Chief Joseph evades after Sioux Indians kill 4 settlers
 - 1. almost escape to Canada, but last moment caught
- F. Last native resistance (Chiricahua Apaches) ends 1886
- G. Religious "Ghost Dance" imagined whites leaving + buffalo coming back
- H. Wounded Knee Massacre 1890 V. 300 starving Sioux

III The Dawes Act of 1887

- A. Whites "save" Indians from vanishing
- B. Dawes Act forces land ownership like Homestead
 - 1. Natives resisted
 - 2. forced them to forsake culture

The Rise & Decline of The Western Farmer

I Farming on the Plains

- A. Railroad brings settlers & sells land for cheap (accessibility)
 - 1. 180 mil acre land given by gov
 - 2. low interest rates for loans
- B. Barbed wire allows cheap fencing 1873

C. Irrigation v. Drought

1. Wells & irrigation arguments popular
2. 1870s-1887 good rain then drought
3. Not enough gov irrigation

D. Hard times 1880s

1. reverse migration + ghost towns
2. competition & low wheat prices

II Commercial Agriculture \$\$\$

A. Industrialization of Agriculture (more production worldwide)

- 1 single - cash crop sold worldwide
2. by rest @ stores

B. Consequences of Overproduction

1. 37% farms mortgaged 1910

III The Farmers' Grievances

A. Blamed rail for higher \$\$\$ than NE

B. Blamed credit institutions for high insurance

C. Blamed middlemen for low prices

IV The Agrarian Malaise

A. Decline of farming spirit

1. isolation & ill (education + healthcare)

B. "Second class to cities? I thought we center of US life" - farmers

Primary Source: The Ghost Dance & Wounded Knee Massacre

A. Natives excited by the Ghost Dance & ideas

B. Sioux naturally warlike (despite book disagreeing)

C. Told to attack w/ least loss of life

Primary Source: The Texas Farmers' Revolt

A. Fought rail w/ equal price demand

B. fought credit institutions w/ national bank established

C. fought for schooling

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Remember 4 groups

1. Mining
2. Cowboys + Cattle Drive
3. Art & Novels
4. Farming & Homesteading

I.

- A. Came in Cycle: Individual \Rightarrow corp \Rightarrow farmers
- B. corps looking ('Gold + silver) were rich
 - 1. people ended up working for \uparrow anyway
 - C. Lotta men - lotta choices

II. Cowboys & Cattle Drive

- A. Made little money, most \rightarrow Chicago meat
- B. Smell terrible (cow shit) + hard work

III Art & Novels

- A. Rocky Mountain School mythicized West
- B. "Last Frontier" inspired tourism
- C. Cowboys immortal. Rich eastern profit off West.

IV Farming & Homesteading

- A. Poor & poverty life
- B. Forced to stay on land despite terrible
- C. Farmers baited by visions of green land

V Farmers

- A. Organizations
- B. Gold miners / Robbers
- C. Buffalo killing + Texas Bull

VI Natives Repressed & Reformed by Whited

- A. Iron fist of repression (forced onto reservations & capture!)
- B. "We will improve them!" - White, "lets change their culture"
- C. Check previous notes

- D. Battle of Little Big Horn massacre
- E. Dawes Severalty Act stole gold
- F. Battle of Wounded Knee & 200 after
- G. Ghost Dance & Cultural change