Annotated Bibliography


This book lists and elaborates on many various states and territories that could have become states as well as some that became states but are not in the form that was originally imagined. While not highly in-depth in the descriptions of the regions, the book gives good information on the areas and gives sources for each that are useful.

This is the main source for the research project. This book is where the initial idea for the project came from and where many of the territories being researched are from. The descriptions and sources for each region are quite valuable in guiding the general research of the project. While the descriptions may not be extensive, they are still detailed enough to act as a good base for the rest of the project.


An older book that acts as a detailed analysis for one of the regions being analyzed – the state of Franklin. The book views the state as a particularly unique moment in the history of the nation. On all accounts this is quite a detailed review of the would-be state from its pre-revolutionary origins to its being combined with other areas to create the state of Tennessee.

For the analysis of Franklin, this book is the main source and is useful for determining how the region would align for voting purposes around the time that this book was published. This book also allows for the region parameters of Franklin to be determined or confirms other sources. Overall it is a highly detailed analysis of the former territory and its place in American history.


This is a journal piece that describes how the state of Jefferson was first proposed and history behind the movement for its possible statehood. The piece focuses mainly on how the region began to express near autonomy and how this was crushed by the attack at Pearl Harbor. An older piece but it was written at a point when the state of Jefferson had been very close to reaching statehood and therefore holds good detail on the history and overview of the situation.

This piece is actually one of the more informative sources for the project due to how well the state of Jefferson and its views are described. The geographic boundaries are well defined by the author and will be quite useful for the project to determine its location. The political views of the area at the time of the writing are also well stated and will be useful in determining which way the voting would go on issues.

This book is an overview of the Dakota Territory from its joining of the United States to its carving into various Midwestern states. It is the oldest source for the project but its being written near the time of the territory’s statehood gives more insight of the views of statehood in that period. The book also gives detail to the geographic borders of the territory and what areas it makes up today.

This book’s primary use in the project is to determine the location of the territory compared to today’s borders in the area. However, the book also gives detail to the thinking of the people who lived in the region at the turn of the century, when the project’s political aspect begins. While it is an old source, it works well with the project as a base for facts on the territory.


Chapter 6 of this book details the Mohawk Nation’s push for recognized nationhood that would be similar to receiving statehood. The author describes issues with an indigenous people gaining a position similar to statehood especially given historical precedent. Beyond this however, the author describes the nationalism among the Mohawk people and describes the areas that they chiefly inhabit.

The chapter of the book dealing with the Mohawk presents their situation well and its description of their history of nationhood movement will be useful in describing the history of the nation’s statehood push. The book also gives some details to the areas inhabited by the Mohawk which will be useful in establishing the region which would make up the state.


A solid journal piece that analyzes the District of Columbia’s current position as a territory and the events led to its statehood predicament. The article focuses chiefly on what evidence supports statehood status for D.C. and what should be done going forward to reach statehood. While a relatively old piece, the subject and arguments hold true today as D.C. statehood is still a debated subject.

This piece is mainly going to be used to give the overview and analysis behind what has been keeping the District from becoming a state and its current situation. To a lesser extent it will be used to help determine how the voting districts would work if it were to be a state.

A journal piece that evaluates the controversy surrounding Puerto Rico’s current commonwealth status that puts it in similar straits with D.C. The article analyzes the rising movement in favor of an elevated status that is being held back by a slightly larger movement to keep its current standing. The piece also states various solutions to the issue and is a rather good overview of the situation as it currently stands following the 2012 vote.

For obvious reasons this piece is the basis for the research behind Puerto Rico’s statehood push. The piece will be most useful in detailing the history of Puerto Rico’s statehood movement as well as how the territory would vote on certain issues for the political section of the project. The paper is one of the better sources in that it is suited quite well to the purposes of the research project.

Further Sources

Other State Sources


Population Data


Presidential Vote Results


Congressional Vote Results


Image Sources


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