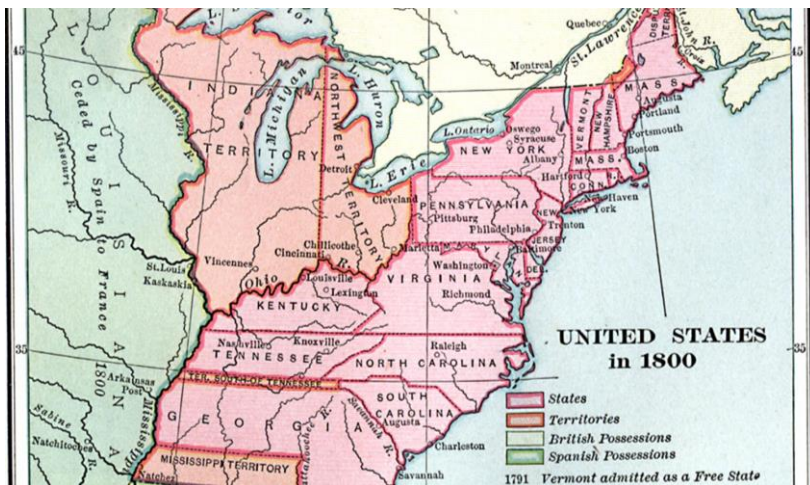




Religion in Early America

Barton W. Stone

Wilbur Reid



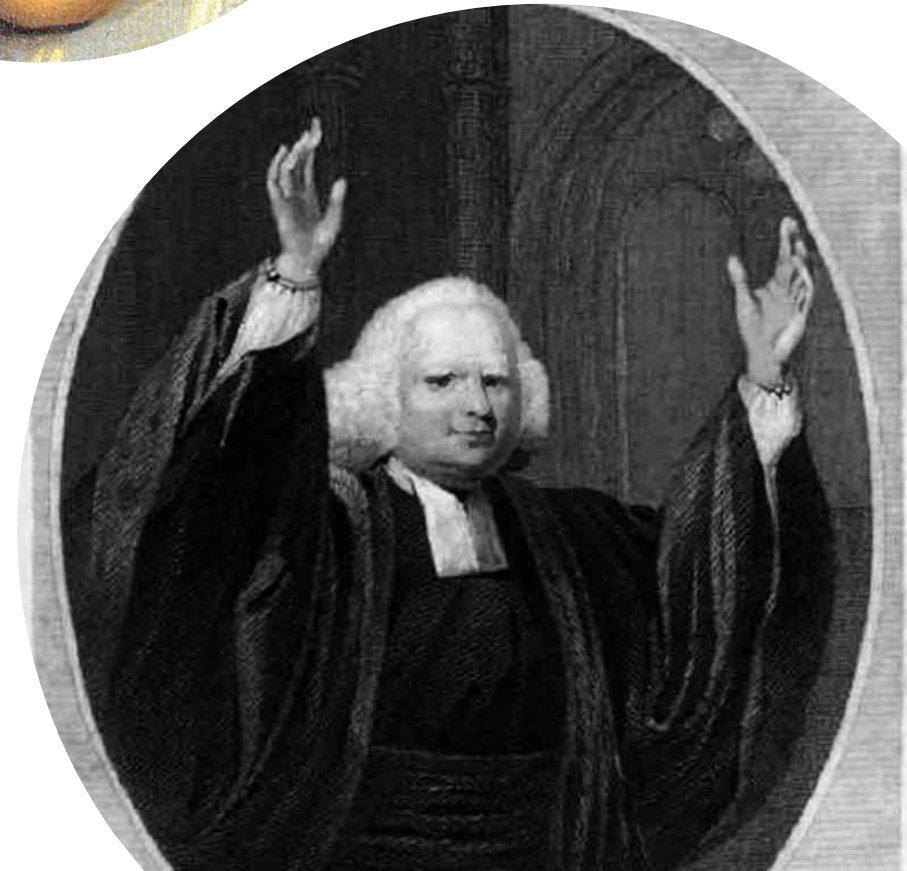
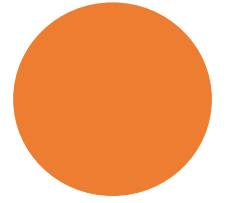
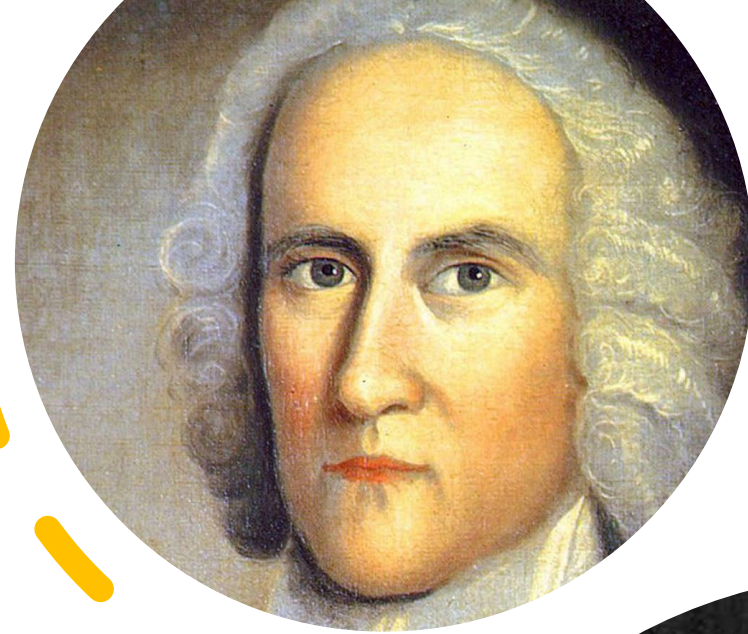
Review: History of Christianity

- 1st Century:
 - Jesus' prayer for unity
 - Struggle for unity in early church
- 2nd – 3rd Century
 - Emergence of the Church
 - Heresies
 - Bishops / Patriarchs
- 4th Century
 - Legalization and Canon
- 5th – 15th Century
 - Growth and the Great Schism
 - Rise of the Roman Catholic Church
- 16th - 18th Century
 - Reformation
 - Printing Press



Cycles of Religion in America

- Original settlers
- The Great Awakening (1720 – 1750)
 - Jonathan Edwards: Congregationalist.
 - ‘Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God’
 - George Whitefield: Methodist
- Deism, 10%, Calvinism, the mourner’s bench, independence from Europe, schisms
- The Second Great Awakening (1790 – 1840)
 - Restoration Movement – Barton Stone, Campbells
 - Personal piety and work ethic
 - Social causes: slavery, prison reform, women’s suffrage, temperance



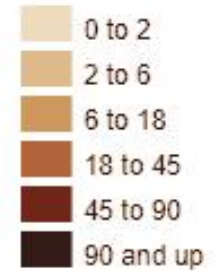
1806

- Colonial Big Three (1700s): Congregational (Puritan) / Presbyterian / Episcopal

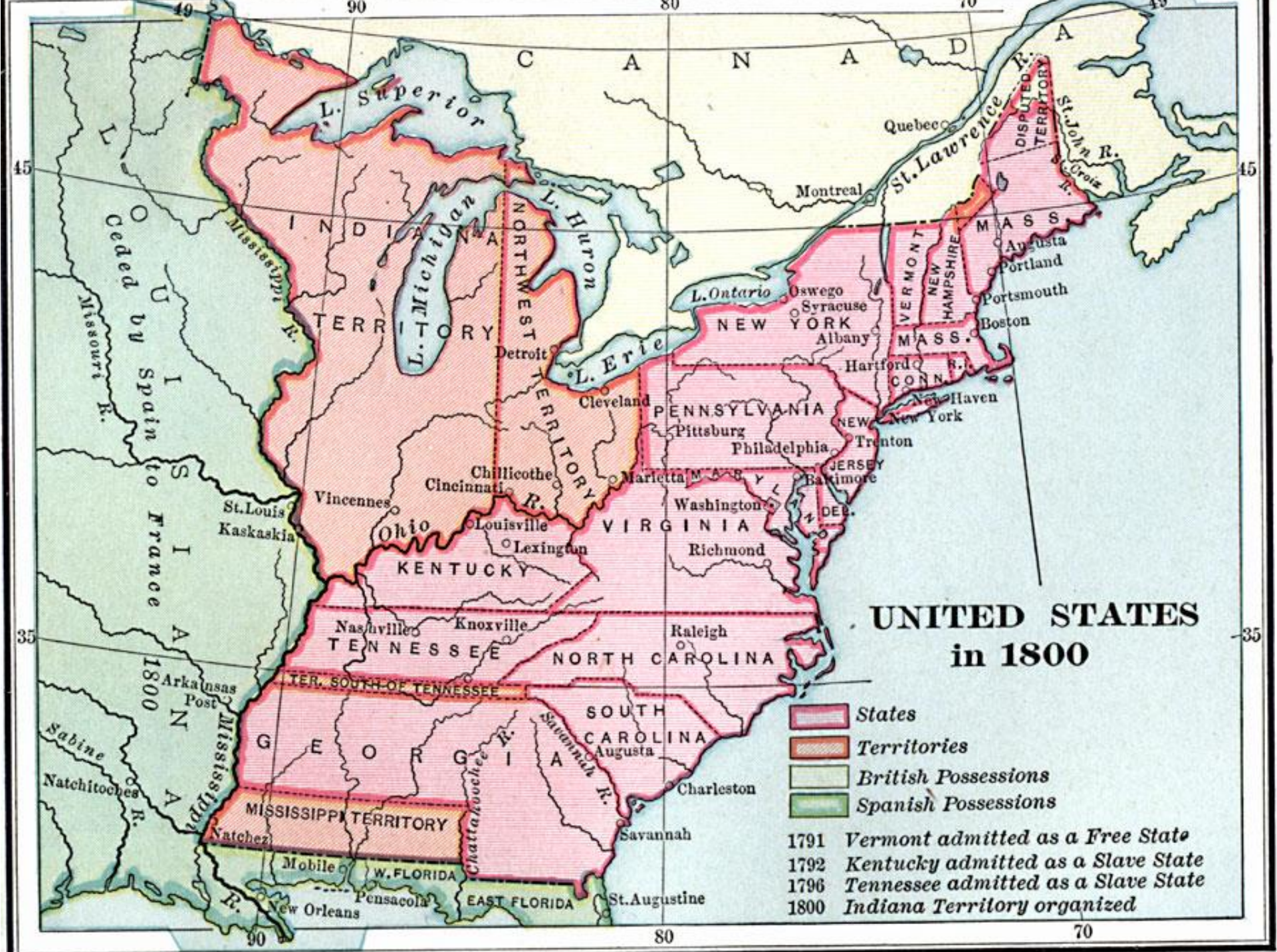
- Frontier Big Three (1800s): Baptist / Methodist / Restoration Movement

Anglican

Census Pop. per sq. mile

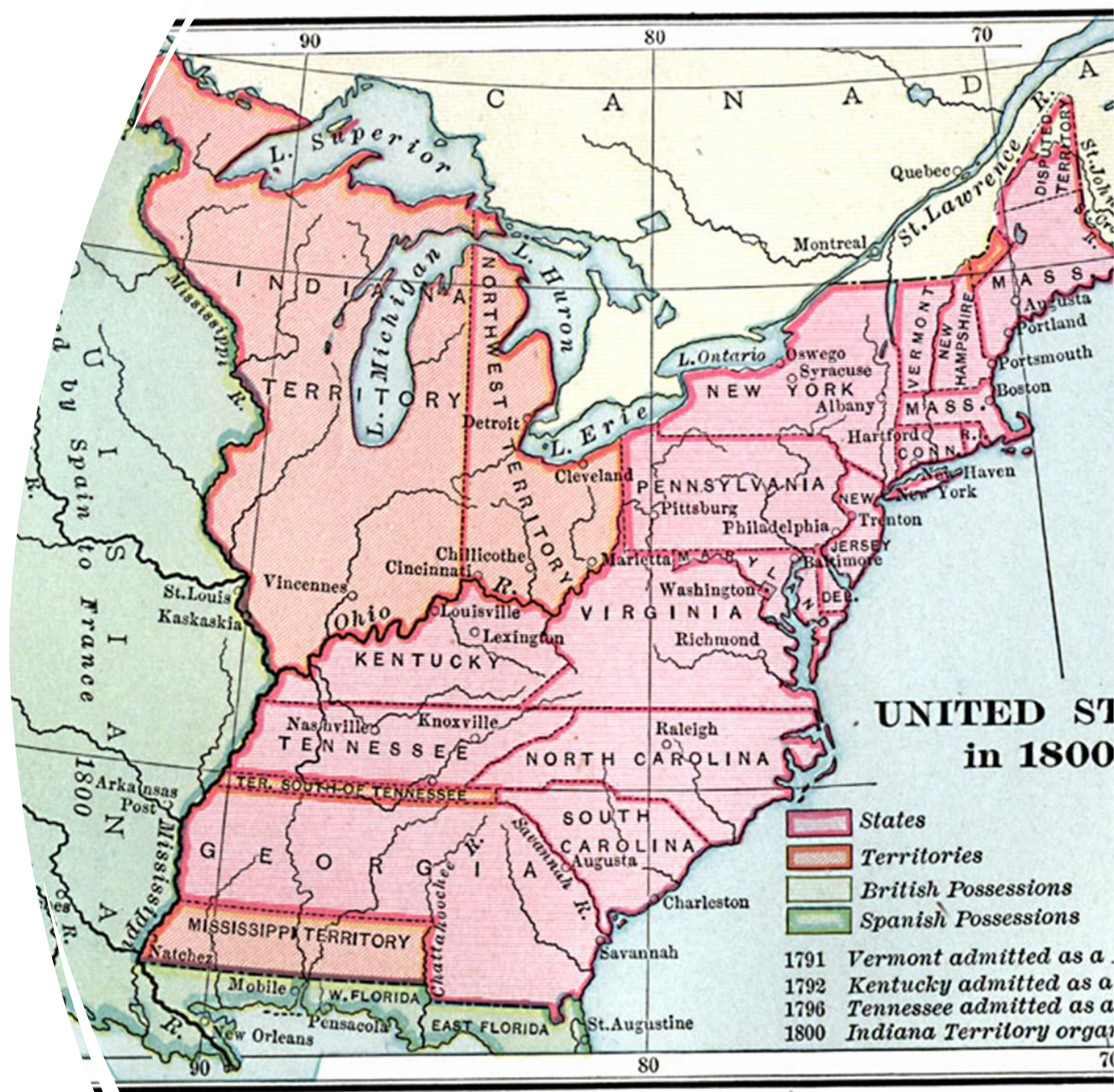


2020 Knox County = 526 people per square mile



Early 'Christian Church' movements

- James O'Kelley – Carolinas, Virginia, Georgia.
 - Republican Methodist Church (1792)
 - First 'Christian Church' – 10,000 members
- Abner Jones and Elias Smith, Baptists, New England
- Rice Haggard – Biblical names:
 - Disciples of Christ: Matthew 28:19, Acts 6:1
 - Christian: Acts 11:26, Acts 26:28, I Peter 4:16
 - Church of Christ, Romans 16:16; also Church of God





Barton W Stone

- (1772 – 1844), primarily in Kentucky
- Struggled with conversion process as a young man – looking for a sign
- Ordination as a Presbyterian minister, 1798
 - Struggled to reconcile church doctrine (Westminster Confession) and Bible: i.e.: total depravity/original sin, predestination, trinity
- Preaching on the frontier (including Knoxville)
- Cane Ridge Revival (near Lexington KY)
 - 1801 (29 years old)
 - Significant impact: about 20,000 people, Unusual manifestations, Unity, Morality
 - Criticisms: Manifestations, Lay Preachers, violate Westminster

Cane Ridge Revival (1801)





Springfield Presbytery

1804: The Last and Will and Testament...

Last Will and Testament of the Springfield Presbytery (1804, excerpts)

- *Imprimis.* We will, that this body die, be dissolved, and sink into union with the Body of Christ at large; for there is but one body, and one Spirit, even as we are called in one hope of our calling.
- *Item.* We will that our name of distinction, with its Reverend title, be forgotten, that there be but one Lord over God's heritage, and his name one.
- *Item.* We will, that our power of making laws for the government of the church, and executing them by delegated authority, forever cease; that the people may have free course to the Bible, and adopt the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus.
- *Item.* We will, that the church of Christ resume her native right of internal government,--try her candidates for the ministry, as to their soundness in the faith, acquaintance with experimental religion, gravity and aptness to teach; and admit no other proof of their authority but Christ speaking in them.
- *Item.* We will, that the people henceforth take the Bible as the only sure guide to heaven; and as many as are offended with other books, which stand in competition with it, may cast them into the fire if they choose; for it is better to enter into life having one book, than having many to be cast into hell.

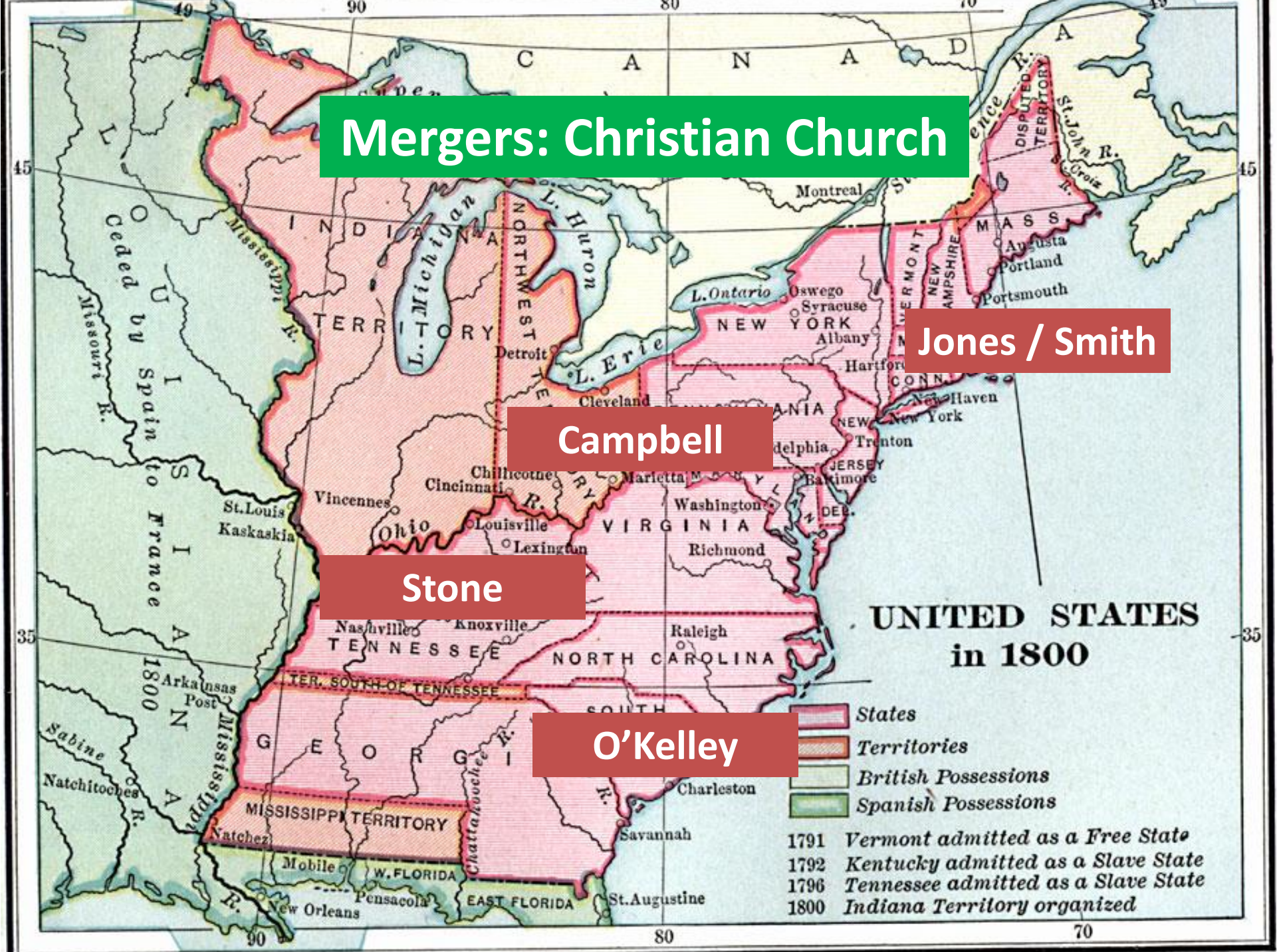
Mergers: Christian Church

Jones / Smith

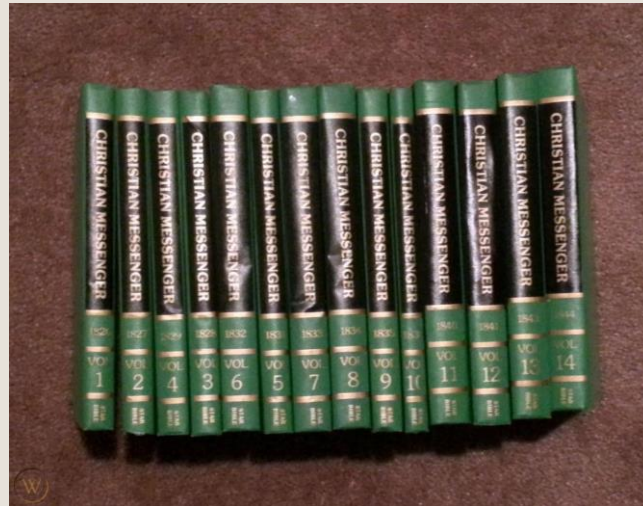
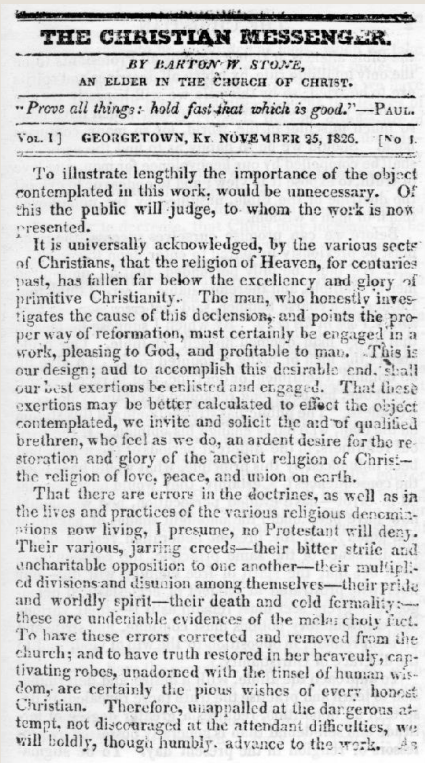
Campbell

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O'Kelley



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- Doctrinal highlights
 - The Bible is the sole authority for the church
 - Christ died for all sinners, not just a selected few.
 - Believer's immersion for the remission of sins
 - Communion with all followers of Christ; the church neither invites nor debars
- *The Christian Messenger*, 1826 – 1844, a 24-page monthly paper
- Union with the Campbell movement in 1832
 - more about this next week
- Moved to Illinois in 1834 – poor health – died in 1844

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QUESTIONS?

*Next week: The Campbells
and Explosive Growth*

