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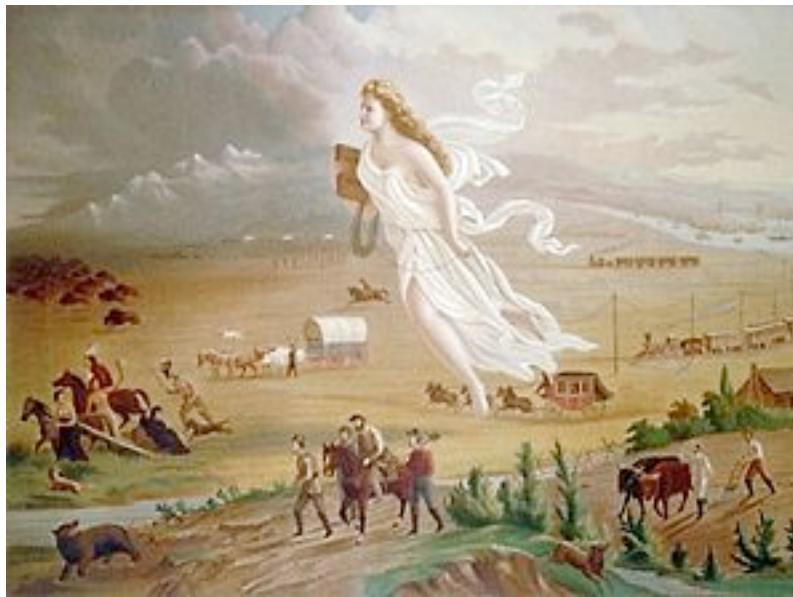
BATTLE OF BUENA VISTA.
Fought February 23^d, 1847... The American Army under Gen^t Taylor were completely Victorious.

American Army, 4,500 men.
American loss in killed and
wounded about 800.

The Mexican-American War

Why Manifest Destiny?

- Economic Opportunity
- Harbors for Asian trade
- Adventurism
- Security
- “Providence” – Duty of a republican government to spread despite racism toward NAMs & Blacks



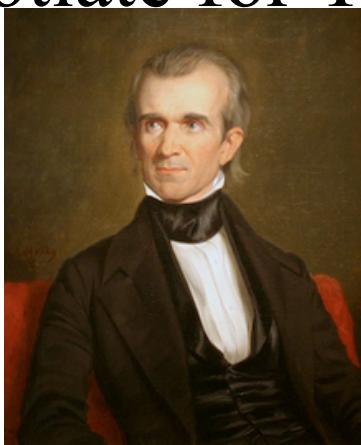
Texas Revolution

- 1830 – 20K US settlers, 1K slaves in TX
- 1835-36 – War vs. Santa Anna (4th term) for indep.
 - Goes well for TX at first
 - **Goliad Massacre** – 303 TX POWs killed on SA's orders
 - **Alamo** – 1500 MEX vs. 200 TX → All TX fall
 - **San Jacinto** – Houston wins in 20min
 - Deaths: 630 MEX to 9 TX + 730 MEX POWs
- Declares **Lone Star Republic** after victory
 - Wants to join US, but issues in Senate re: slavery



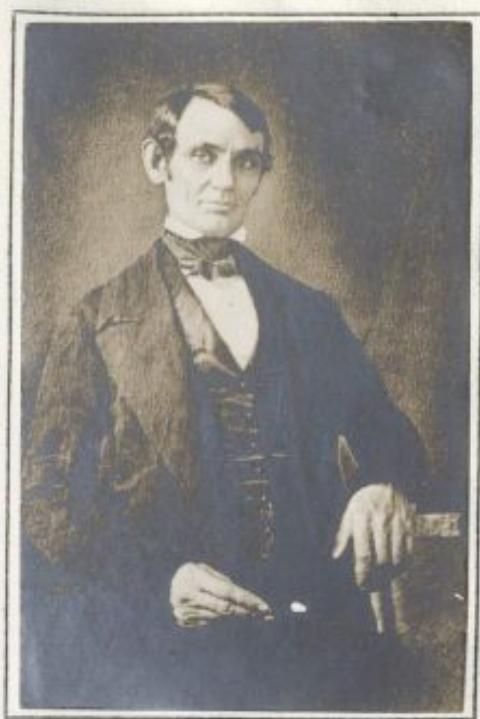
Causes

- 1844 – “Dark Horse” Polk (D-TN) wins vs. Clay by embracing Jacksonian policies, MD & annexing TX
- Annexes TX in 12/1845 & MEX breaks off relations
 - US Citizens couldn’t get compensation for claims against MEX government
 - Boundary dispute of Nueces (MEX) vs. Rio Grande (TX)
- MEX gov’t pretty unstable → Taylor sent to Corpus Christi → MEX threatened → **Slidell** tries to negotiate for TX, NM & CA → Fails miserably



War!

- MEX crosses the Rio Grande & kills 16 US soldiers
 - 5/13/1846 – War declared; “particular spot”
- US: 68K soldiers; better leaders & equipment
- MEX: 60K soldiers; Unified & enthusiastic, but poor leaders



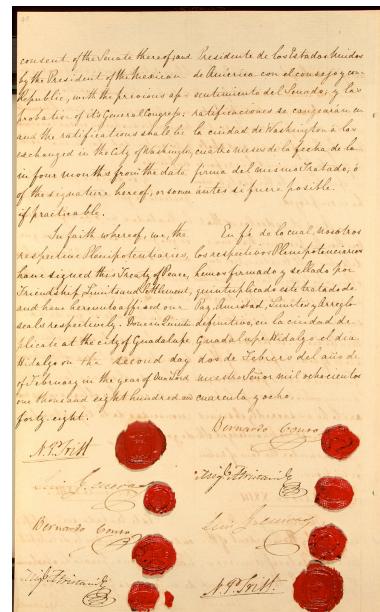
Rough & Ready

- **Z. Taylor** – Leads initial campaigns (294) & pushes MEX back, but Polk loses confidence & takes his troops for an assault on **Vera Cruz**
- Santa Anna – Takes control of MEX (9th term) → Taylor at **Buena Vista** → loses & retreats to M. City
- Kearny – Moves on CA (declared free in Fremont's **Bear Flag Revolt**) → Secured 1/47
- **Scott** – Takes **Vera Cruz** → 3/47 to Mexico City!
 - Santa Anna surrenders 9/47 (10th term)



Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo

- **2/2/1848** – US gains CA, NM, Rio Grande boundary for \$15M and assumption of claims against MEX by US citizens (.5M sq. mi. of territory)
- Promise MEX living in territory US citizenship
- **Gadsden Purchase** (1853) – 45K sq. mi. of desert for \$10M from Santa Anna (11th term) when desperate for cash.



Territory Added, 1845 - 1853

