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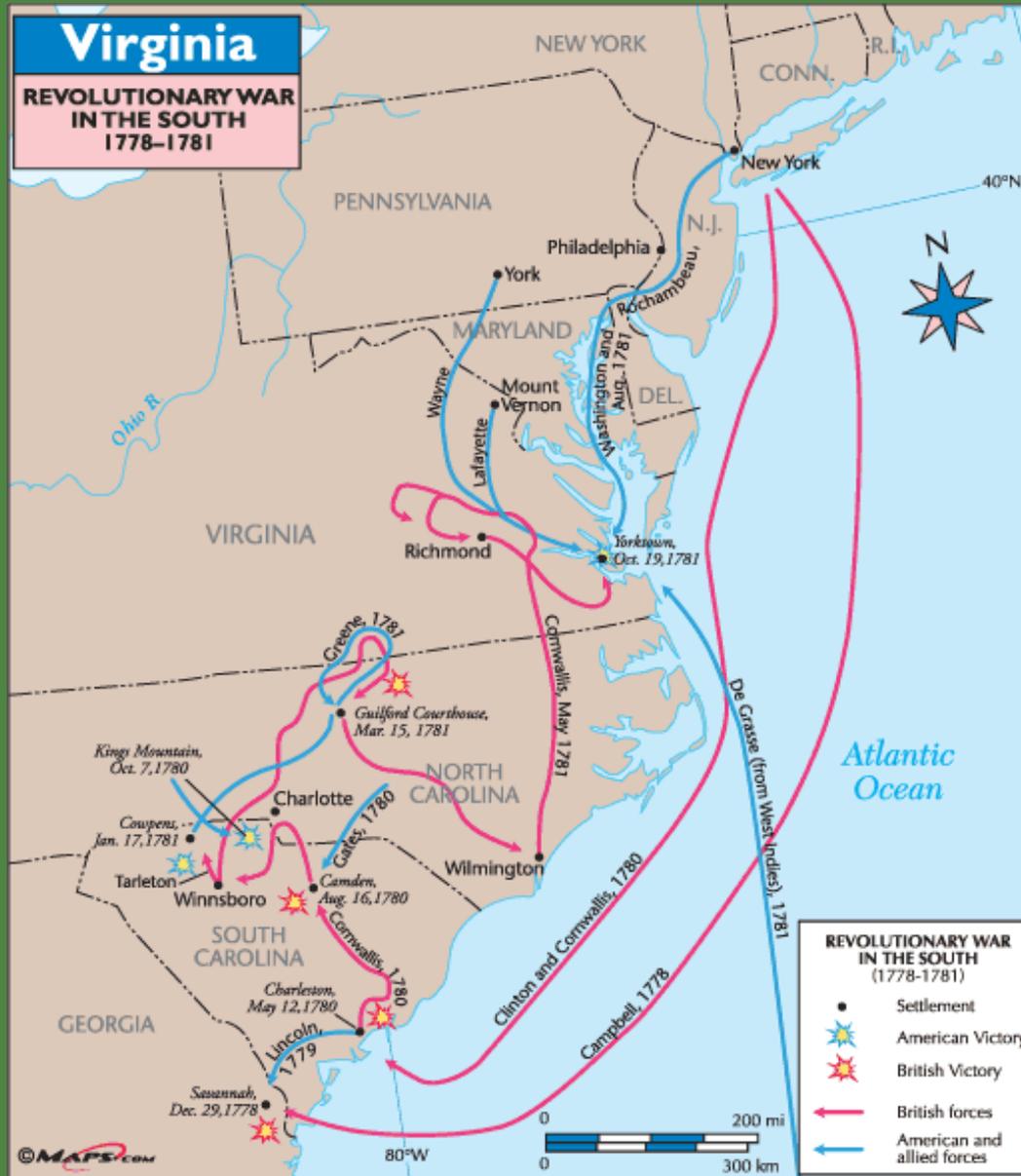
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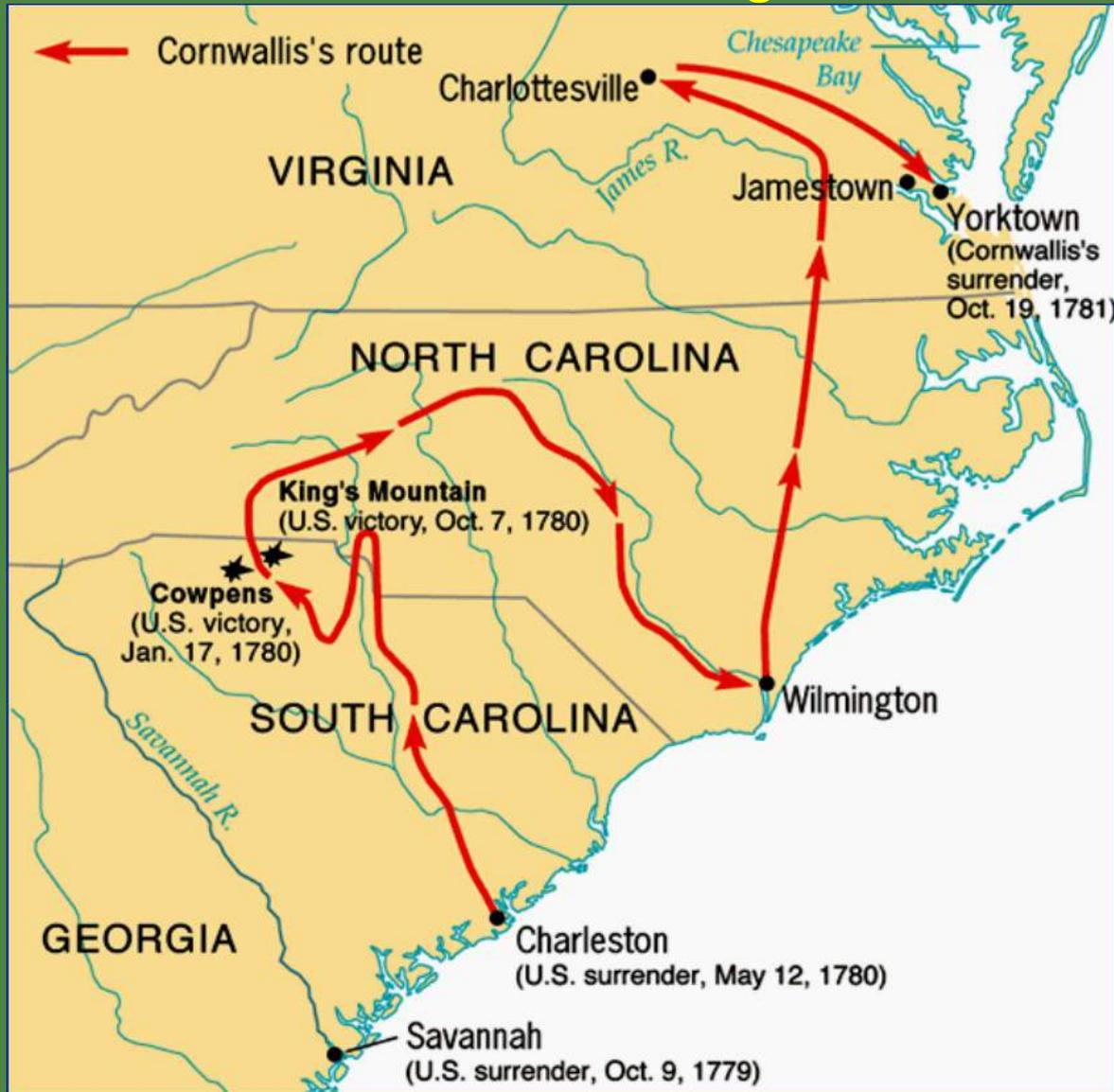
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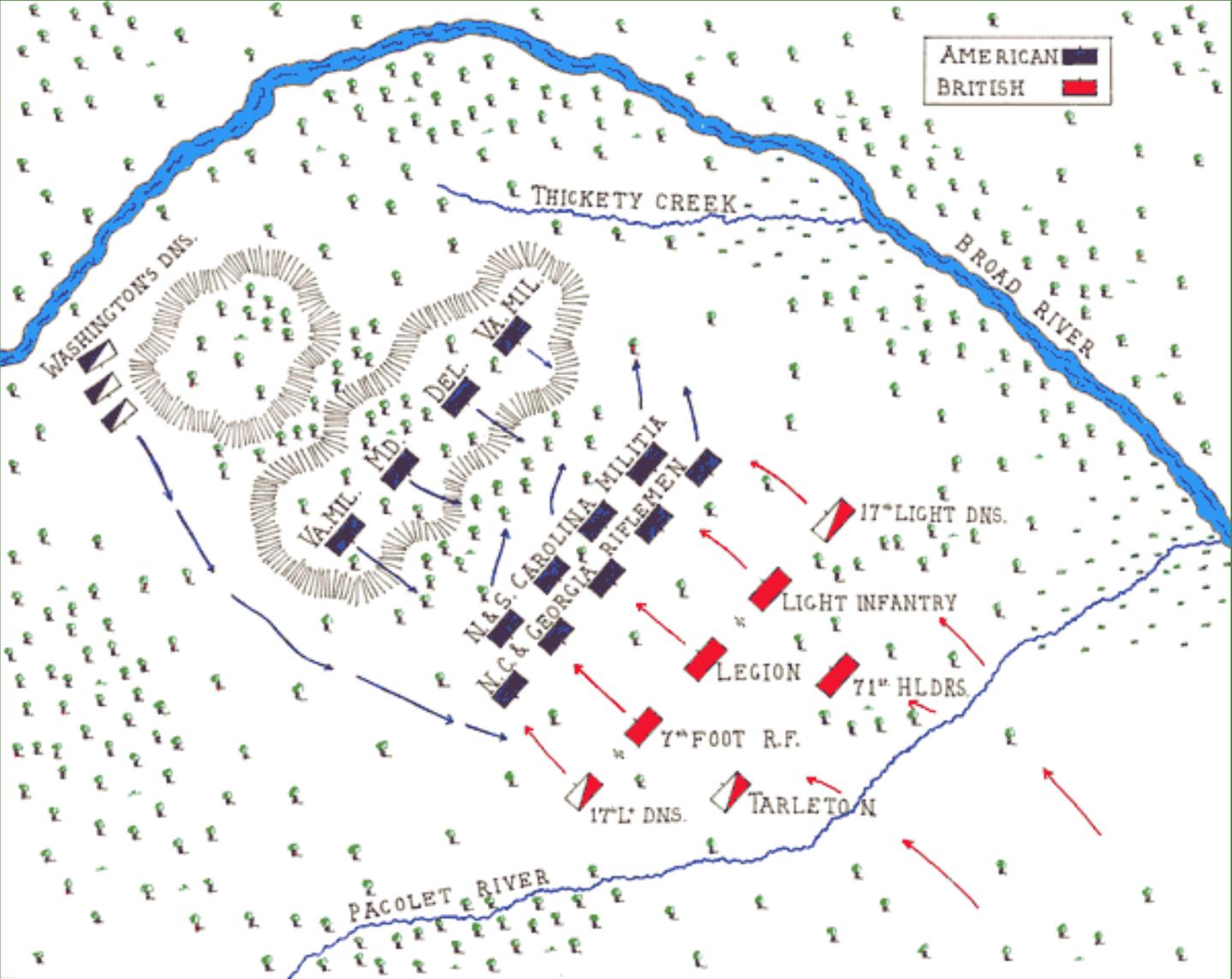
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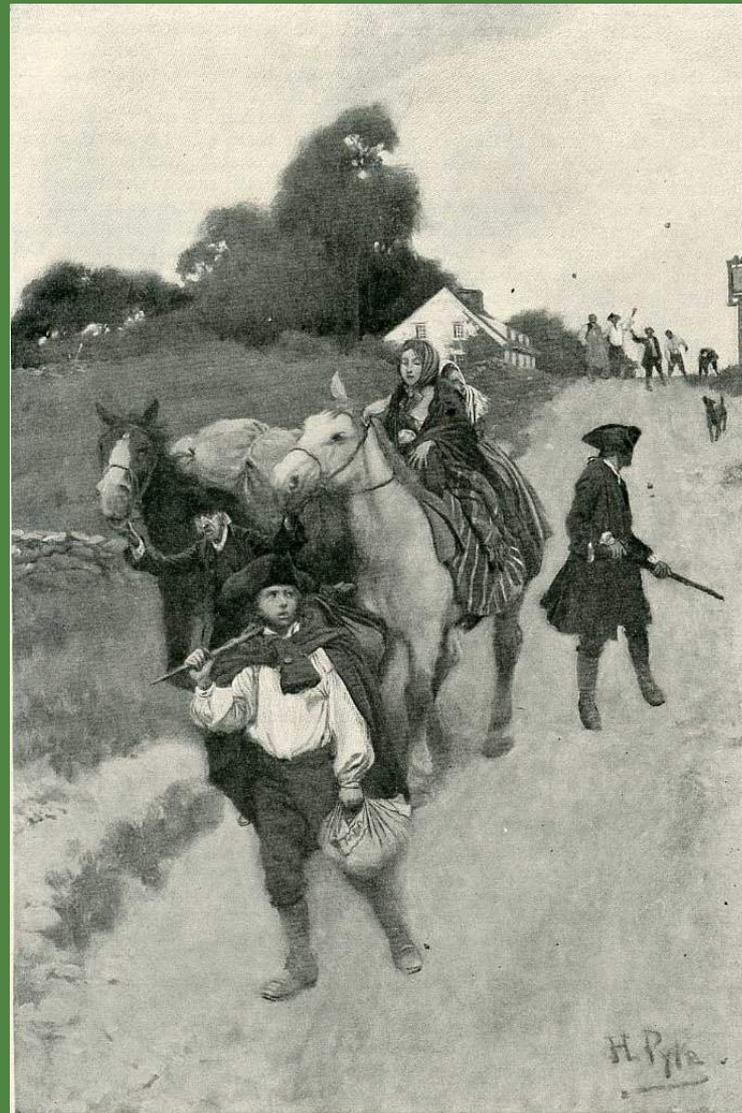
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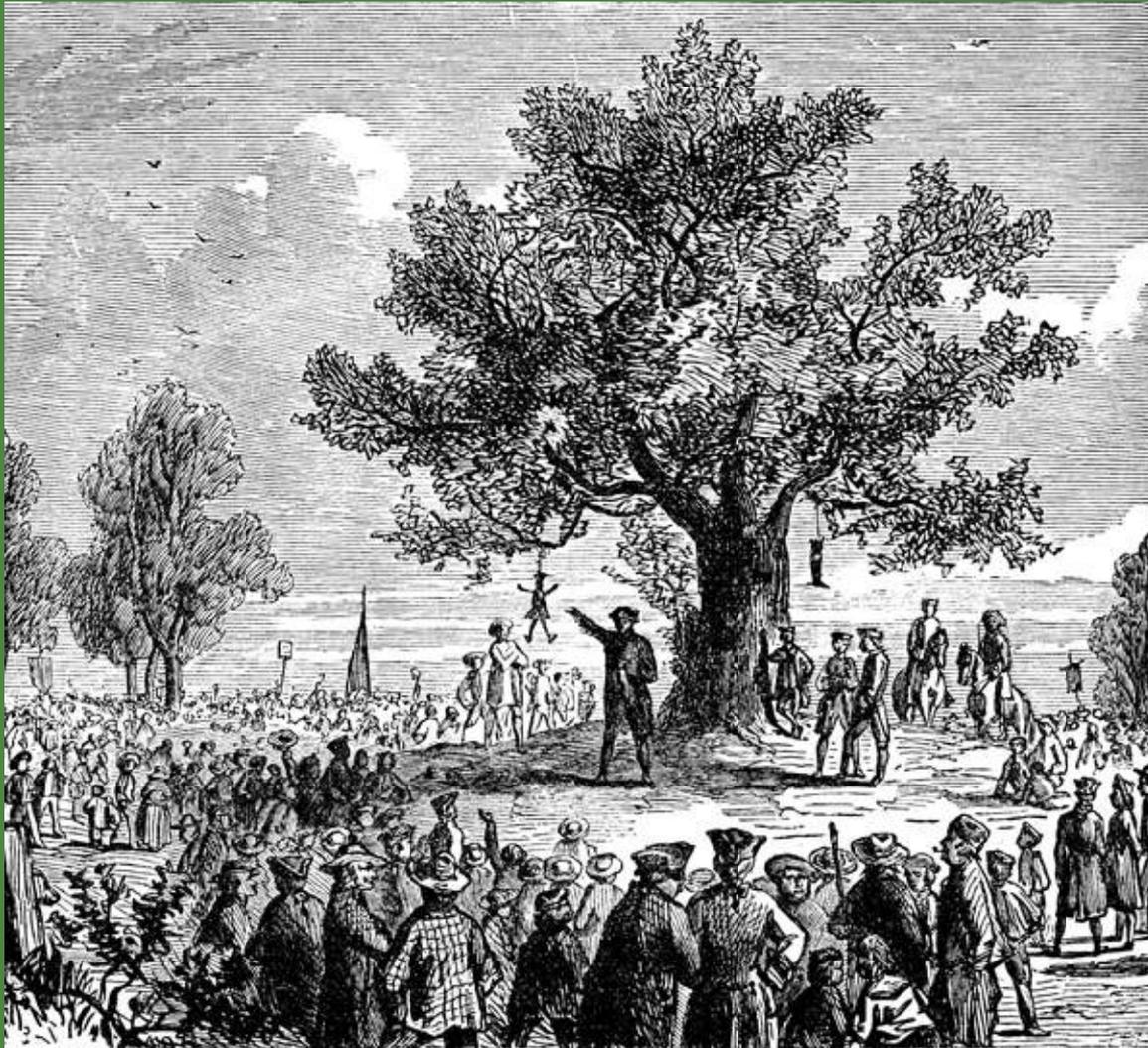
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People to Meet

On September 25, 1780, Sycamore Shoals, then North Carolina, now Tennessee, served as the staging area for the Overmountain men, the frontier militia that crossed the mountains to defeat British Loyalists at the Battle of Kings Mountain. This image, created by Lloyd Branson in 1915 is titled *Gathering of Overmountain men at Sycamore Shoals*. This image is courtesy of washingtoncountyregiment.wordpress.com.

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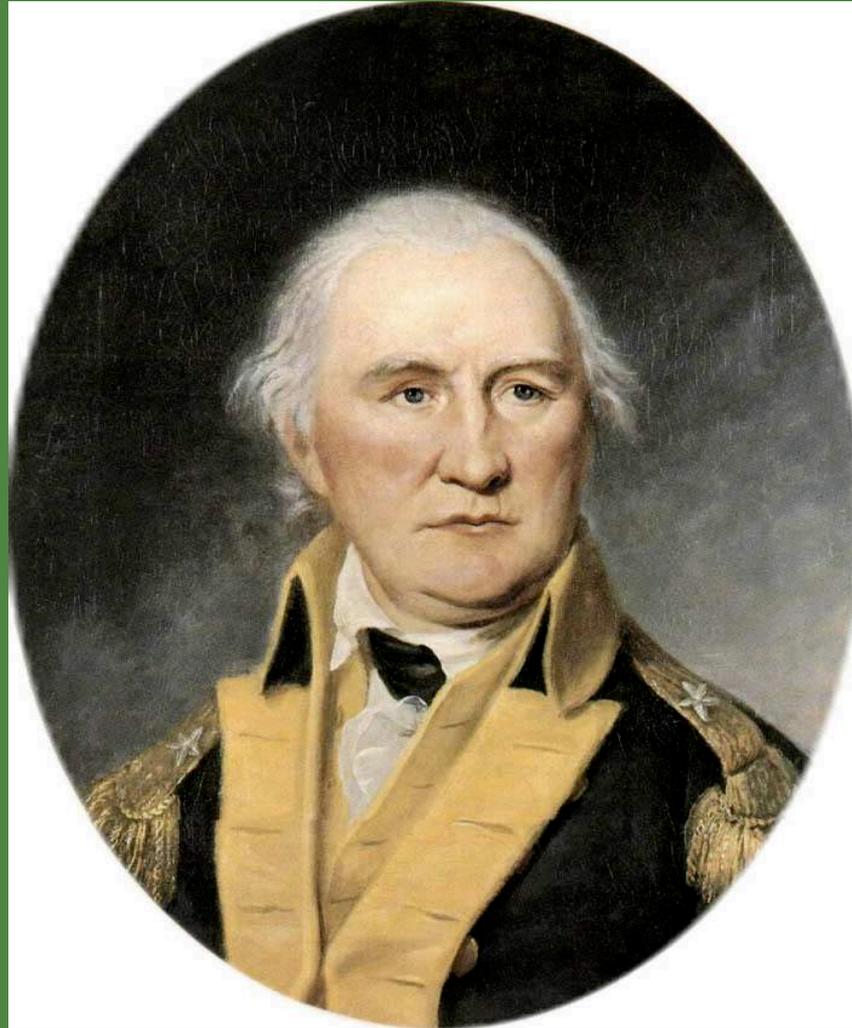
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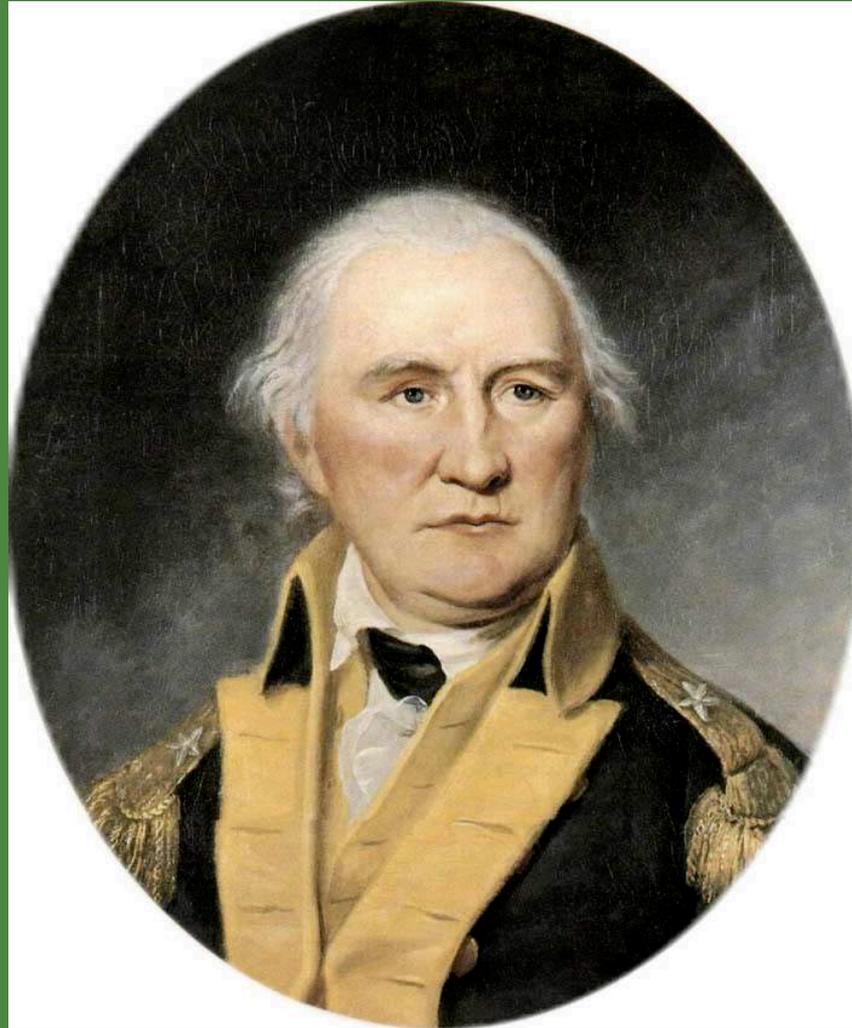
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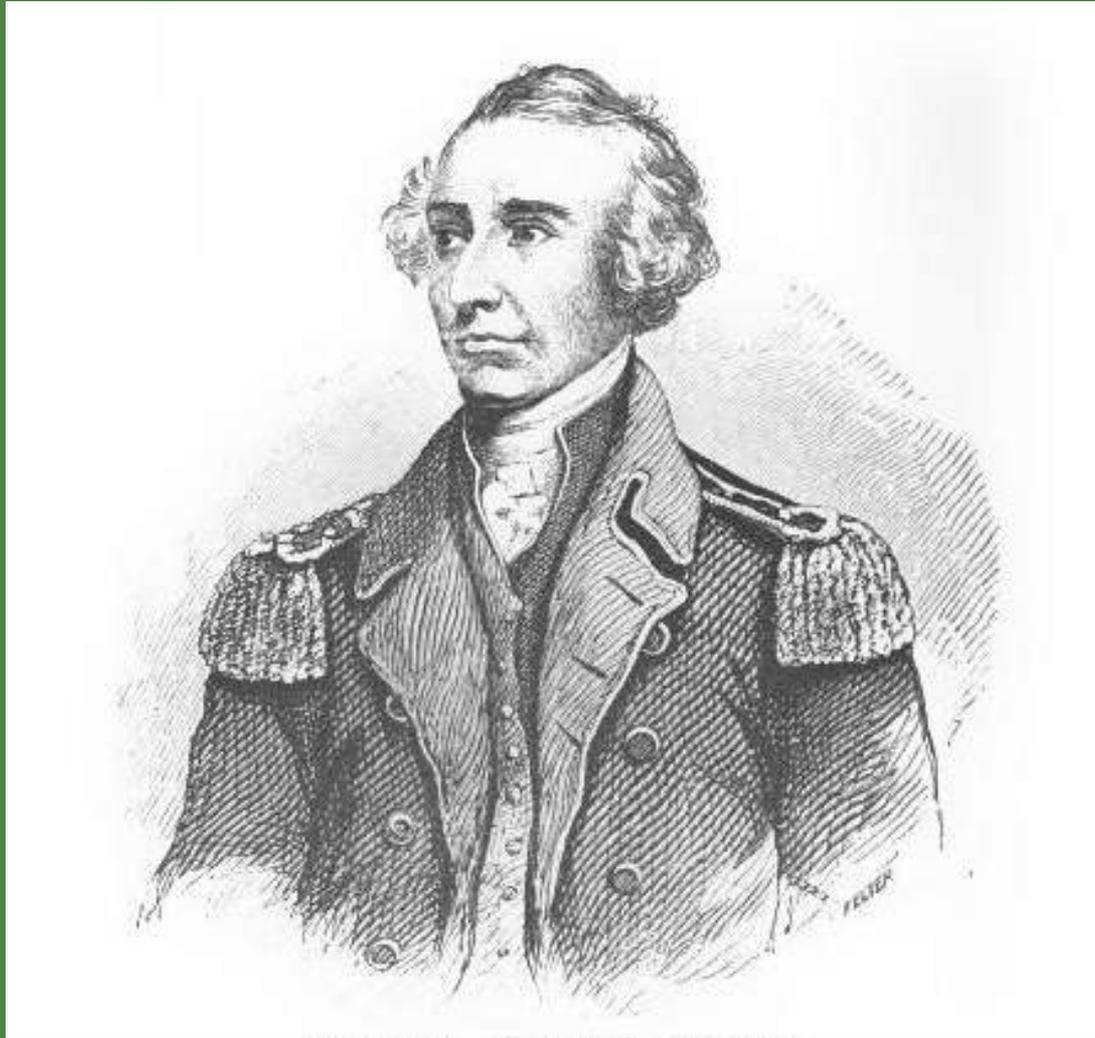
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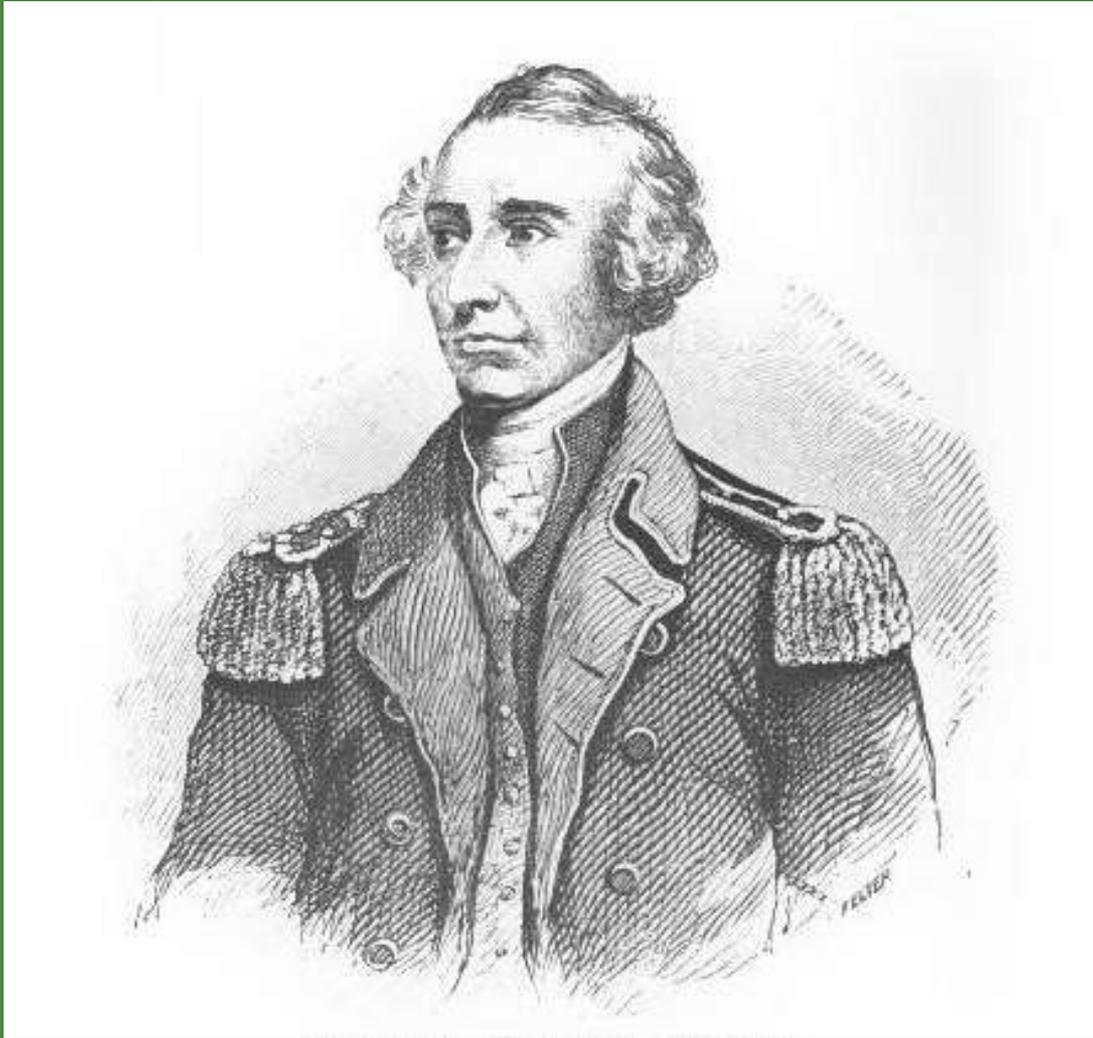
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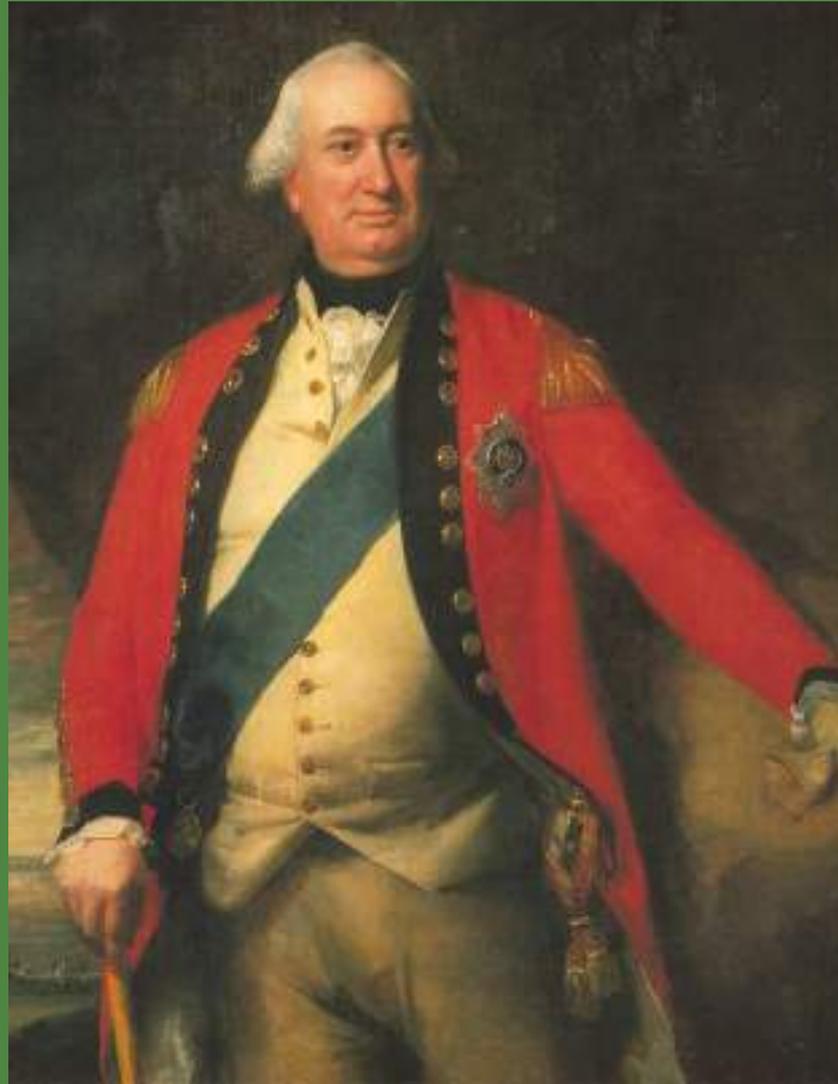
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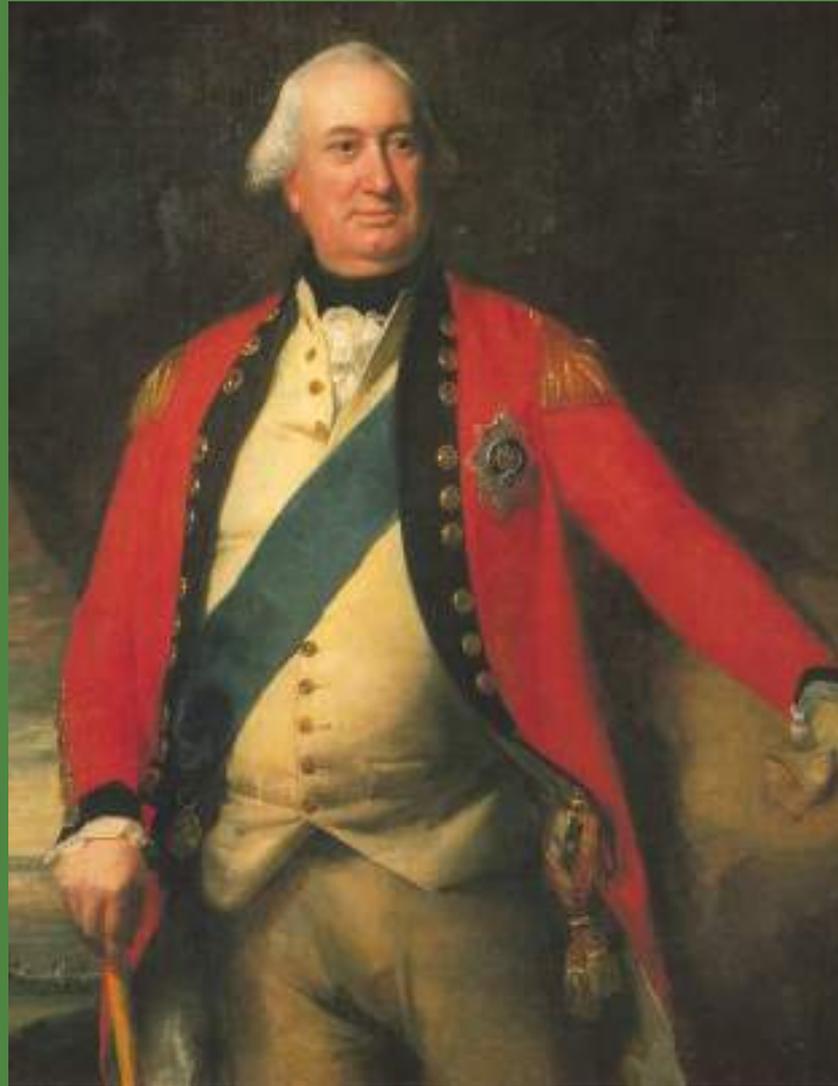
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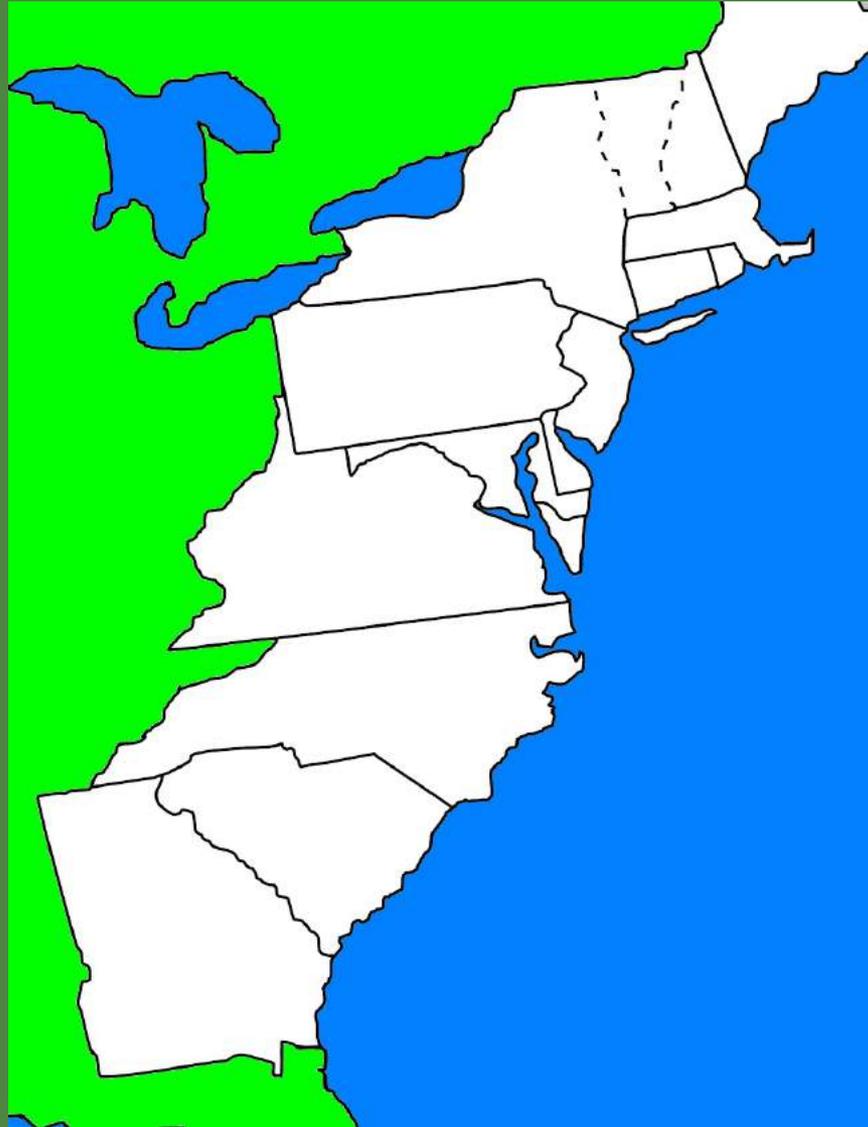
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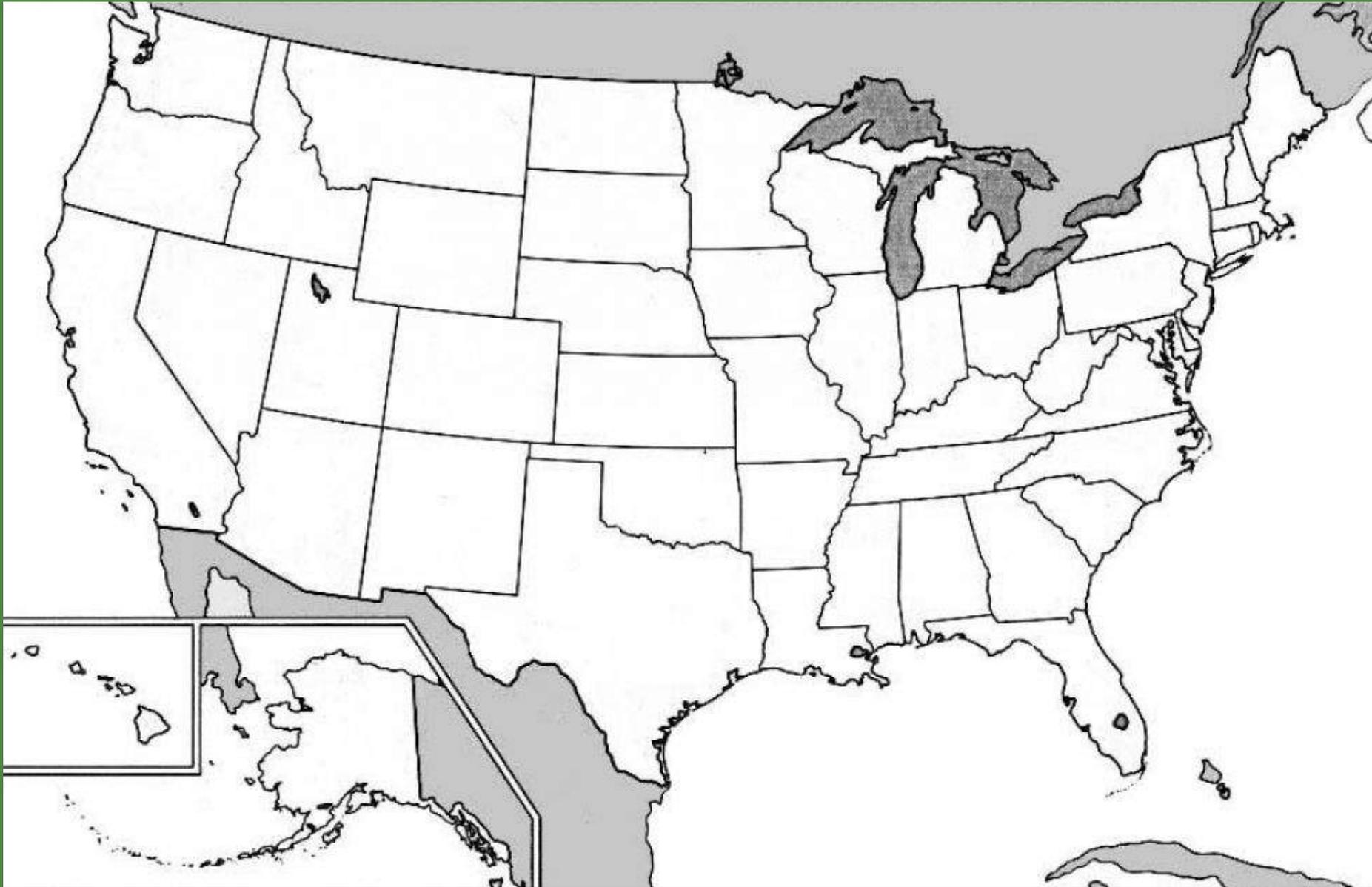This map shows the present boundaries of the states. The image is courtesy of the University of Texas.

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