

Chapter 25--politics, opinion, and voting--opens a hornet's nest of controversy. But the heat indicates vitality of the involvement of these matters with culture; a group's notions of the good--of right order, propriety, justice, civic virtue--commonly appear through the public medium of politics. The reading, however, cannot always be direct, and temporary, national concerns sometimes blank out ethnic distinctions. And would it be too bold to suggest that the Survey examine the material for Chapter 25 from the viewpoint of culture, that is, from distinct conceptions of what constitutes the good and fitting order in public life? Populism, separatist movements, military voluntarism, bilingualism, persistent party loyalty, and such matters are at least as much cultural as any other factor.

Only a few suggestive maps were included from among the many that could have been selected; none was submitted for editing. It seems that most of us did not hold politics to be within our orbit; but is not public life the consummation of much of culture?

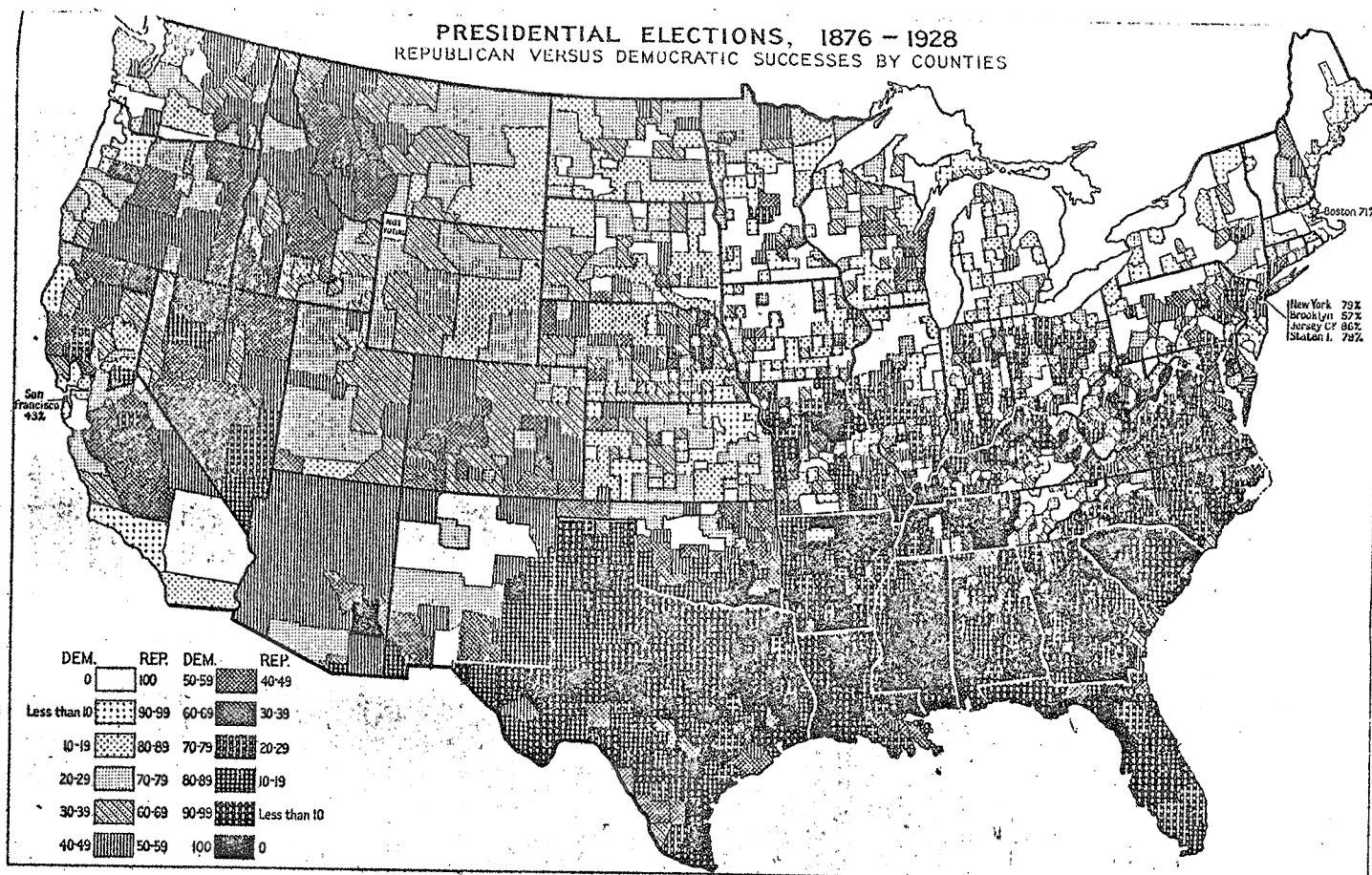
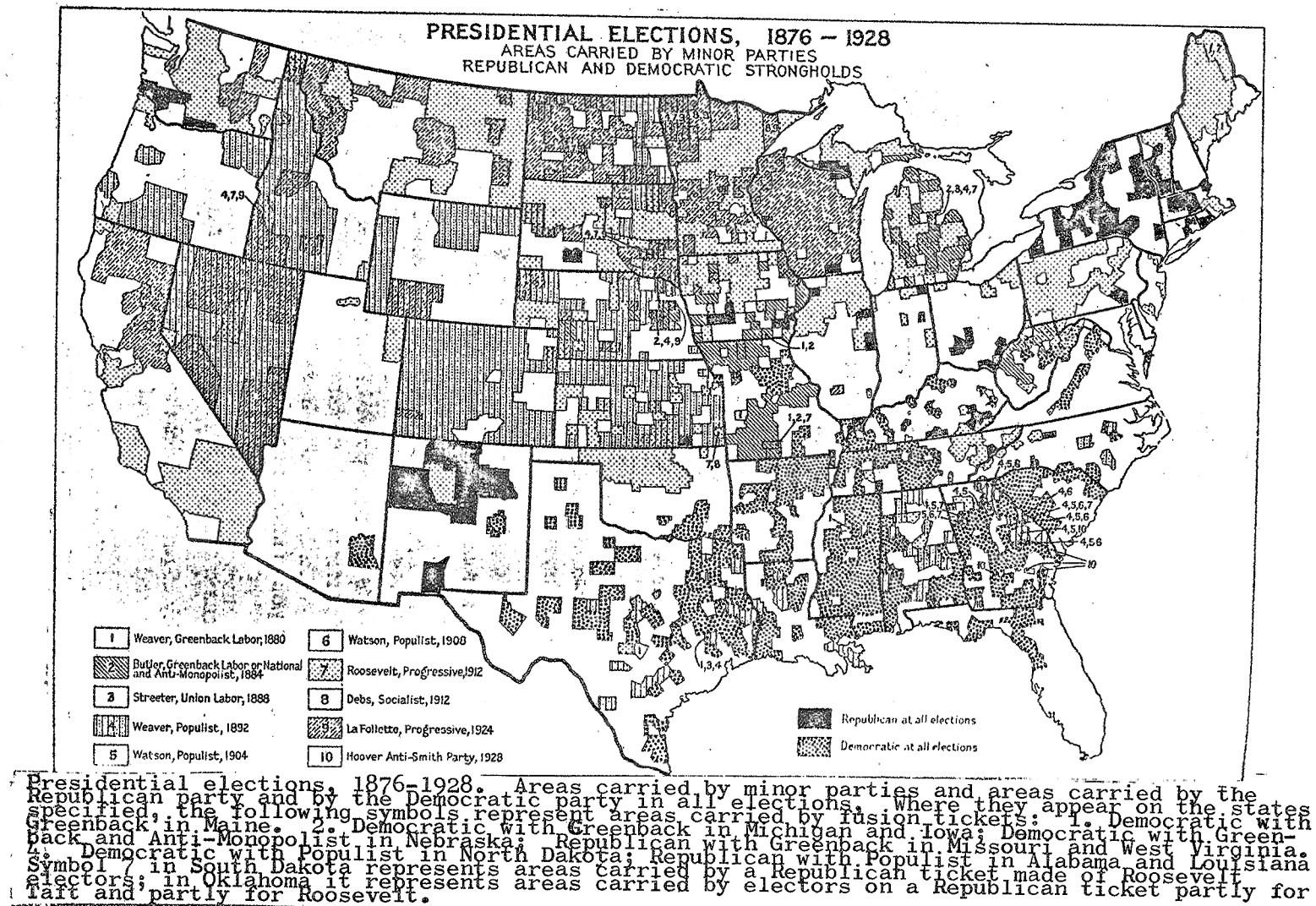


FIG. 2.—Presidential elections, 1876-1928. For all counties 100 per cent represents the total number of presidential elections carried by candidates of the two chief parties during the period. The percentages of this total carried by each party are indicated by the symbols. (This map and Figure 1 were compiled by John Philip of the American Geographical Society from the original drawings for C. O. Paulin: Atlas of the Historical Geography of the United States, New York, 1932, Pls. 107-111.)

Wright 1932

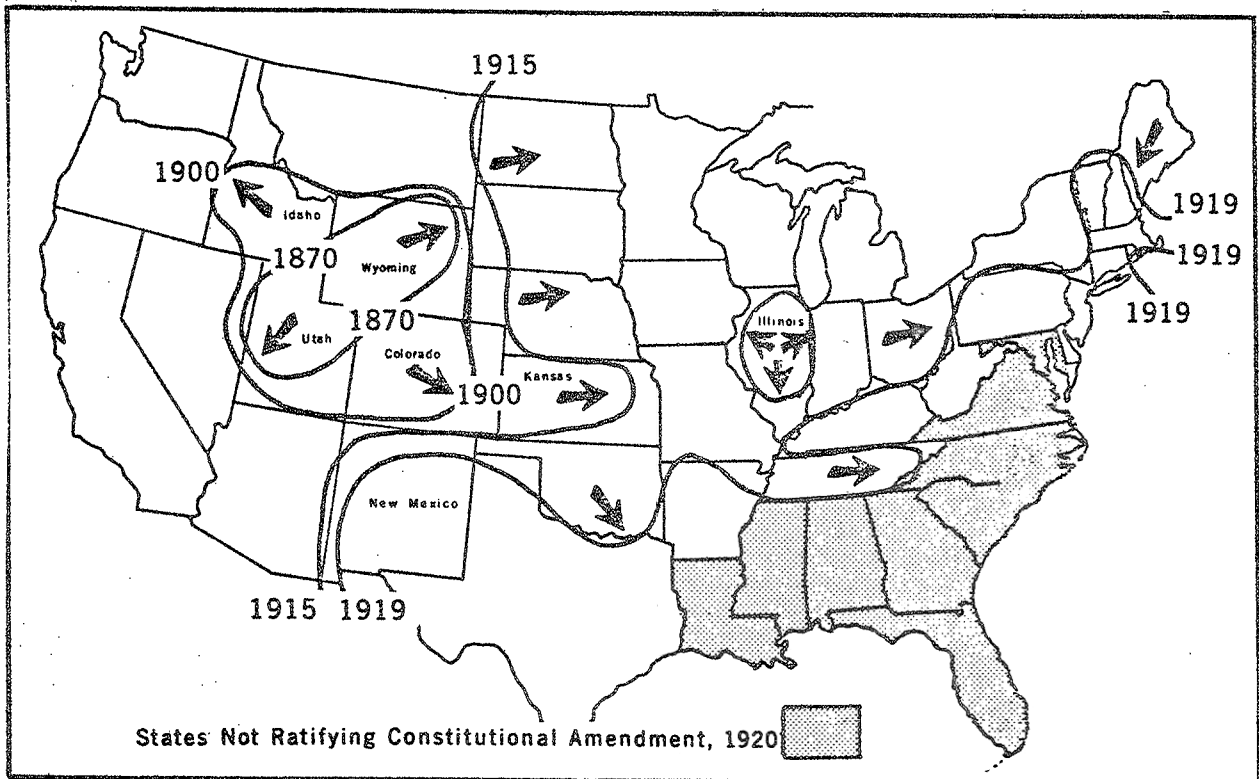


FIGURE 68. Diffusion of presidential suffrage for women, 1870-1920
(adapted from Paullin, 1932)

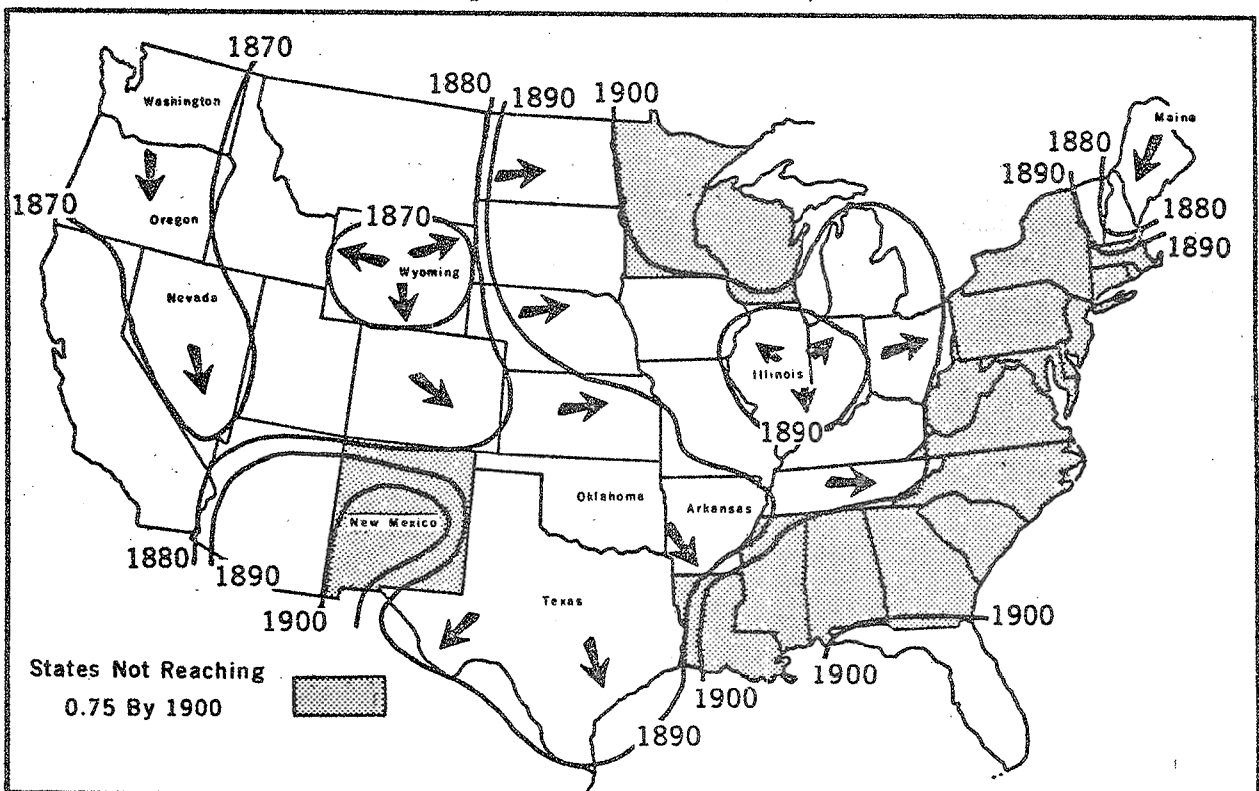
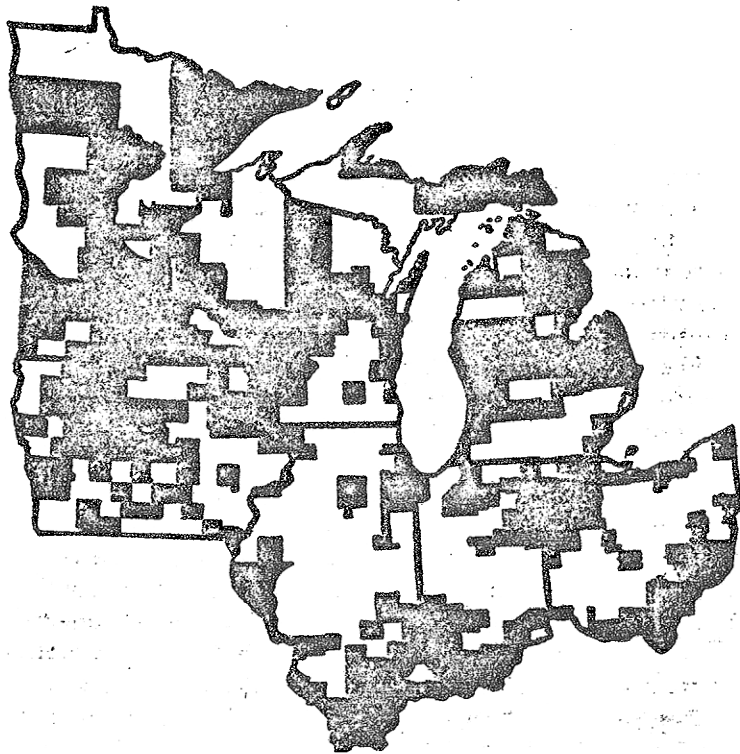
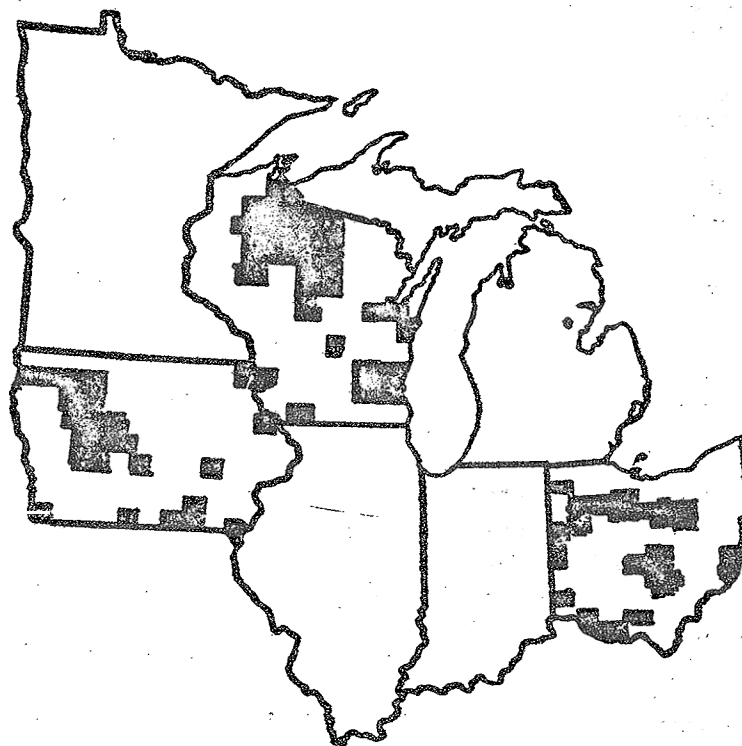


FIGURE 69. Diffusion of divorce reform using the surrogate measure of the date at which rates first exceeded 0.75 per thousand,

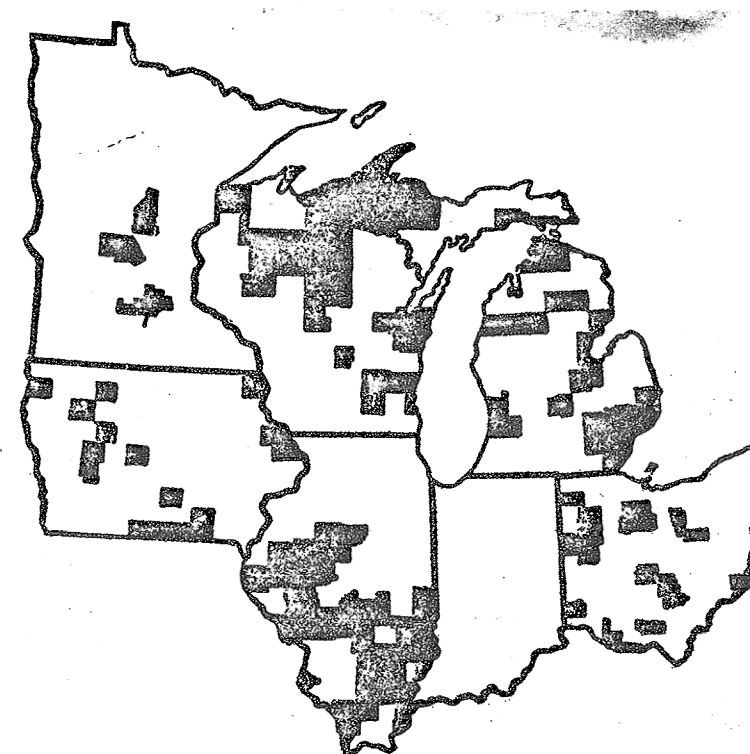
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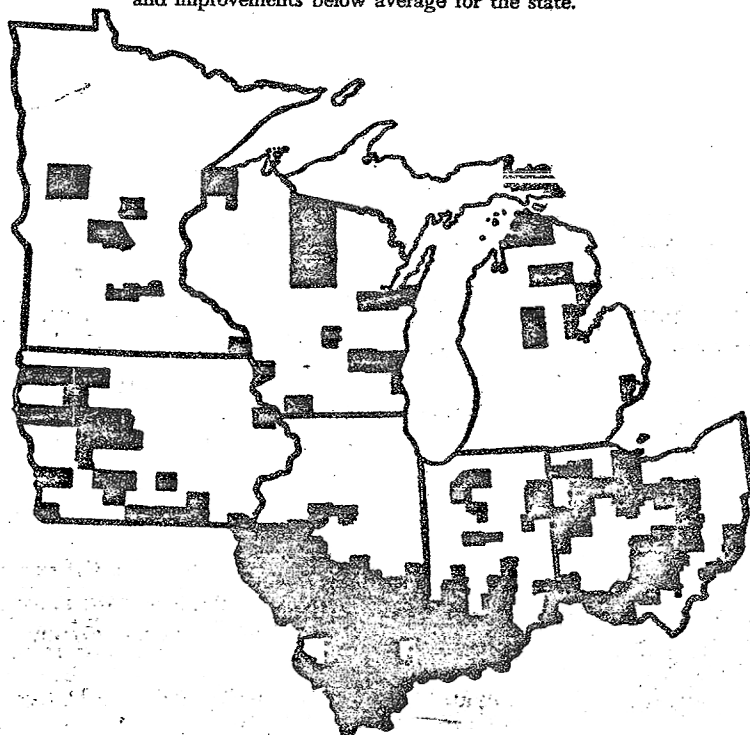
AGRICULTURAL WEALTH, 1860. Black counties—per capita value of land and improvements below average for the state.



ELECTIONS OF 1861. Black counties—50% or more for Democratic candidates for governor in three states.



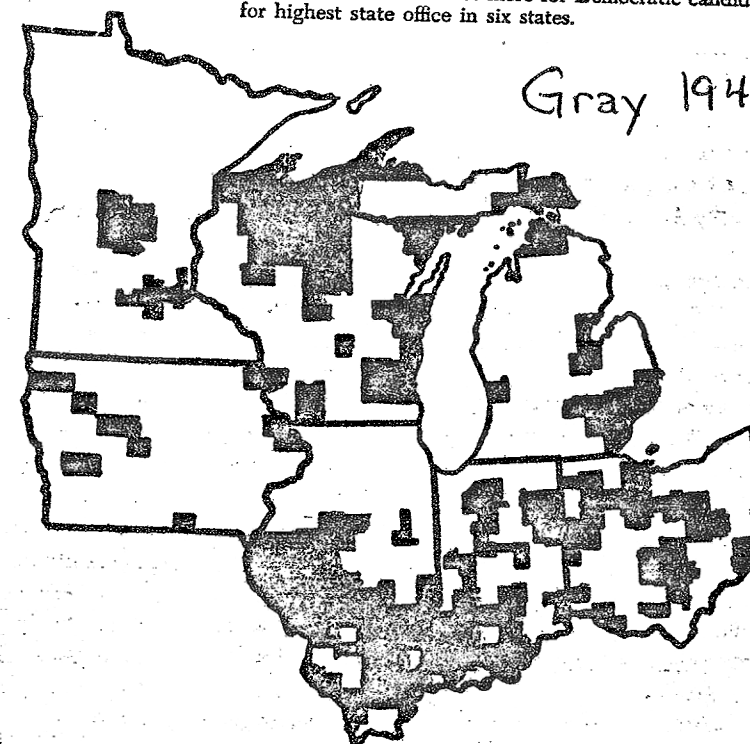
ELECTIONS OF 1863. Black counties—50% or more for Democratic candidates for highest state office in six states.



ELECTION OF 1860. Black counties—50% or more against Lincoln.

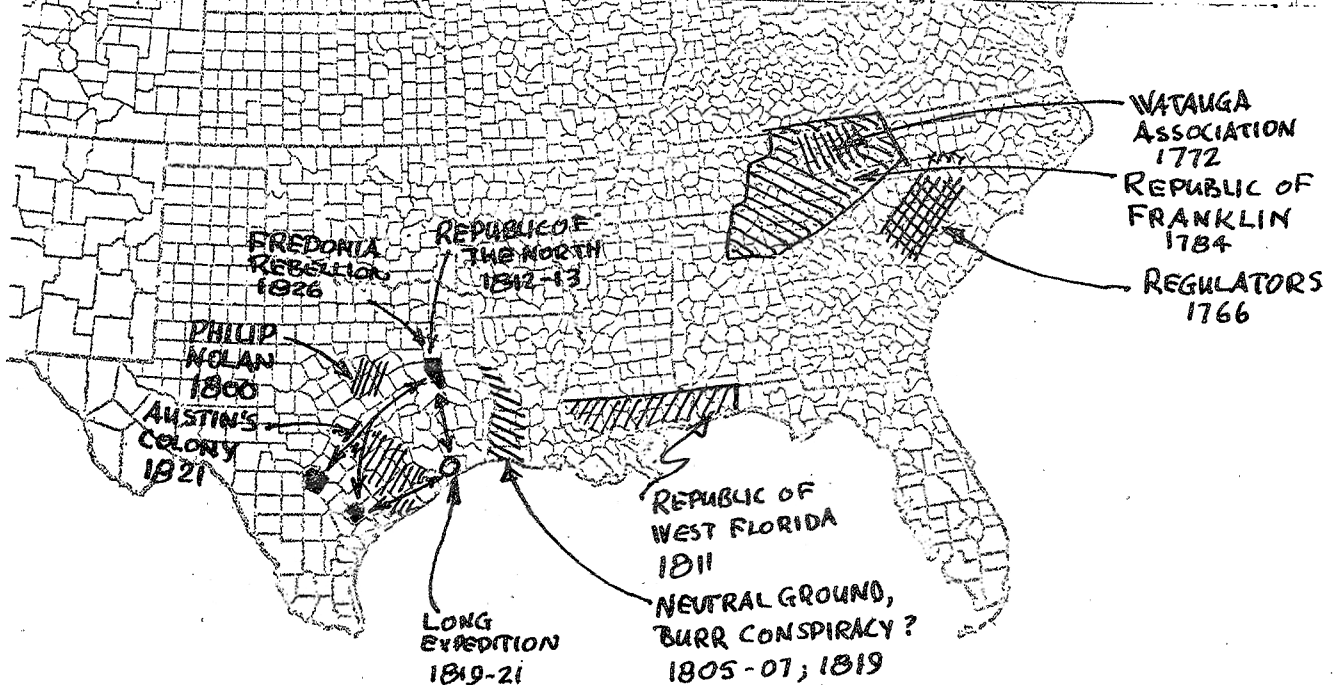
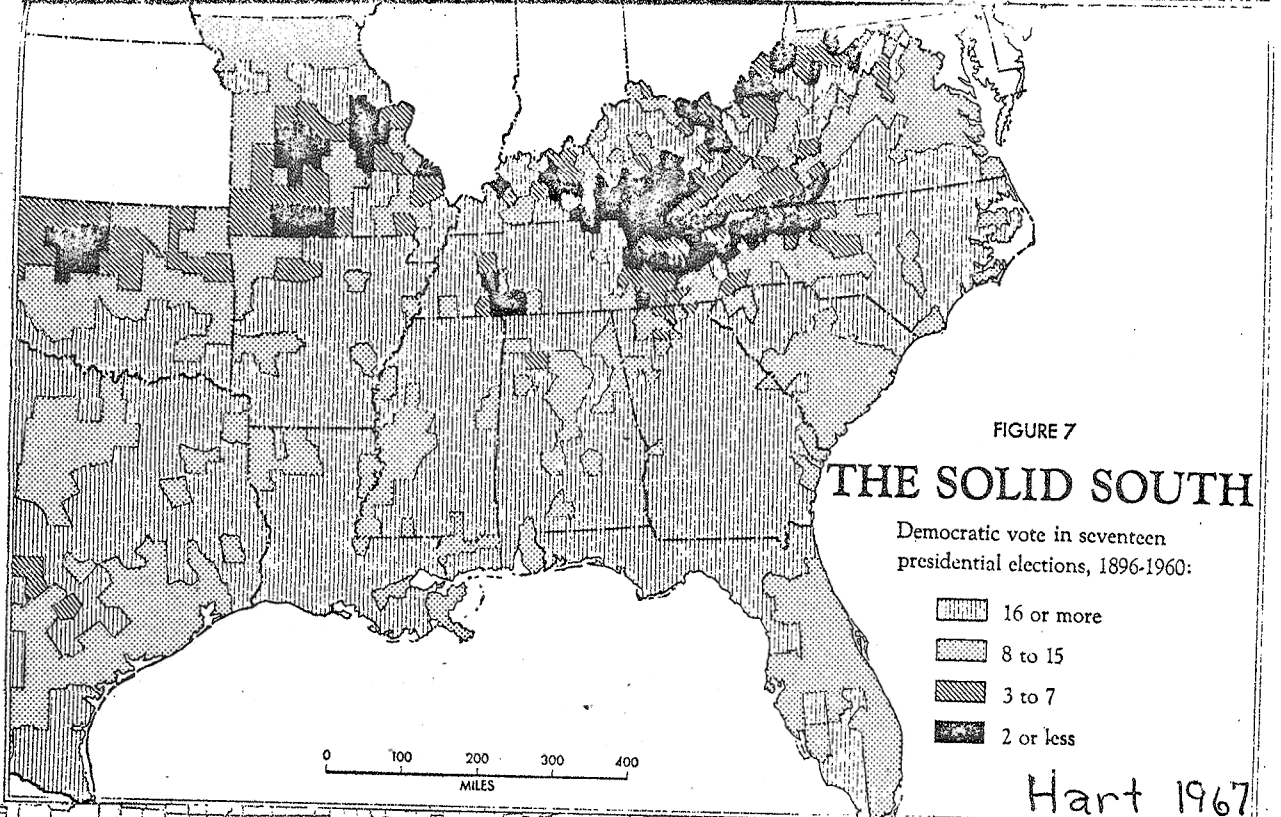
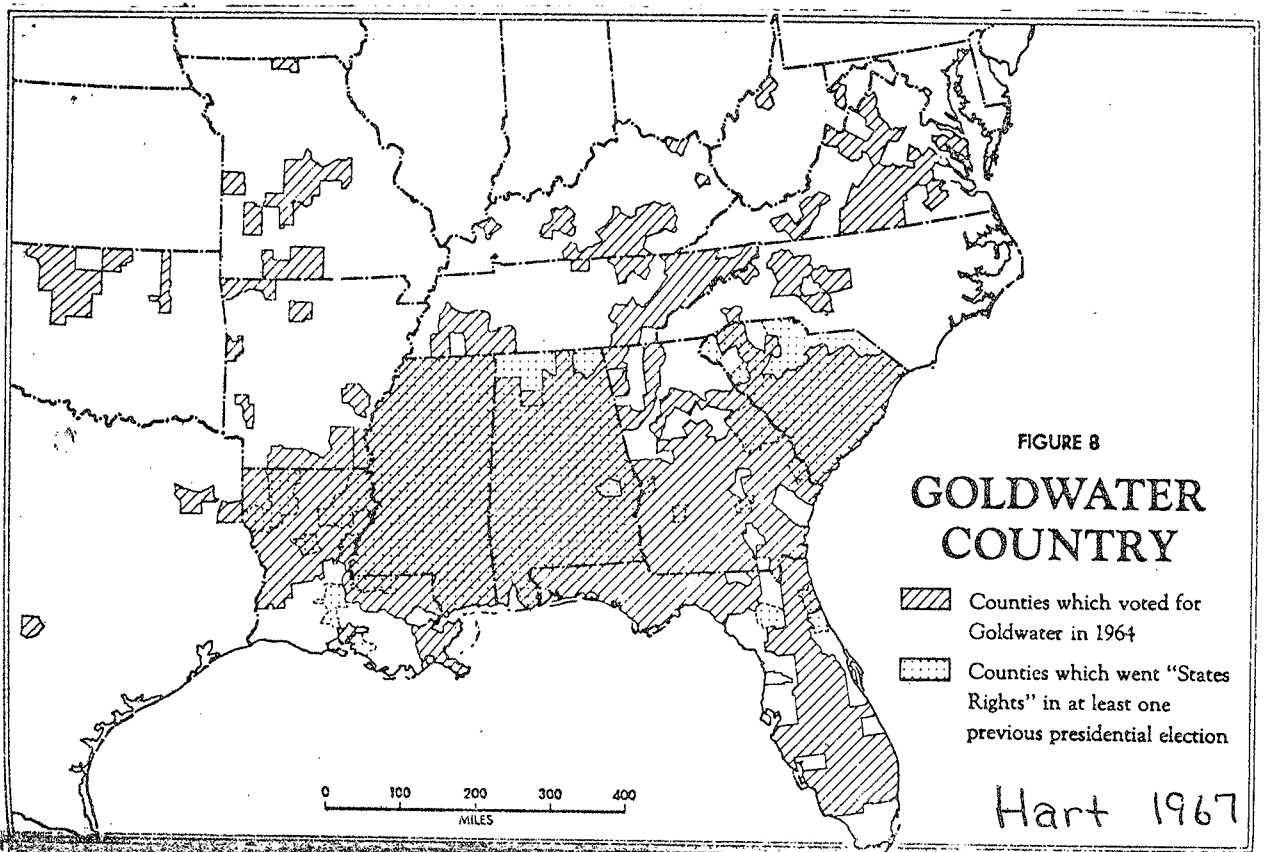


ELECTIONS OF 1862. Black counties—50% or more for Democratic candidates for Congress.

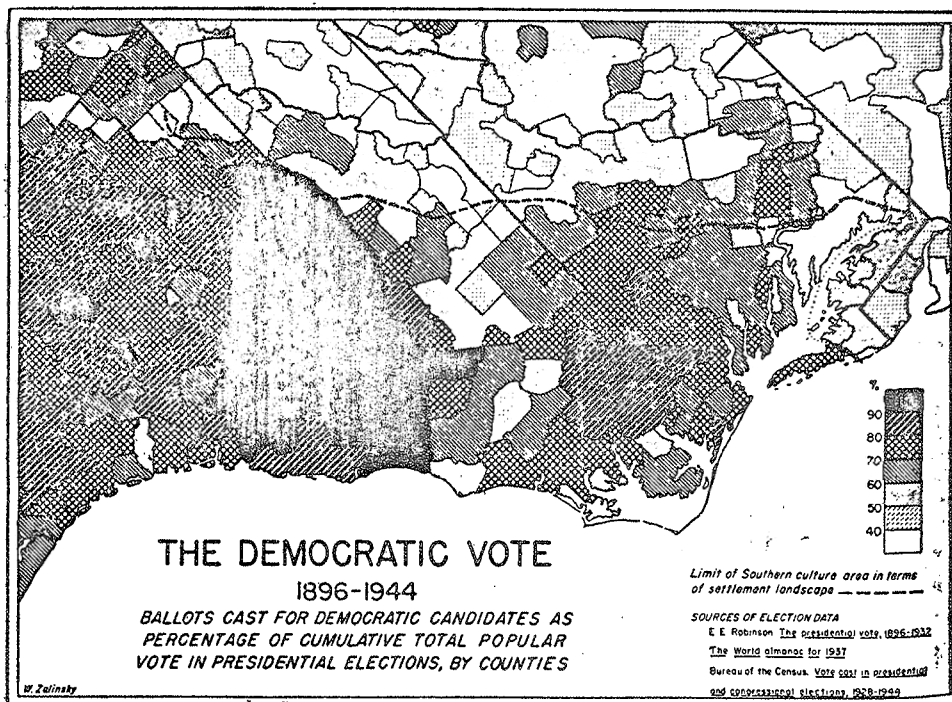


ELECTION OF 1864. Black counties—50% or more for McClellan.

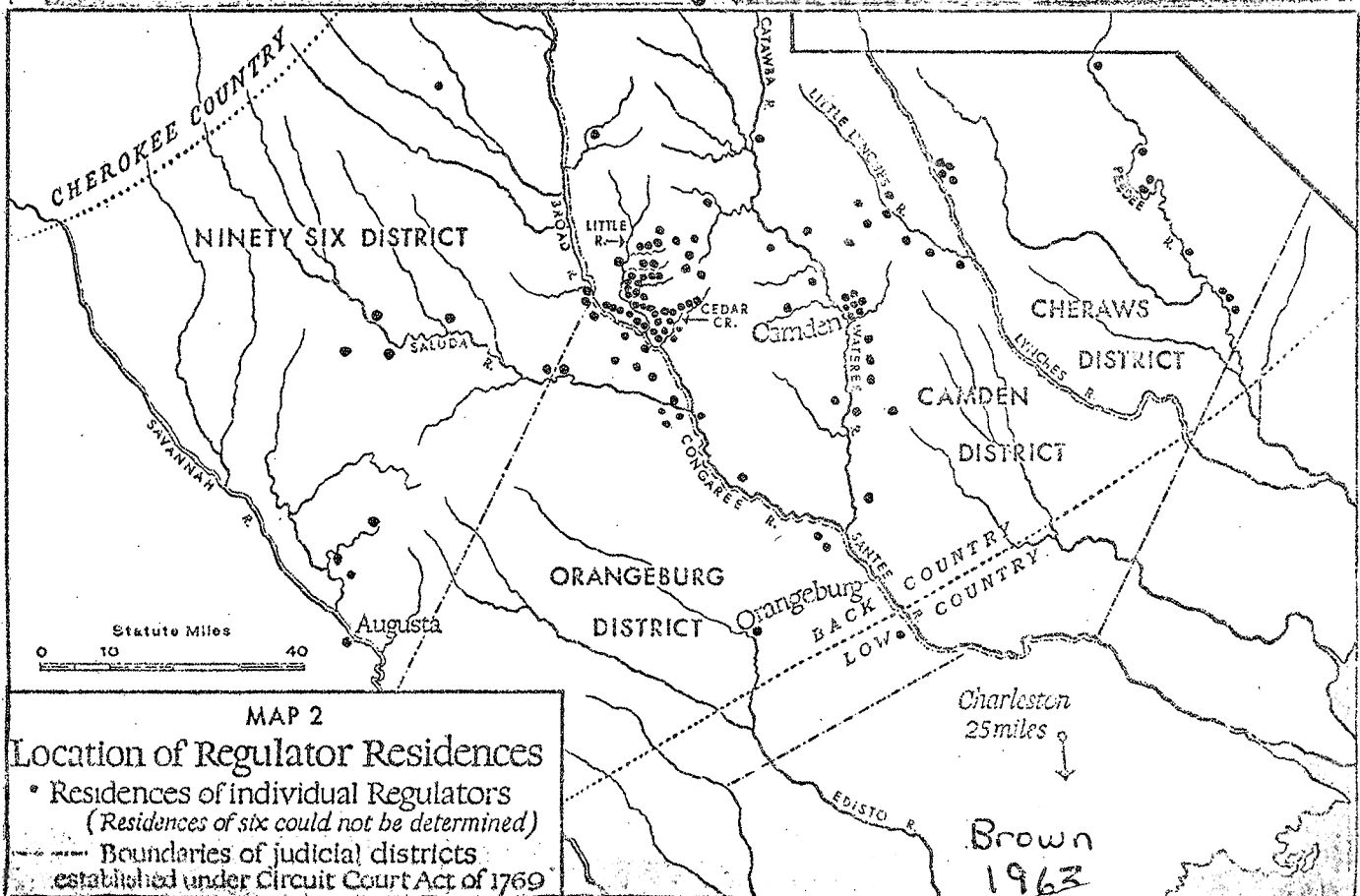
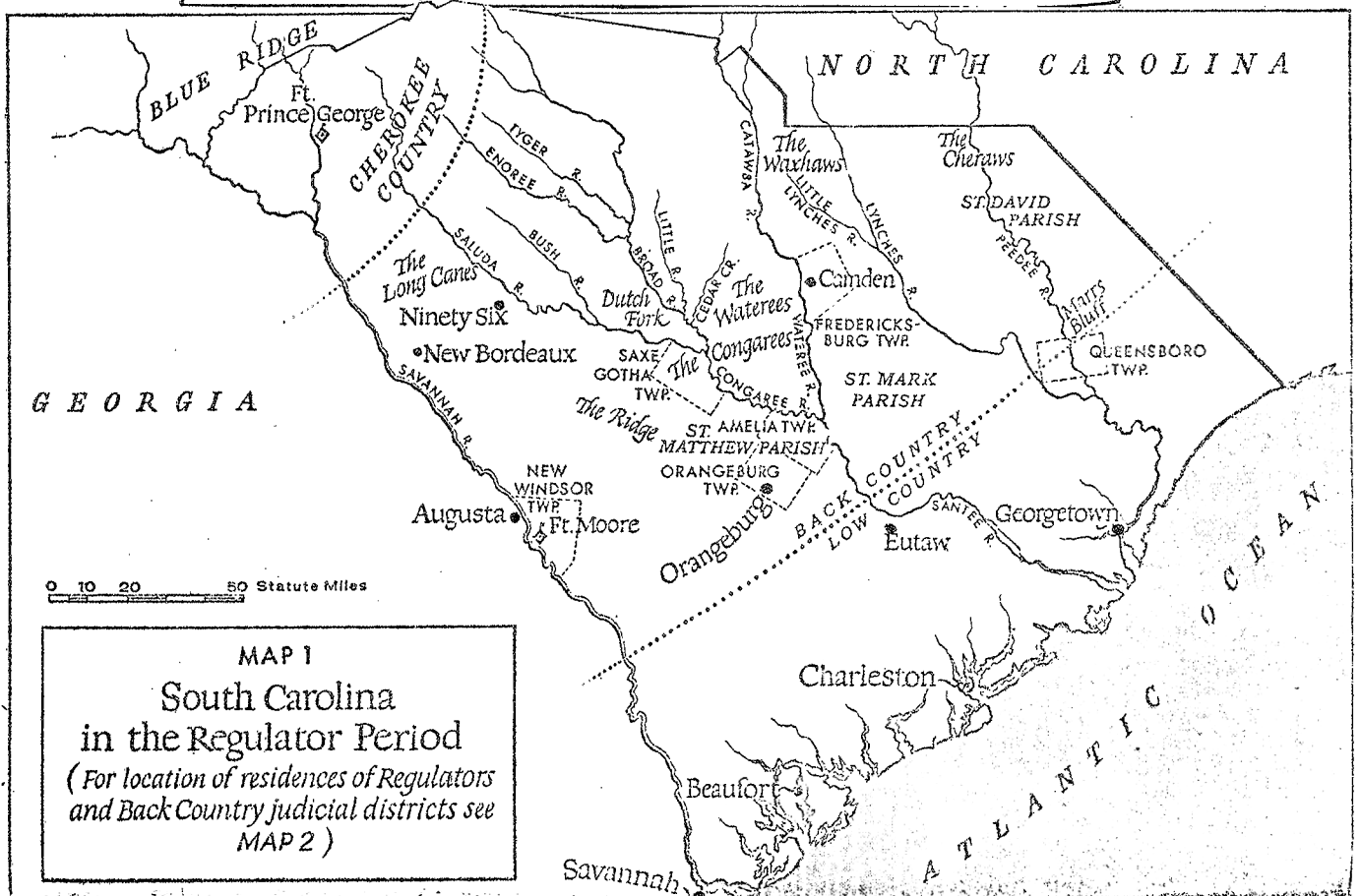
Gray 1942



The Filibustering Movement
(M. Newton 1975.)



Zelinsky
1951



Brown
1963