

U.S. Continental expansion, 1789-1860

Region	Period of dispute	Opponent	Dispute	Dispute resolved in	Method of resolution	Result
Old Southwest (present-day Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, western Georgia)	1789-1795	Spain	Spain claims Old Southwest and denies U.S right to navigate Mississippi River	1795	Frontiersmen threaten invasion/ diplomatic pressure by U.S.	Pinckney's Treaty, aka treaty of San Lorenzo, 1795: Spain abandons claims to region and grants US right of deposit in New Orleans
Louisiana	1783-1803	Spain, then France	Spanish/French ownership of New Orleans a geostrategic threat to Mississippi Valley	1803	Louisiana Purchase	France cedes New Orleans and all of Louisiana territory (roughly everything from Mississippi River to Rocky Mountains) to US
West Florida	1803-1821	Spain	Whether West Florida was part of Louisiana Purchase	1821	U.S. occupation following revolt of U.S. citizens in region, 1810	Adams-Onis Treaty, 1821: Spain abandons Florida claims in exchange for undisputed claim to territory from California to Texas
East Florida	1812-1821	Spain	Spain unable to stop Indian raids from Florida into Georgia	1821	U.S. invades in order to suppress Indian raids into Georgia	same as above
Texas, 1836	1821-1836	Anglo-Texans vs. Mexico	Anglo settlers in Texas demand independence from Mexico	1836	War between Texans and Mexico	Texans win <i>de facto</i> independence (recognized by U.S. but not by Mexico)
Oregon territory (present-day Oregon, Washington, British Columbia)	1819-1846	Great Britain	U.S. and Great Britain have rival claims to far Northwest	1846	U.S. diplomatic pressure and threat of war	Treaty of Washington, aka Oregon Treaty, 1846: Great Britain abandons territorial claims west of Great Lakes and south of 49th parallel
Texas, 1845/Far Southwest (New Mexico to California)	1845-1848	Mexico	Mexico continues to claim Texas after the latter becomes U.S. state	1848	U.S. diplomatic pressure followed by border incident and Mexican War	Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo, 1848: Republic of Texas becomes a U.S. state; Mexico cedes everything from Texas to California to U.S.