

TABLE 1-1. ACQUISITION OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN, 1781-1867

Acquisition	Area		Total	Percent of Total U.S.Land	Cost /a/
	Land	Water			
	Acres	Acres	Acres		
State Cessions (1781-1802)	233,415,680	3,409,920	236,825,600	10.2	\$ 6,200,000 /b/
Louisiana Purchase (1803) /c/	523,466,400	6,465,280	529,911,680	22.9	23,213,568
Red River Basin (1782-1817)	29,066,880	535,040	29,601,920	1.3	
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	7.9	
Mexican Cession (1848)	334,479,360	4,201,600	338,680,960	14.6	16,295,149
Purchase from Texas (1850)	78,842,880	83,840	78,926,720	3.4	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	16.3	7,200,000
Total Public Domain	1,807,533,440	33,175,680	1,840,709,120	79.4	\$ 85,079,222

/a/ 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.

/b/ 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.

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

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

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.