

Table 1-1.

ACQUISITION OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN, 1781-1867

Acquisition	Area			Percent of Total U.S. Land /a/	Cost /b/
	Land	Water	Total		
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>		
State Cessions (1781-1802)	233,415,680	3,409,920	236,825,600	10.4	\$ 6,200,000 /c/
Louisiana Purchase (1803) /d/	523,446,400	6,465,280	529,911,680	23.3	23,213,568
Red River Basin (1782-1817)	29,066,880	535,040	29,601,920	1.3	0
Cession from Spain (1819)	43,342,720	2,801,920	46,144,640	2.0	6,674,057
Oregon Compromise (1846)	180,644,480	2,741,760	183,386,240	8.1	0
Mexican Cession (1848)	334,479,360	4,201,600	338,680,960	14.9	16,295,149
Purchase from Texas (1850)	78,842,880	83,840	78,926,720	3.5	15,496,448
Gadsden Purchase (1853)	18,961,920	26,880	18,988,800	0.8	10,000,000
Alaska Purchase (1867)	365,333,120	12,909,440	378,242,560	16.7	7,200,000
Total Public Domain	1,807,533,440	33,175,680	1,840,709,120	81.0	\$ 85,079,222

Note: Alaska has been adjusted for the re-computation of the areas of the United States that was made for the 1980 decennial census.

/a/ Represents percent of total U.S. land acreage, which is 2,271,343,360 acres. This figure excludes U.S. Territories and Possessions; the 1998 and earlier editions of *Public Land Statistics* included Territories and Possessions in calculating the percentage.

/b/ Cost data for all except "State Cessions" obtained from U.S. Geological Survey, *Boundaries, Area, Geographic Centers* (Washington, D.C., U.S. Government Printing Office, 1939), pp. 249-251.

/c/ Georgia Cession, 1802 (56,689,920 acres), See Donaldson, Thomas, *The Public Domain, Its History, with Statistics* (Washington, D.C., U.S. Government Printing Office, 1884), p.11.

/d/ Excludes areas eliminated by treaty of 1819 with Spain.

Source: U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, *Areas of Acquisition to the Territory of the United States . . .* (Washington, D.C., U.S. Government Printing Office, 1992). Acreages therein are based on findings adopted February 2, 1912, by the Secretary of the Interior.