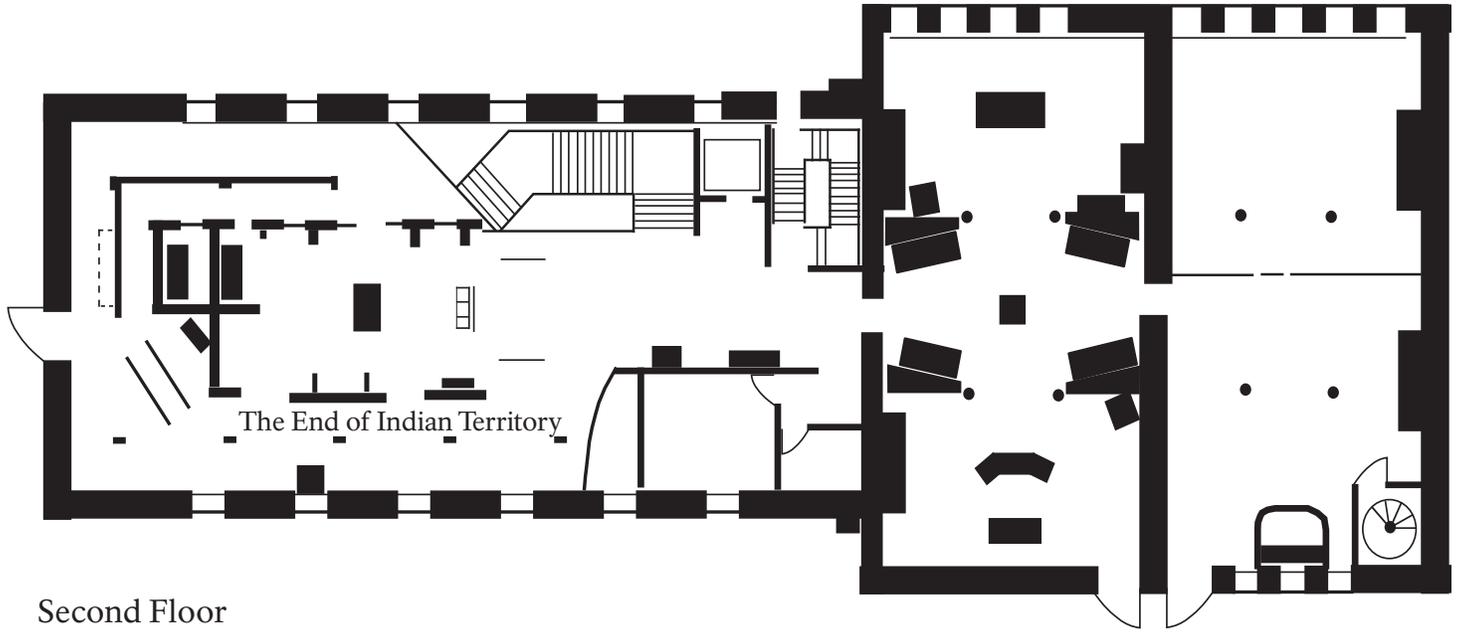


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## The End of Indian Territory

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Who were the Boomers and what did they do?

### *The End of Indian Territory*

Who was the Boomer leader?

### *The End of Indian Territory*

Why do you think the Boomers wanted to settle on Indian lands?

*Economic Invasion of Indian Territory*

What kind of technology brought change to the Indian Territory and how do you think American Indian's lives were effected?

*Reassigning Tribal Land*

What did congress do when the tribes did not agree to land allotment and what do you think about their actions?

*Breaking apart the Indian Territory*

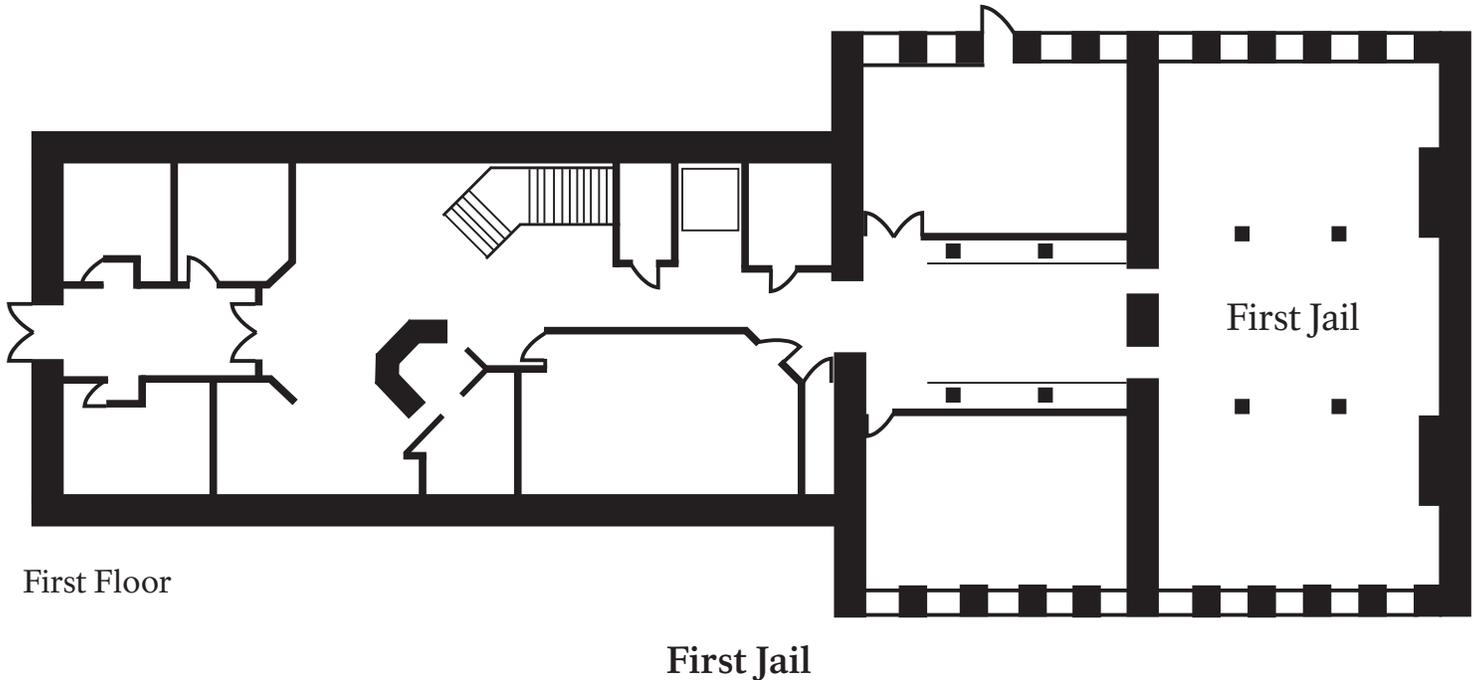
What was the 1887 act that destroyed tribal sovereignty and how did it accomplish this?

*Breaking apart the Indian Territory*

How do you think loss of tribal soverenty and the large emmigrant population from the United States affected the life and culture of American Indians?

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Answer the questions below and be ready to share what you discovered with members of your group.

*Hell on the Border*

Who was the journalist who criticized the jail and what did she say about it?

*Hell on the Border*

How many people could the jail hold?

*Go into the jail for the remaining questions*

The buckets in the fireplace on the left were the toilets, and the place to clean up was in the fireplace on the right. There is also a barrel for water with one cup to drink from. Visitors and lawyers would meet with the prisoners by standing in the room with the iron door. What needs to be done to make this a proper jail?

How much privacy do you think a prisoner had? Is that good or bad? Please explain.

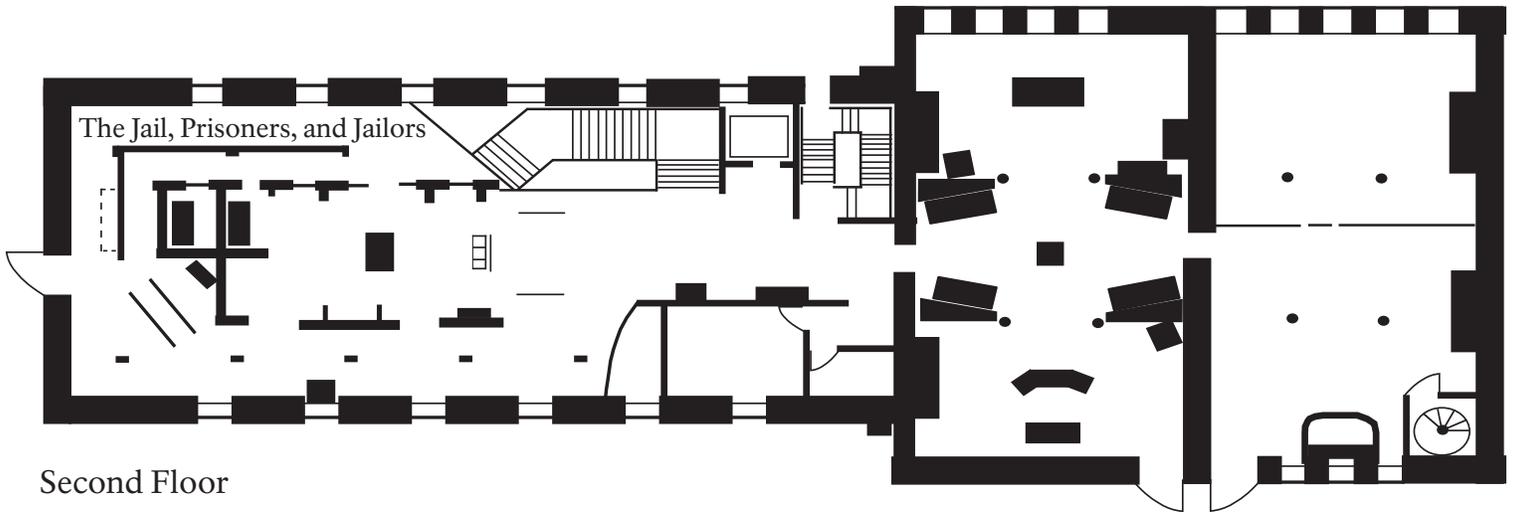
Do you think a lawyer and the person they are representing should have privacy? Explain your answer.

What do you think this jail needs changed to make it a better place.  
*(Air conditioning and heat do not count).*

How should people in jail be treated? Remember, not all of the people in jail have been found guilty yet and may be innocent.

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## The Jail, Prisoners, and Jailors

Answer the questions below and be ready to share what you discovered with members of your group.

### *The Jailors of Fort Smith*

Explain who the men on the stairs are, what they do, and why they are wearing uniforms?

### *Life in an Iron Cage*

Consider the number of prisoners that were in jail and describe what you think life was like for prisoners.

### *Making a Break For it*

How did some prisoners escape?

*Making a Break For it*

What kinds of things were smuggled into the jail?

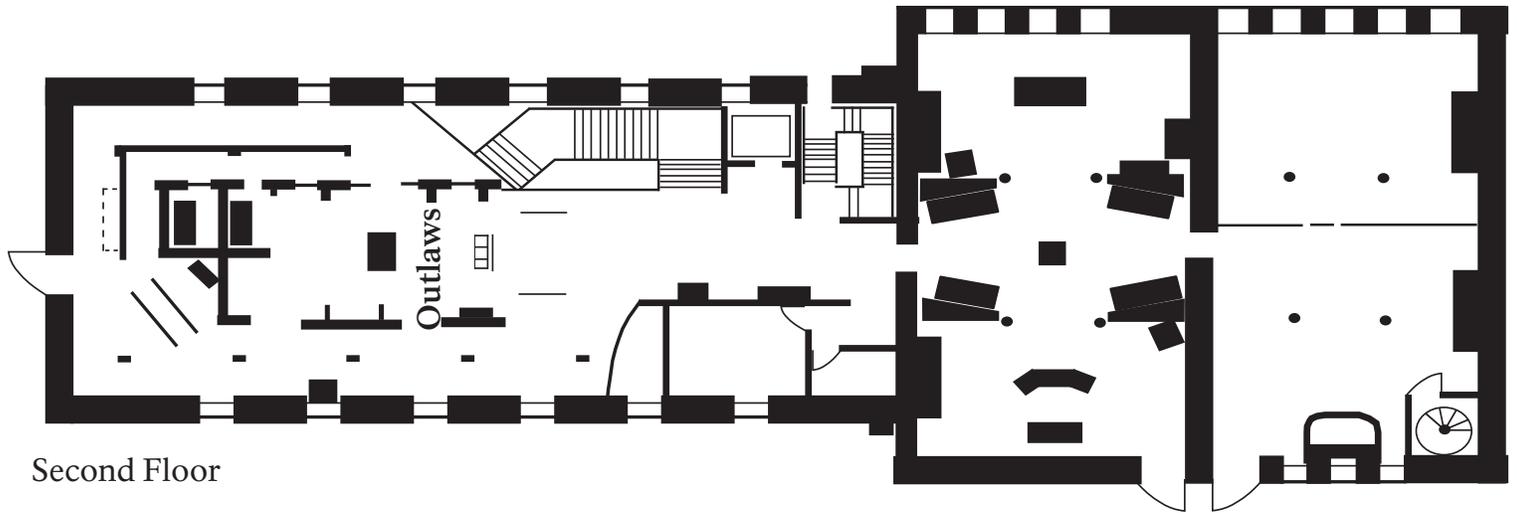
*Women Behind Bars*

Explain how a female prisoner's life might have been different than a man's.

Based on what you have discovered, what are two challenges the jailors faced?

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Second Floor

## Outlaws

Answer the questions below and be ready to share what you discovered with members of your group.

### *Belle Starr Bandit Queen*

Belle Starr was convicted of what crime?

### *Belle Starr Bandit Queen*

Do you think she should be called the “Bandit Queen?” Explain.

### *Youth Gangs*

Describe what you see in the Rufus Buck Gang picture.

### *Youth Gangs - Cook Gang*

List five different crimes that were committed in Indian Territory.

How are they similar to crimes today?

*Families in Crime-The Daltons (backside of Youth Gangs)*

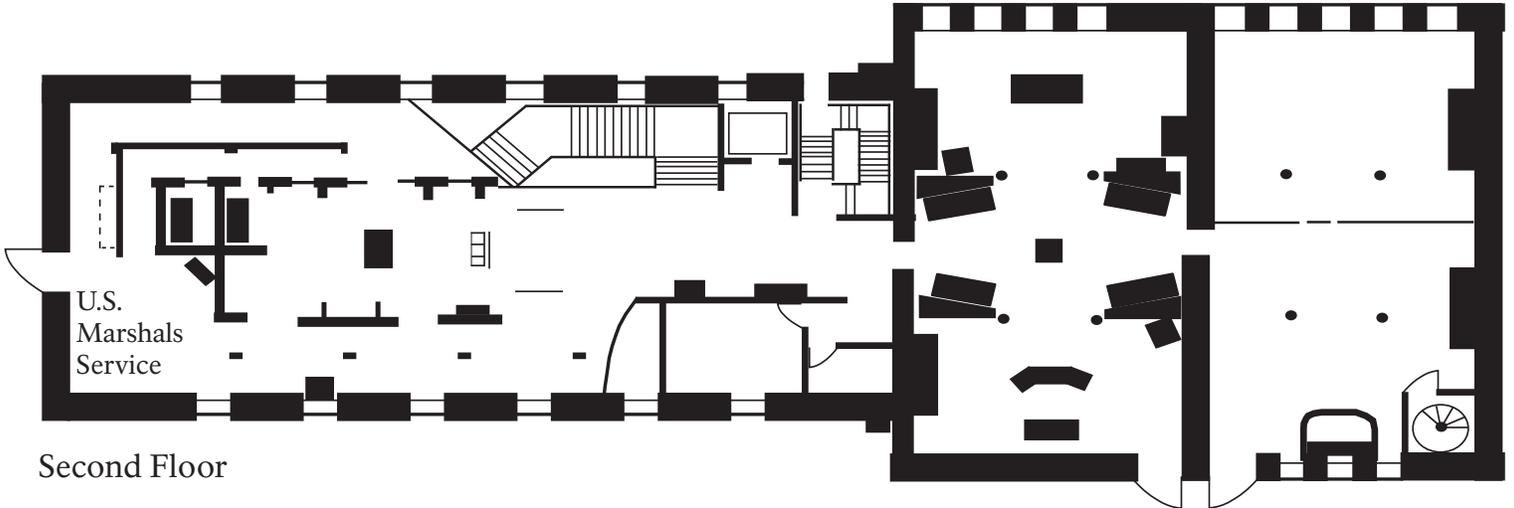
Name four men who were lawmen that became criminals. Why do you think they became criminals?

*Cherokee Bill's Last Victim*

The jail guard Cherokee Bill killed had a wife and two young children. Who was the jail guard and how do you think his death effected his family?

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## U.S. Marshals Service

Answer the questions below and be ready to share what you discovered with members of your group.

### *The Fee System*

In the month of August a deputy marshal recorded the following trips so he could be paid at the end of the month. How much did he earn?

#### **Trip one:**

Traveled 50 miles \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Made six arrests \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Traveled back with prisoners 50 miles \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Pay for trip one** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Trip two:**

Traveled 100 miles no arrests made \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Total pay for trip two** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Trip three:**

Traveled 50 miles \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Delivered 10 subpoenas \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Traveled back alone 50 miles \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Total pay for trip three** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total pay for the month of August** \_\_\_\_\_

Multiply your answer by 27 to find out how much that money is worth today.

Did deputies make a lot of money?

*Hazards of the Job*

Describe their job. Was it safe or dangerous?

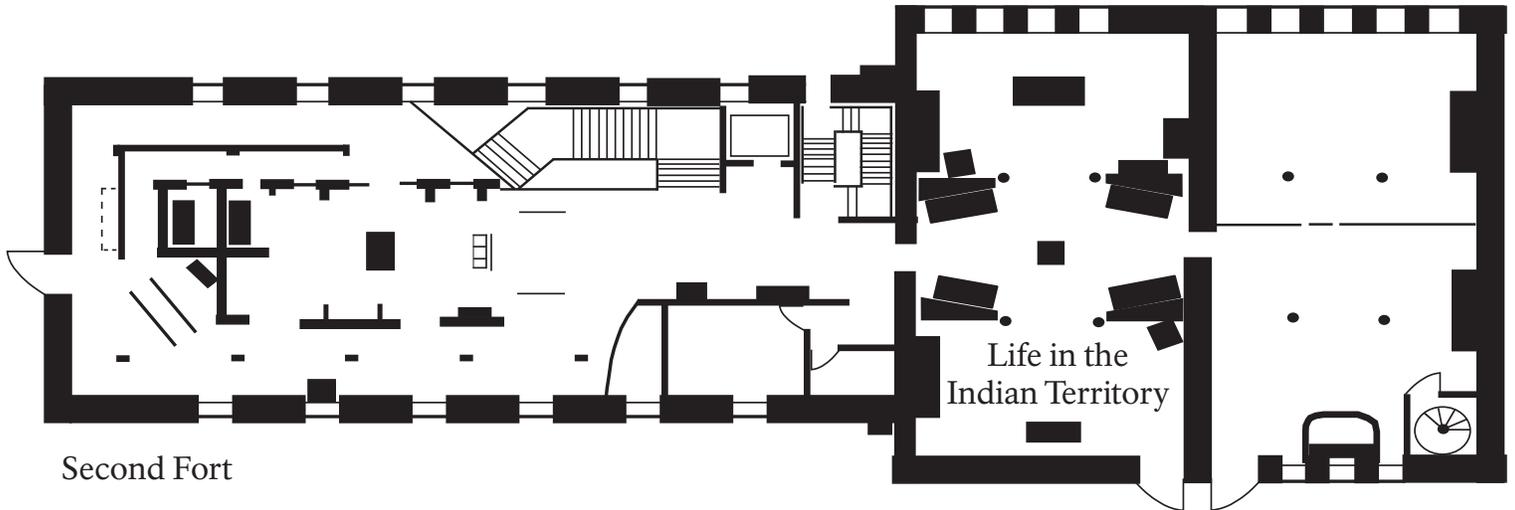
*Fort Smith's Finest*

What skills do you think a Deputy U.S. Marshal needed to do their job?

What careers can you think of that are similar to a Deputy U.S. Marshal?

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## Life in the Indian Territory

Answer the questions below and be ready to share what you discovered with members of your group.

### *The Five Civilized Tribes*

Compare the pictures of American Indians from different tribes. Describe any differences or similarities you see.

*On the orange wall next to the smaller T.V.*

List ten tribes that lived in the Indian Territory.

### *Life in the Indian Territory*

Describe what you see in the pictures of students.

*Life in the Indian Territory*

Do they look like American Indians to you?

*Life in the Indian Territory*

Do you think their new way of life and clothing make them any less American Indian?

*Life in the Indian Territory*

Who operated the schools? Do you think their school is different from yours?

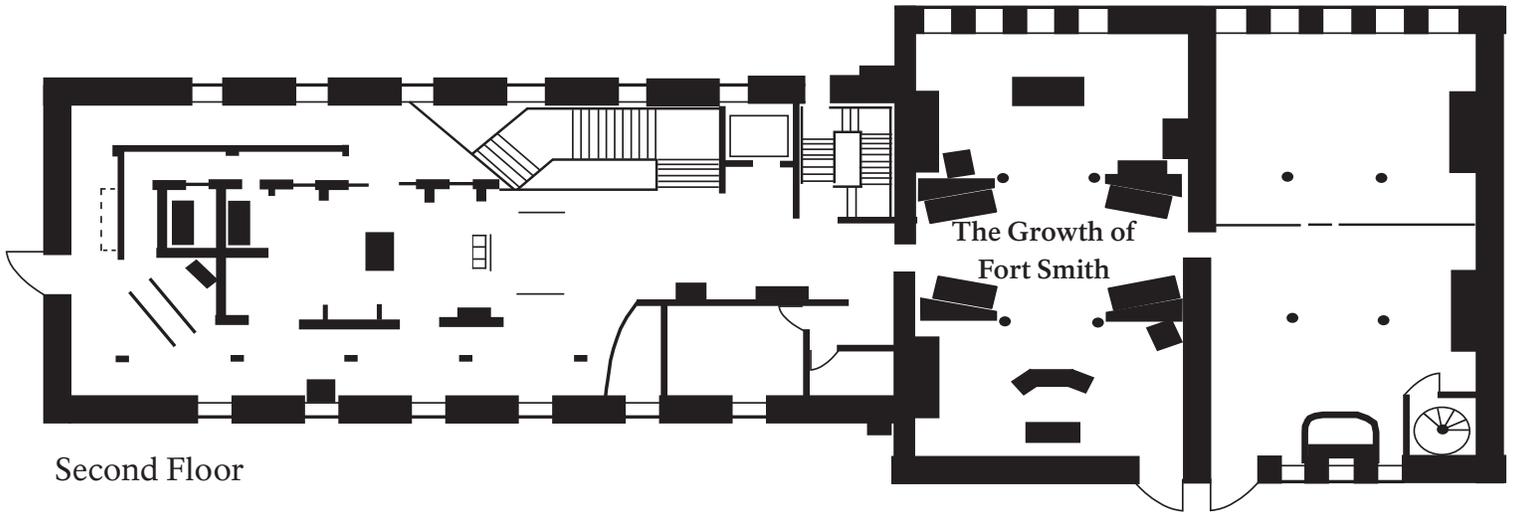
*The Trail of Tears*

What was the congressional act that caused American Indian removal and who was the president who signed it?

*Indian Removal Act 1830. Andrew Jackson.*

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## The Growth of Fort Smith

In this room there are four models that show how Fort Smith changed in the 1800s. The forts are in color while the city is represented with white rectangles. Use the first two models to answer the questions below and be ready to share what you discovered with members of your group.

**1822**

Look at the model for the panel that says 1822.  
Describe what you see.

**1822**

Look at the painted picture on the left side of the panel. (*Fort Smith 1821 by Samuel Seymour*)  
Describe what the four men in the picture are doing.

**1822**

Based on the picture what do you think life was like for the soldiers in Fort Smith at that time?

1822

What were the soldiers supposed to do in Fort Smith?

*1822-Population*

How many people lived in the area at that time?

Would you like to have lived in the wilderness far from your family for several years?

1856

Look at the model and describe the differences between this fort and the earlier one.

*1856-Population*

How many people lived in the area in 1850?

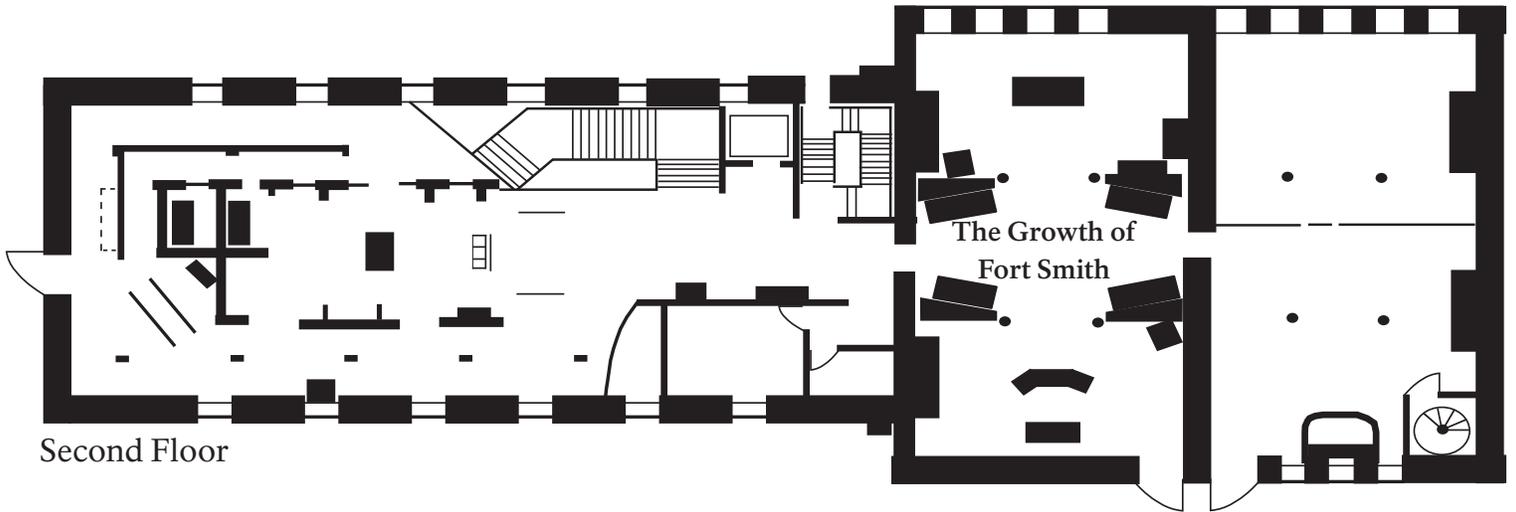
1856

How did Zachary Taylor feel about Fort Smith?

What do you think would have happened to the city of Fort Smith if President Taylor had been successful in stopping construction of the fort?

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## The Growth of Fort Smith

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### *1864-Supply and Fortify*

How did the military use the fort during the Civil War?

### *1864*

Look at the model. Can you point out the building you are standing in right now?

### *1864-Fort Smith Parade Grounds with Union Encampment*

Why do you think the soldiers were living in tents when there are buildings?

### *1864-Population*

How many people lived in the area in 1860?

*1864-Defense Line Around Fort Smith*

On the lower right side of the model is a smaller model of the area showing a smaller version of the fort and the city. Why do you think there is a brown wall surrounding everything and why were all of the trees cut down?

*1891*

Looking at the model, describe some changes you see in the fort and the city.

*1891*

How many buildings are missing?

*1891-Fort*

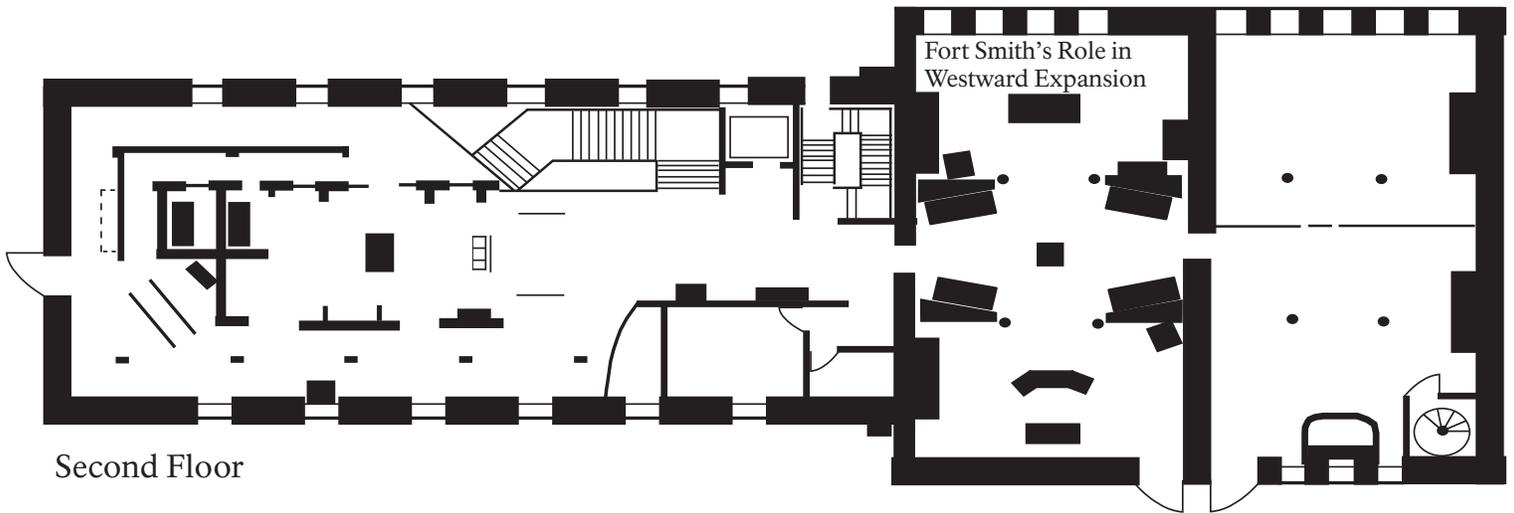
What is the fort being used for in this model?

*1891-Population*

How many people live in the area?

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## Fort Smith's Role in Westward Expansion

Answer the questions below and be ready to share what you discovered with members of your group.

*The Long Expedition, 1819-1820*

Why do you think Major Steven Long took scientists with him?

*The Long Expedition, 1819-1820*

Major Long and his team traveled from Fort Smith to the Rocky Mountains in Colorado. Examine the picture and describe what you think it would have been like to travel in the Rocky Mountain Expedition.

*The Long Expedition, 1819-1820*

What was the main purpose of this expedition

*The Gold Rush, 1849*

What caused people to move to California?

*The Gold Rush, 1849*

Why was Fort Smith important in the Gold Rush?

*The Gold Rush, 1849*

List at least 8 items people took with them on the Gold Rush.

*The Gold Rush, 1849*

What are some of the states people traveled from?

*The Pacific Railroad Survey, 1853*

Why did some people want a transcontinental railroad built?

*The Pacific Railroad Survey, 1853*

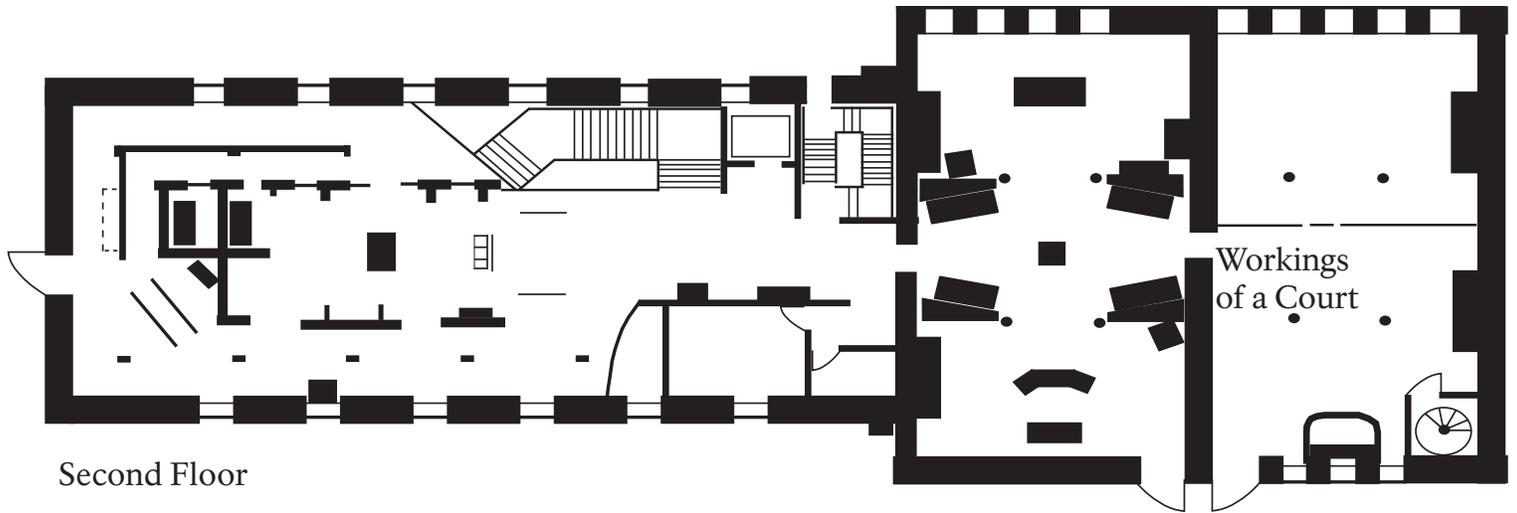
What conflict arose that postponed the transcontinental railroad?

*The Pacific Railroad Survey, 1853*

What kinds of skills do you think were needed by the men conducting the railroad survey?

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## Workings of a Court

Answer the questions below and be ready to share what you discovered with members of your group.

### *From Arrest to Trial*

List the steps taken between a crime being committed and punishment.

### *From Arrest to Trial and Workings of the Court*

List and describe three jobs in the courtroom.

*Fort Smith Courthouse 1972-1889*

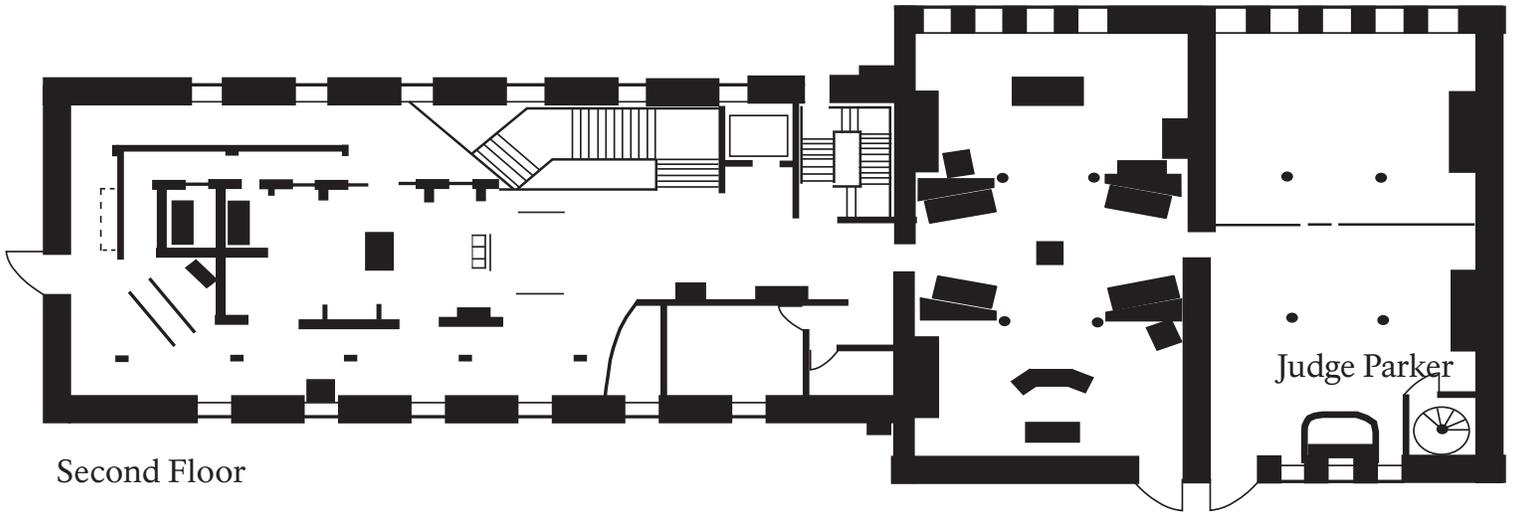
Look at the picture of Judge Parker's courtroom. Describe what you see and what is your impression of how Judge Parker?

*A Week in the Court*

During the week of November 17, 1882, who was sentenced to prison in Detroit (Michigan) and what were their crimes.

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## Judge Parker

Answer the questions below and be ready to share what you discovered with members of your group.

Look at the painting of Judge Parker above the fireplace and the picture on the *Judge Parker Presiding* panel. Describe how they are different.

*Attorney, Politician, Judge*

List four jobs Judge Parker did before becoming a Federal Judge in Fort Smith

*Attorney, Politician, Judge*

What was Parker's wife and children's names?

*US Congressman*

When and why did Judge Parker use the small desk (under the windows)?

What symbols on this desk can you find that represents the United States?

*Defender of Justice*

What did Judge Parker believe punishment was for?

Based on what you have read, what kind of man do you think Judge Parker was?

*Hanging Judge and Judge Parker Presiding*

Should he be called the Hanging Judge? Why or why not.

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