

*Research in the
American Midwest*

What is it?

*The Midwest:
God's Gift to
Planet Earth!*



Fly Over Country





As defined by the Census Bureau

'Which States Do You Consider Part of the Midwest?'

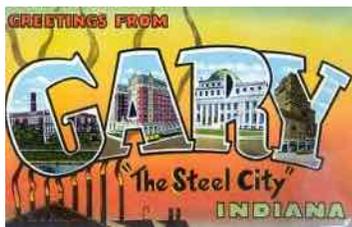
Percentage classifying each state as part of the Midwest, from a survey of 1,357 people identifying "some" or "a lot" as a Midwesterner



Middletown, USA



City of MUNCIE
MUNCIE, INDIANA



*Why
is it useful to
approach the
Midwest from a
Genealogical point
of view?*

*Why
don't we simply
apply our research
efforts to each of
the twelve states
individually?*

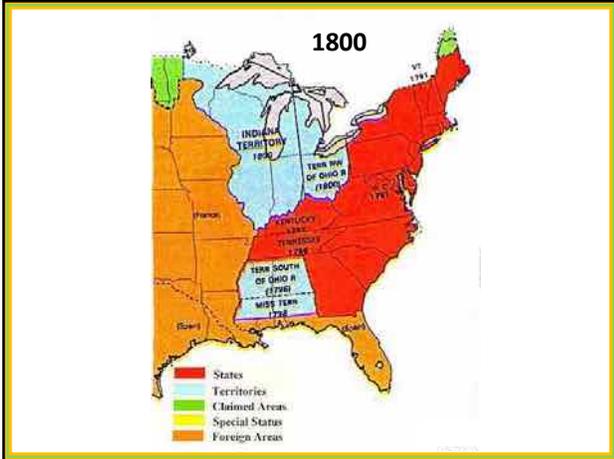
*What Are the Advantages?
Pitfalls?*

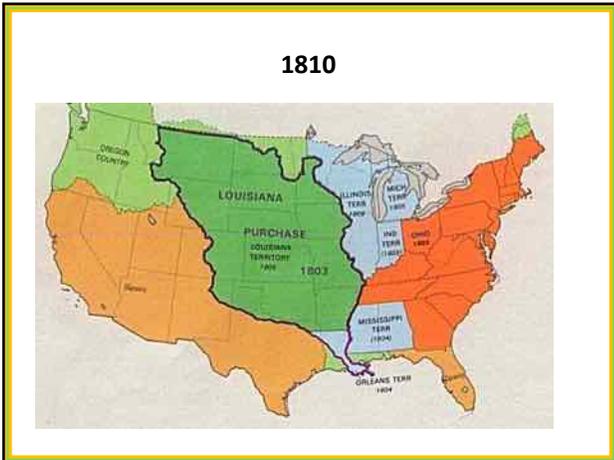
Why are we talking about research in the Midwest?

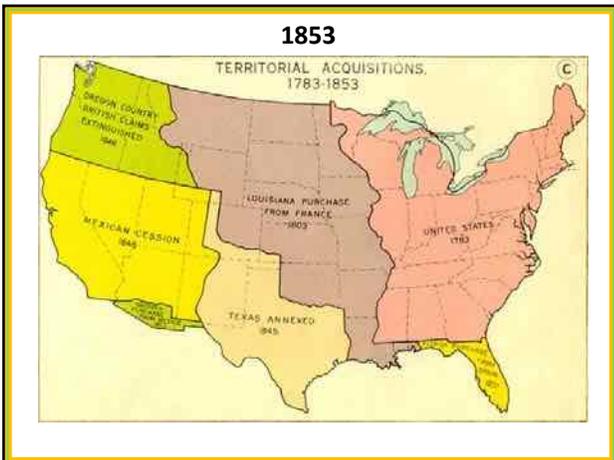
- The westward expansion did not happen in a smooth continuous progression.
- There were significant events that caused migration across the country to occur in spurts of groups of people
 - Wars (here and abroad)
 - Displacement of Native Americans, Mormons
 - Roads, Canals, Railroads, Gold Rushes, Homestead Act, etc.

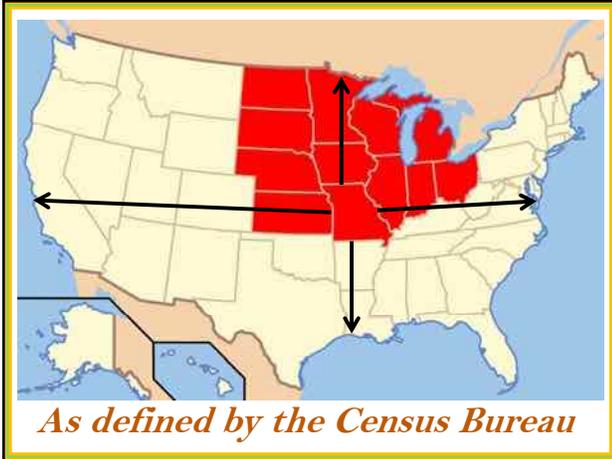
How did it start?











Major Ethnic Groups

- Scandinavians
- Germans (2nd wave)
- Czechoslovakians
- East Slavs (Russians, Ukrainians, Polish, Belorussians, etc)
- Irish
- Canadians
- Scots-Irish
- Germans from Russia

Major Religious Affiliations

- Churches loyal to the Pope in Rome
– Favored Eastern rites
- Methodists
- Lutherans
- Presbyterians
- Baptists
- Congregationalists
- Church of the Brethren
- Quakers
- Mennonites

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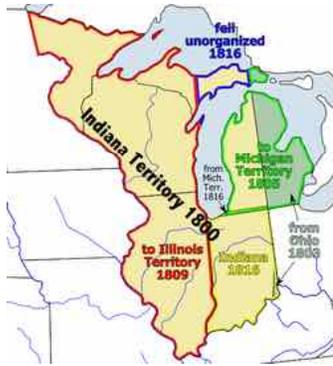
Midwest

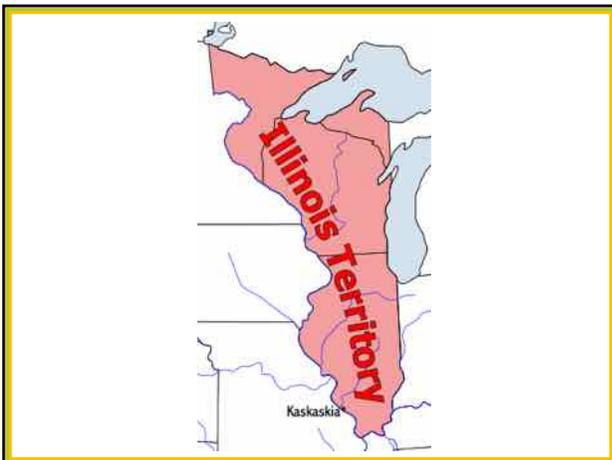
- North Dakota
- South Dakota
- Kansas
- Iowa
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Wisconsin
- Illinois

Elsewhere

- New York
- Oregon
- Washington
- Fresno County in California

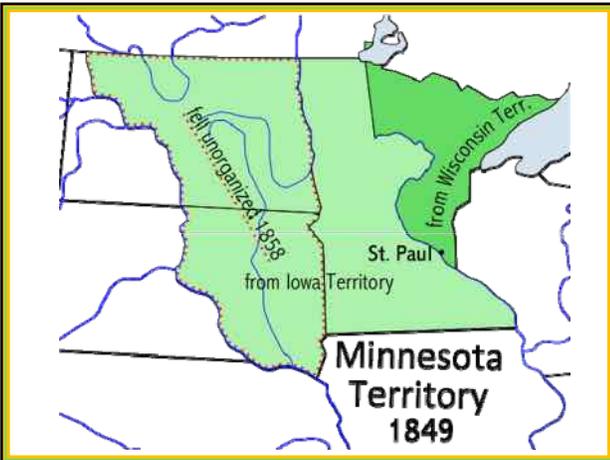
Territorial Records

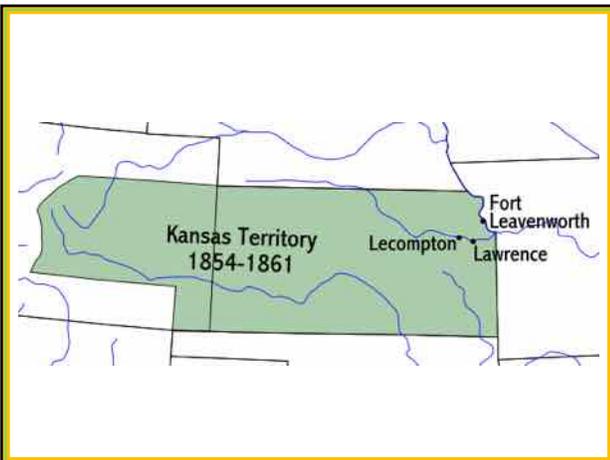




Missouri Territory







Dakota Territory



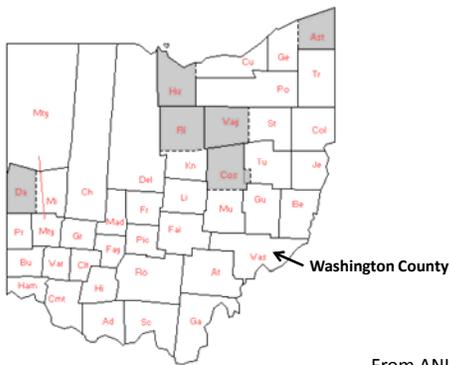


“The Midwest didn’t just happen. It was invented”

1810 Census

- Schedules exist for:
 - 17 States
 - District of Columbia
 - Georgia Territory
 - Mississippi Territory
 - Louisiana Territory
 - Orleans
 - Michigan Territory
 - Illinois Territory
- District wide loss for:
 - District of Columbia
 - Georgia
 - Indiana Territory
 - Mississippi Territory
 - Louisiana Territory (MO)
 - New Jersey
 - Tennessee
- Partial loss for:
 - Illinois Territory
 - Ohio

Ohio in 1810



Ohio in the 1810 Census

- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- New Hampshire
- New York
- North Carolina
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Vermont
- Virginia

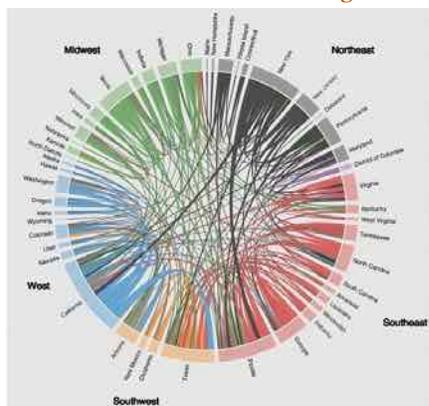
- Lived In
- Location
- Washington County, Alabama, USA
 - Washington County, Arkansas, USA
 - Washington County, Colorado, USA
 - Washington County, Florida, USA
 - Washington County, Georgia, USA
 - Washington County, Idaho, USA
 - Washington County, Illinois, USA
 - Washington County, Indiana, USA
 - Washington County, Iowa, USA
 - Washington County, Kansas, USA
 - Washington County, Kentucky, USA
 - Washington County, Maine, USA
 - Washington County, Maryland, USA
 - Washington County, Minnesota, USA
 - Washington County, Mississippi, USA

No Washington County in Ohio!

Migration Patterns

- NEHGS (American Ancestors)
 - *The Great Migration Newsletter* (vols 1-15)
- Understanding Midwest Migration Patterns to Further Family History Research By Rhonda R. McClure
 - scholarsarchive.byu.edu/

Restless America: state-to-state migration in 2012



Chris Walker

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Ohio Birth, Marriage & Death

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Etiquette to Ohio		
Ohio Deaths, 1908-1932, 1939-2007		8,268,800
Ohio Birth Index, 1958-1964		8,232,087
Ohio Marriage Index, 1876, 1910-2007		8,777,888
Ohio Births and Christenings Index, 1800-1942		4,898,202
Ohio Census Index, 1902-1962, 1967-1971, 1973-2007		3,862,861
Ohio Kufnerford E. Hays Photocenter Center Database Index, 1919-2013		2,632,814
1940 Census, Ohio, Districts Index, 1930-2013		623,226
Ohio Marriages, 1850-1900		429,914
1940 Ohio, MEXIC Database Index, 1911-2010		369,886
Divorce of Tawala, Ohio, Catholic Parish Records, 1794-2004		192,729
Death Tally, Ohio, Cemetery Records, 1900-2002		161,114
Ohio Marriages, 1789-1938		102,311
Severely Damaged Mortality, 1870-1940		9,121
Marriage, Catherine Gault, Ohio, 1811-1830		623
Ohio Cemetery Records		592
Darke County, Ohio Cemetery, Springfield Greenfield Township		160
Marriage Index, available, 1852-1930, St. John Lutheran Church		103
Marriage records, Marion County, Ohio		81
Marriage records of Fuller County, Ohio, 1820-1823		81
Marriage records from Darke County, Ohio		49

Indiana vital records

Indiana Birth, Marriage & Death

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Unique to Indiana	
Indiana, Select Marriages, 1780-1992	3,938,241
Indiana, Marriage Collection, 1800-1941	3,245,823
Indiana Deaths, 1882-1920	793,965
Indiana Births, 1880-1920	674,773
Web: Indiana, Marion Public Library Death Index, 1812 - 2011	546,139
Indiana Marriages to 1850	199,945
Indiana Marriages, 1802-1852	199,807
Web: Indiana and Michigan, Michiana Genealogical Cemetery Index, 1800-2010	187,743
Web: Indiana, Marion Public Library Marriage Index, 1831-2008	170,642
Indiana, Select Births and Christenings, 1773-1933	103,702
Bartholomew County, Indiana, Birth Records Index, 1882-1920	24,283
U.S. Quaker Cemetery Records, 1800-1990	13,633
Wayne County, Indiana, Quaker Funeral Home Records, 1939-1974	5,388
Marriages in Fountain County, Indiana, U.S.A., 1826-1848	125

Iowa vital records

Iowa Birth, Marriage & Death

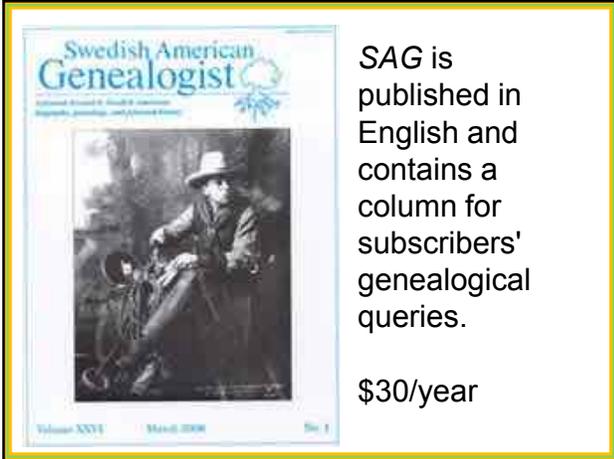
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Iowa, Select Marriages, 1809-1992	5,028,465
Iowa, Births and Christenings Index, 1857-1947	1,559,117
Iowa, Select Deaths and Burials, 1850-1990	703,900
Web: Iowa Gravestones Index	698,890
Iowa, Cemetery Records, 1662-1999	685,016
Iowa, Marriage Records, 1923-1937	611,511
Iowa, Marriages, 1851-1900	197,647
Iowa Marriages to 1850	21,236
U.S. Quaker Cemetery Records, 1800-1990	13,633

Nebraska vital records

Nebraska Birth, Marriage & Death

Nebraska Marriages, 1856-1898	9,214
Nebraska Monthly Meeting: Quaker Records	3,585



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