

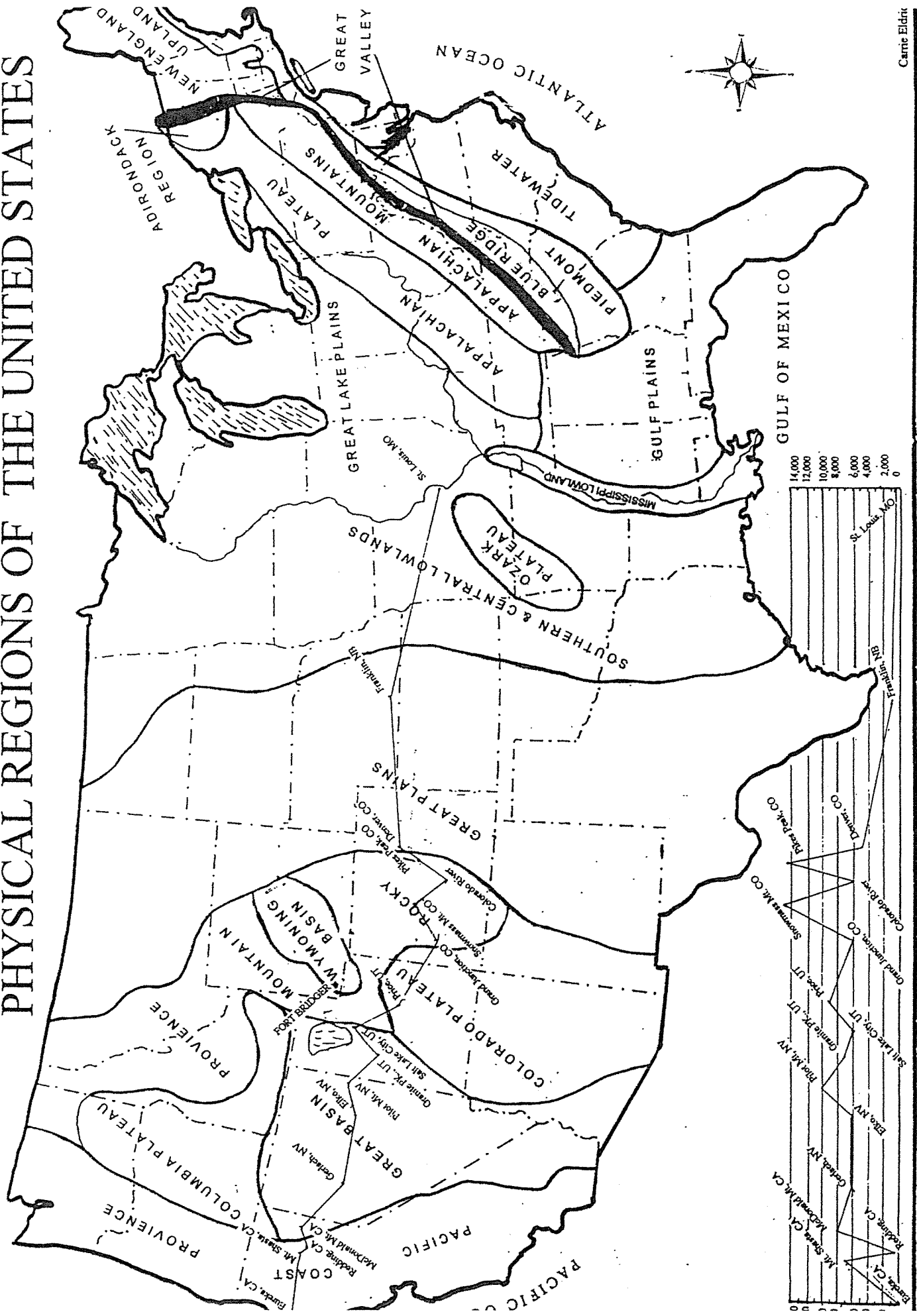
AMERICA'S HISTORIC MIGRATRATION ROUTES

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PHYSICAL REGIONS OF THE UNITED STATES



3 - PHYSICAL REGIONS OF THE UNITED STATES - The western landscape was greatly different from the East. The Great Plains, the Rocky Mountains, the Cascade Mountains and the Great Desert Basin presented many different problems.

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Growth of the United States 1783-1853

Ceded to Great Britain, 1818

CANADA

Ceded by Britain,
Webster-Ashburton Treaty,
1842

Ceded by
Great Britain,
1818

OREGON COUNTRY
From Great Britain,
1846

LOUISIANA PURCHASE
Bought from France, 1803

MEXICAN CESSION
From Mexico by Treaty of
Guadalupe Hidalgo, 1848

From Great Britain
by Treaty of Paris,
1783

ORIGINAL 13 COLONIES

TEXAS ANNEXATION
Annexed
independent republic,
1845

GADSDEN PURCHASE
Bought from Mexico, 1853

**FLORIDA
CESSION**
From Spain,
1819

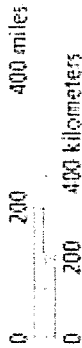
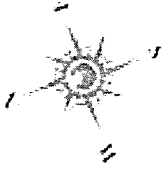
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Dates annexed
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MEXICO

PACIFIC
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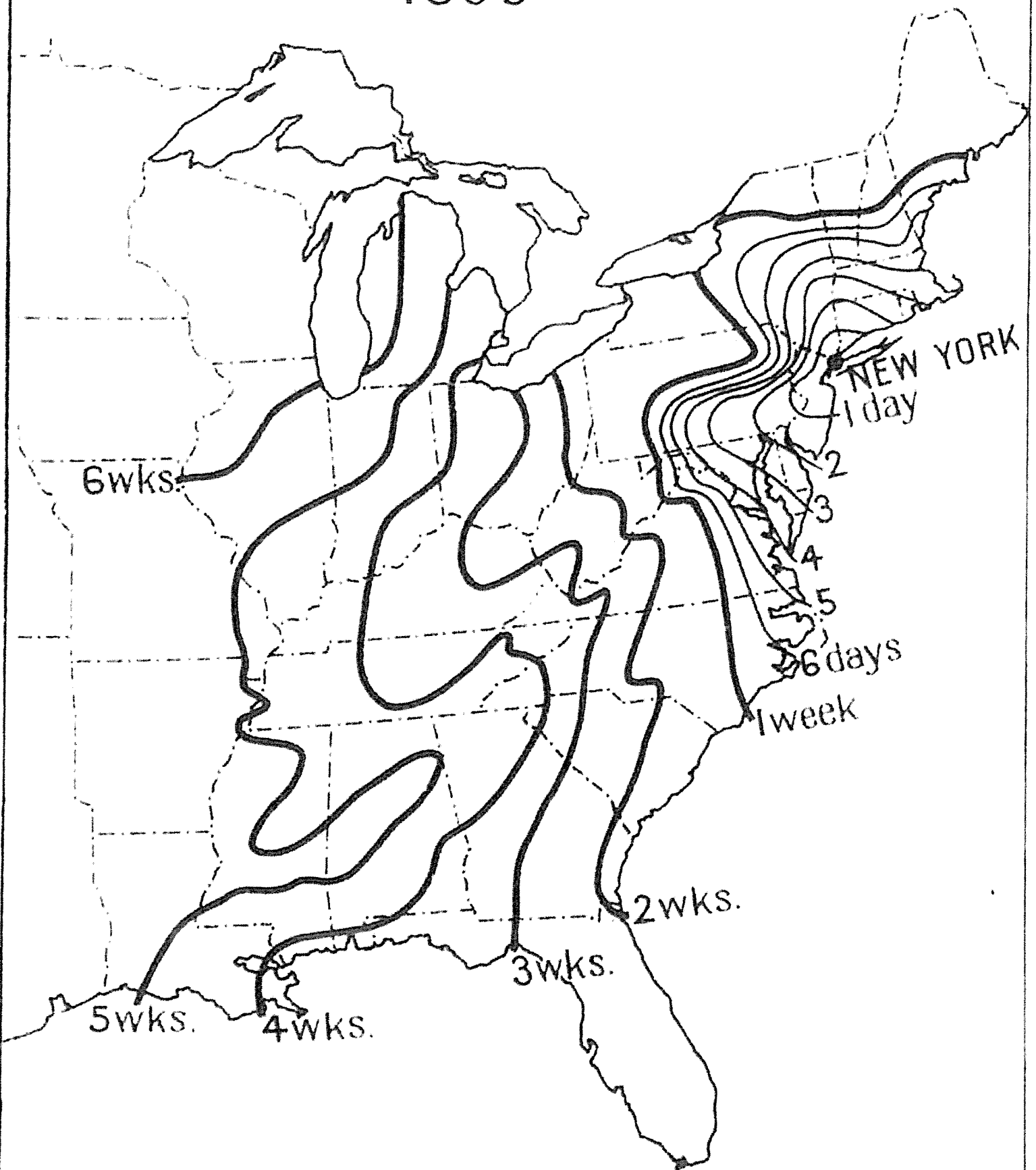


Modern U.S. boundaries shown

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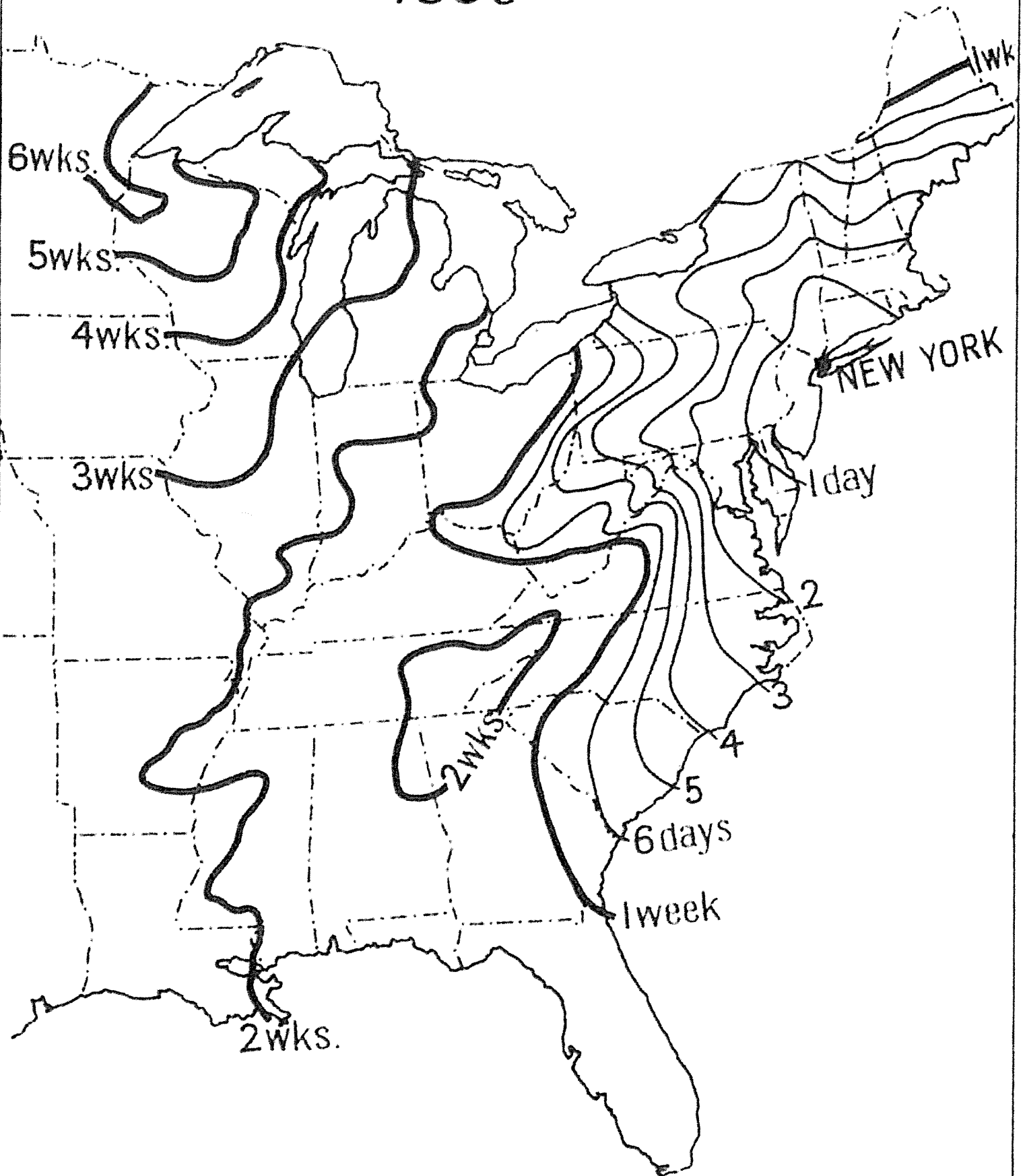
RATES OF TRAVEL 1800

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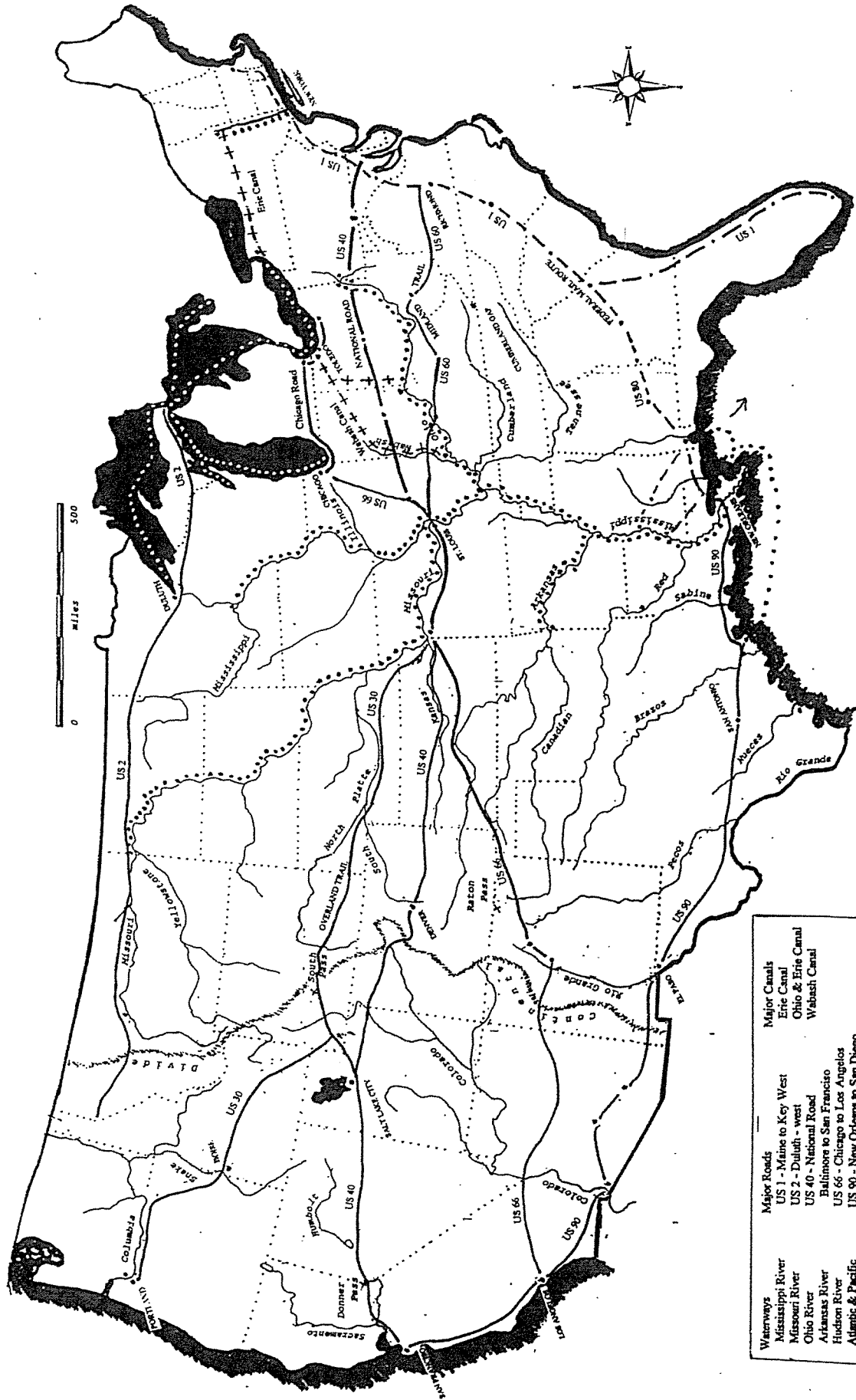


RATES OF TRAVEL 1830

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MAJOR MIGRATION ROUTES



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Figure 20 - MAJOR MIGRATION ROUTES - Trails from the Atlantic coast led to the Mississippi Valley where they connected with routes leading to the Pacific. Eventually, major highways followed the old pioneer trails.

WESTERN TRAILS 1840-1850

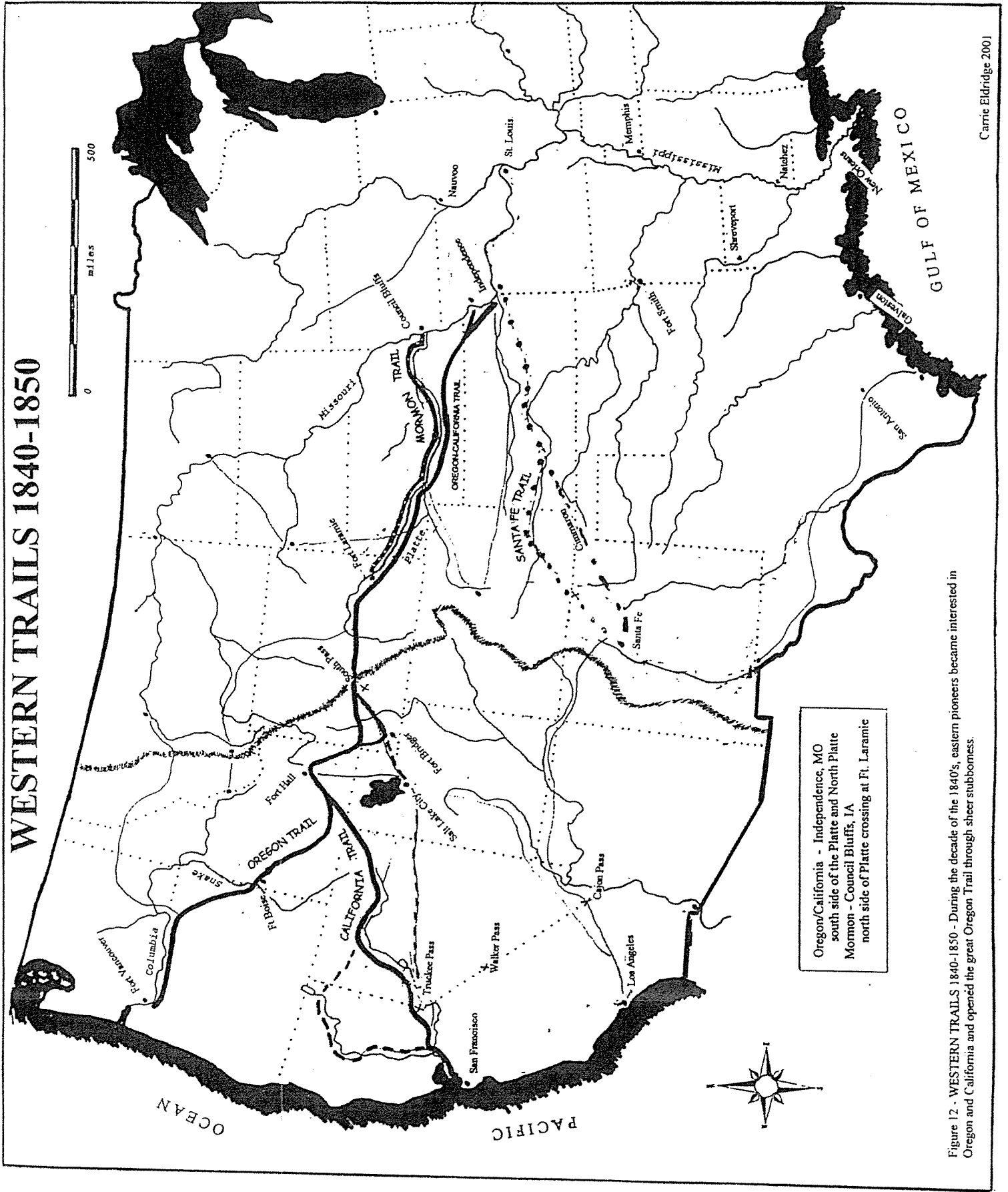
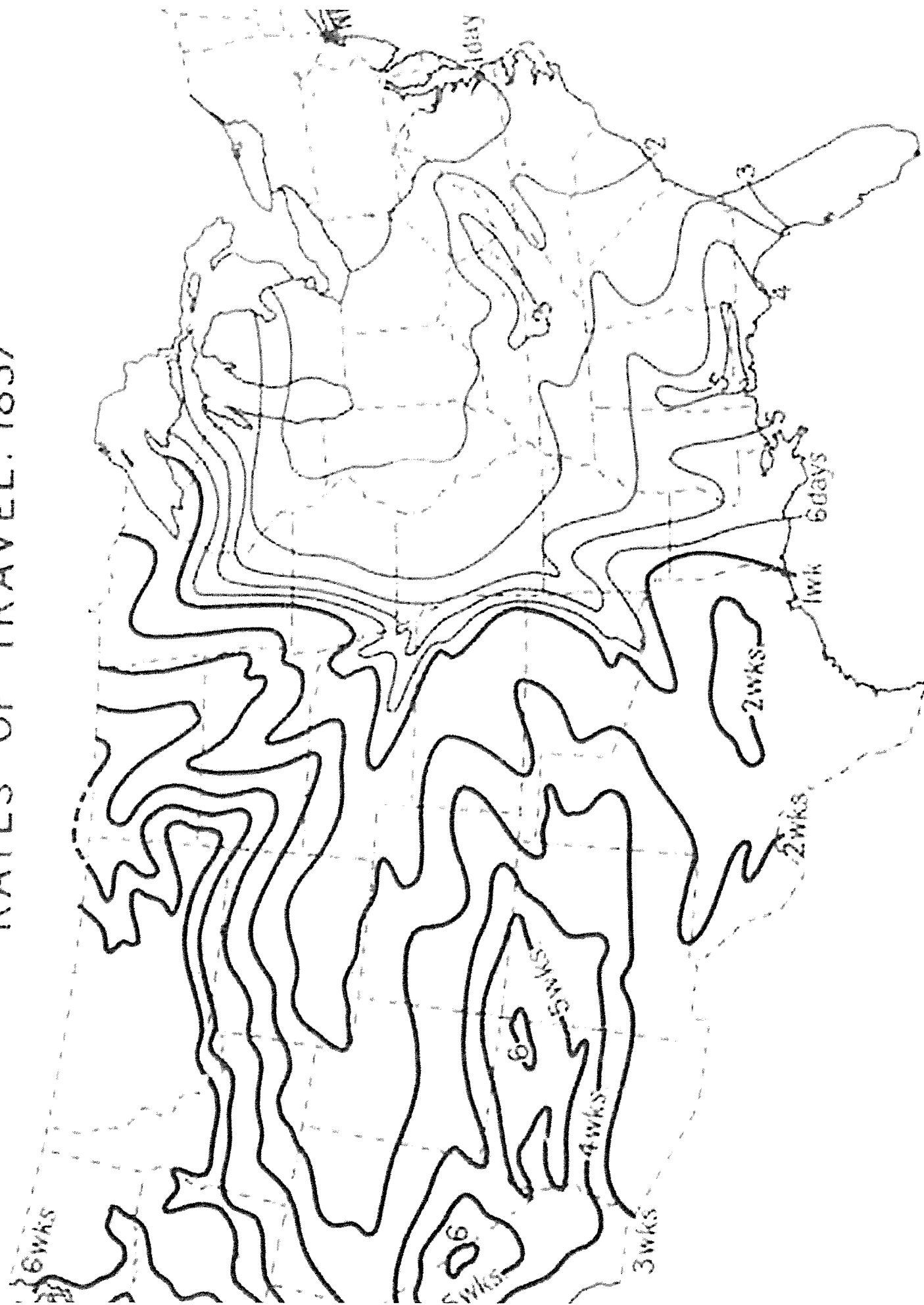
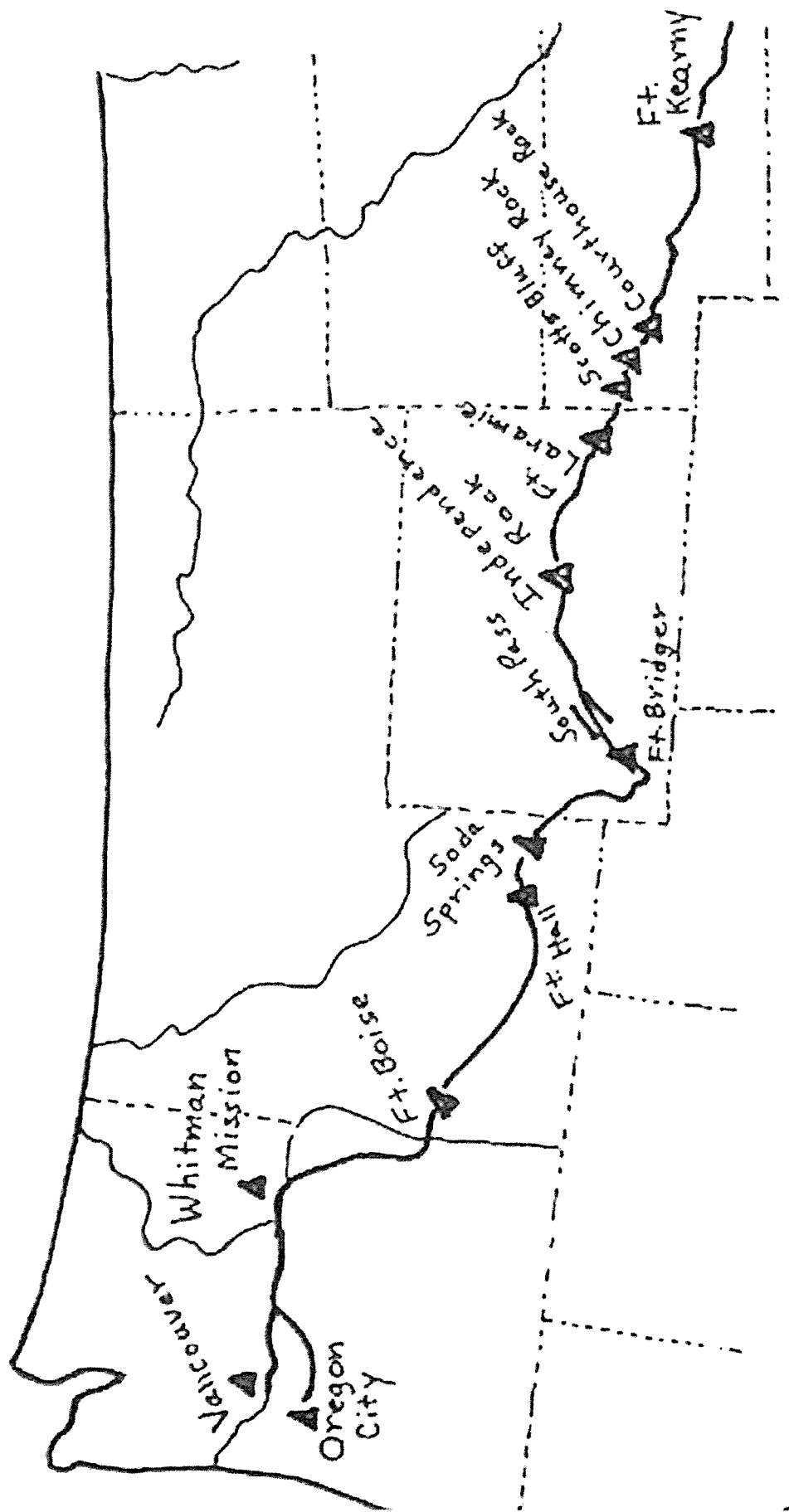


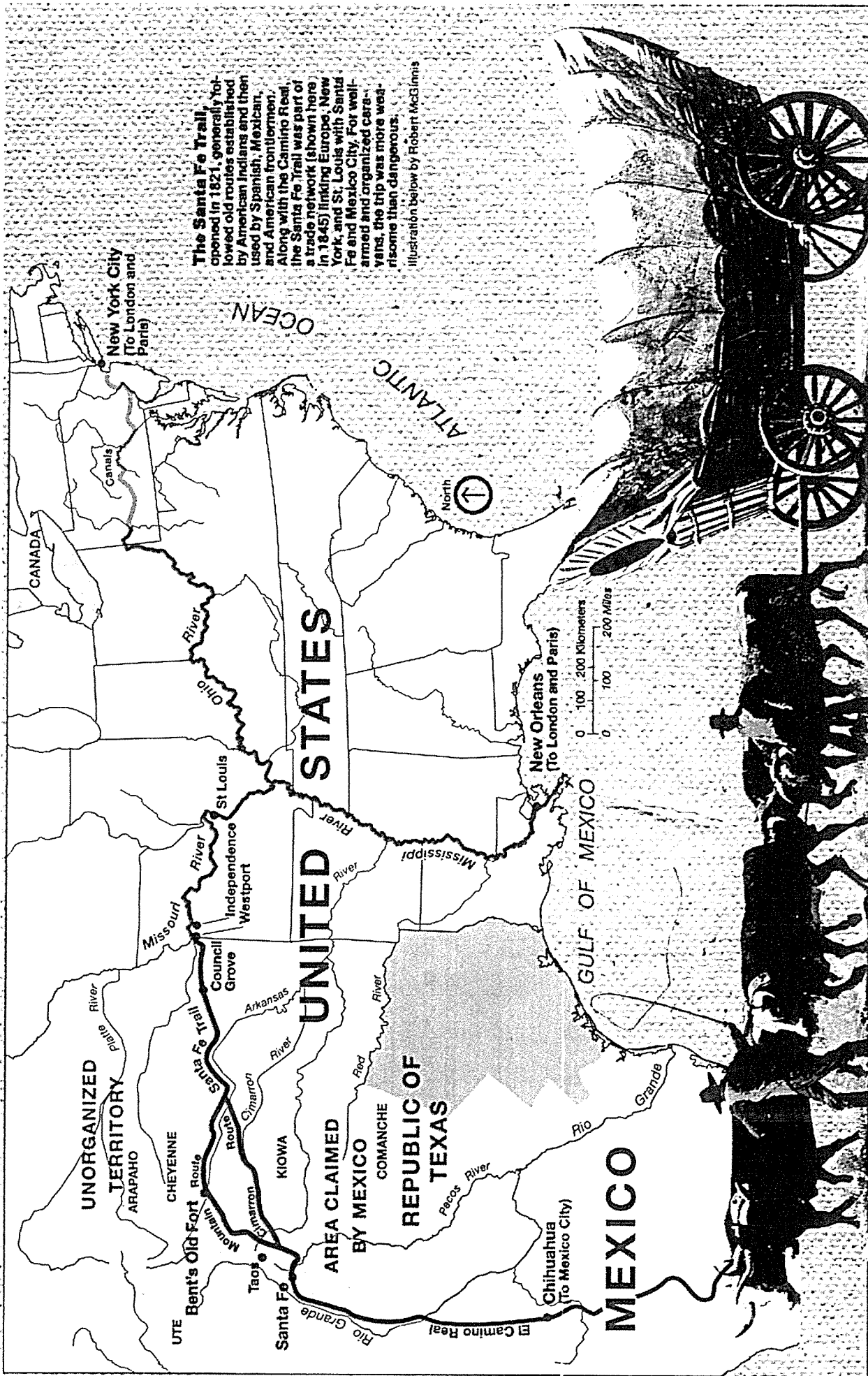
Figure 12 - WESTERN TRAILS 1840-1850 - During the decade of the 1840's, eastern pioneers became interested in Oregon and California and opened the great Oregon Trail through sheer stubbornness.

RATES OF TRAVEL. 1857



The Oregon Trail





The Santa Fe Trail, opened in 1821, generally followed old routes established by American Indians and then used by Spanish, Mexican, and American frontiersmen. Along with the Camino Real, the Santa Fe trail was part of a trade network (shown here in 1845) linking Europe, New York, and St. Louis with Santa Fe and Mexico City. For well-armed and organized caravans, the trip was more worrisome than dangerous.

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