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On The Cover

On September 20, I took a tourist train from Leadville to see the fall colors in one of the canyons. The cover and several other pages in the Journal feature photos I took. Read more on page 12.

From the Producer

Fall is Here



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You know that summer is winding down—if not over—when the leaves on the trees go from green to just about any other color! In Leadville in September, that’s exactly what’s been happening. While other places in Colorado are still waiting for fall, the Cloud City already had it.

Originally, I was to be done working in Leadville by the end of September. Apparently, I did good enough work over the past four months and that we have continued to have visitors past the prime of the summer that I will be staying in Leadville to the end of October. Now several factors can still determine if that date would change, such as when the first major snow starts to fly (which I understand is often in late October). I have several misc projects to work on during this time, besides the last tweaks of the website, in addition to keeping the museum open.

While I now have another month left of this job, after that is a different story. I several applications out, and I am still waiting to hear back from several of them. In the museum world, job searches often take several months from the time a job is posted until when the position is filled. Museum work is professional employment and is nothing like hourly employment! Therefore, museums can afford to take more time before they decide who to hire.

My time in Leadville has been very good and beneficial in many ways. I am certainly glad that I had this opportunity. But knowing what is to come with Leadville weather during the winter, I am glad to be done soon and leave before major winter weather comes and stays!

While Leadville is not somewhere I’d want to live permanently, I have tried to make the most of my time here as a temporary stay and have no regrets about my time here!



I always had the impression that in the fall aspen trees went from green to bright yellow. Well, these leaves show that they can be other colors too!

Word for Life

Mark 4:22 AMP

“[Things are hidden temporarily only as a means to revelation.] For there is nothing hidden except to be revealed, nor is anything [temporarily] kept secret except in order that it may be made known.”

1 John 5:1-3 NKJV

“Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.”

Romans 4:13-16 AMP

“¹³For the promise to Abraham... did not come through [observing the commands of] the Law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the Law who are to be the heirs, then faith is made futile and empty of all meaning and the promise [of God] is made void... ¹⁵For the Law results in [divine] wrath... ¹⁶Therefore, [inheriting] the promise is the outcome of faith and depends [entirely] on faith...”

Saddle Break Reads

Short Notes

The Yellow Days of Fall

The leaves of the deciduous trees in Leadville greatly started changing colors in September. By middle to late September, the leaves were vibrant and colorful! Read about my special train ride through the mountains to view the fall colors. See more on pages 11-13.

Just Hitched

I was at work in the museum on Saturday, September 27 when I heard clop, clop, clop. I went outside and saw a carriage pulled by two burros going down 4th Street. A banner on the back said Just Hitched. This was in the early afternoon. That probably explains why I heard the church bells ring at about noon that day. The carriage itself went up and down the street several times.

130th Anniversary

Temple Israel celebrated its 130th anniversary of the dedication on Friday, September 19, 2014. That is the same day!

I Guess Summer's Over

Leadville is at just over 10k feet in elevation. Therefore it should come as no surprise that the town had a good shower of snow on Monday, September 29! I was out in the snow as I was walking back from lunch. The flakes were huge and lasted for at least an hour! That night the lows were around freezing, and it was cold the next day with a little more snow. The surrounding mountains and hills had a good dusting of snow. The town was not white; it was not that heavy nor was it freezing for it stay around.



Barn Building

Well known film documentary producer Ken Burns teamed up with timber framer and designer Ted Benson of Bensonwood to recreate a barn on Burns' property in New Hampshire. Then, Kevin O'Connor of This Old House created a three part table discussion about the project. These online only videos are in about ten minute increments where they talk about the various steps, challenges, and philosophies of the process to recreate this barn.

Take a look at the videos and photos!

[View video part 1](#)

[View video part 2](#)

[View video part 3](#)

[View still photos of exterior and interior](#)

In case you ever wondered, here's what veins of silver look like in a rock .



A few weeks ago, I painted this plate of Panda at a paint your own pottery place. The source photo is below.



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www.twitter.com/rgdestolfe



www.pinterest.com/cowboyrg



<http://myworld.ebay.com/cowboyrg>



www.foap.com/market/tags/cowboyrg



www.etsy.com/shop/CowsChewinCud

Two Wheels Going Round and Round

On Monday, September 15, Leadville got a visit from the 2014 Motorcycle Cannonball Run. This was one stop of several around Colorado, and they were only here maybe two hours. All of the motorcycles in this ride were from 1937 and older. I think the oldest one was from the 19teens. I found out later that as I was going around taking photos, a reporter from the Herald Democrat in Leadville got me in part of a photo that was published in the paper. Here are some photos of the day.

Unfortunately, I don't know enough about these bikes to provide any details.



This photo only by Danny Ramey, Herald Democrat (Leadville)



Days of Photo Exploration

In early September, I decided to go on some photo shoots during my days off. For two days, I walked around mostly in the back alleys taking photos of the various old buildings that existed in the 1800s. Most of them were small barns or stables and a few might have been houses for miners. Here is a selection of what I found.



An old outhouse.



Some of the old buildings are still being used as businesses.



I can't help think that this building might once have been a bordello. I have no indication that I was, just a guess.



The style of this door suggests that this house might have once been nice. The two arches in the door likely would have been glass.



These above three photos are from an old group of three businesses. Each building has its own charm and decoration and the boardwalk out front.

Days of Photo Exploration

My photo shoots were on Tuesday, September 2 and on Wednesday, September 3 in the late morning to mid afternoon range.



Mid Century Transition: Part 1, Ranching

I found some interesting old photos at a Leadville antique shop. By the general look of them, most of them were obviously in someone's photo album. They appear to be mostly taken in Oklahoma and Arkansas. They appear to range from the 1930s to the early 1950s, some possibly earlier. While by today's definition, this time period would be called vintage, some of you might even recall these time periods! I call this Midcentury Transition because these photos clearly show old ways but also include newer technology, like vehicles.



Carpenter Gothic

By suggestion of the name, Carpenter Gothic uses wood to create a Gothic style structure. This style uses features that were originally in stone (refer to Notre Dame in Paris), and creates a wood version of that in a smaller scale. The most notable features of the Carpenter Gothic style are long, pointed windows, round windows, square towers, steep pitched gable roofs, tall thin square or octagonal spires, vertical or horizontal wood siding, exterior buttresses, and a layering or intersecting effect of attachment structures. Not every building of this style needs to have each of these features to be considered Carpenter Gothic, but most of them will have several of the features, with pointed windows being the most common feature.



*Temple Israel
Leadville, Colorado*



*St. George Episcopal Church
Leadville, Colorado*



*St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Prairieville, Alabama*



*American Gothic House
Eldon, Iowa*



*St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Courtenay, Florida*



*American Gothic
by Grant Wood (1930)*

Ferraris Anyone?

On September 17 while at the museum, some people came by who took a detour from their travel group. The group was part of Peak to Peak. These two people were each driving Ferraris! The one Ferrari was a 2004 model in silver and the other one was a 1968 model in candy apple red!



Miscellaneous Photos Around Leadville





Colorado's Gold

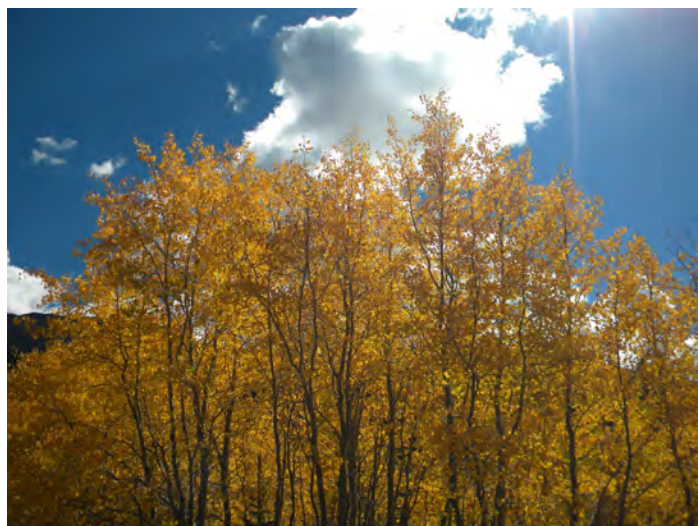
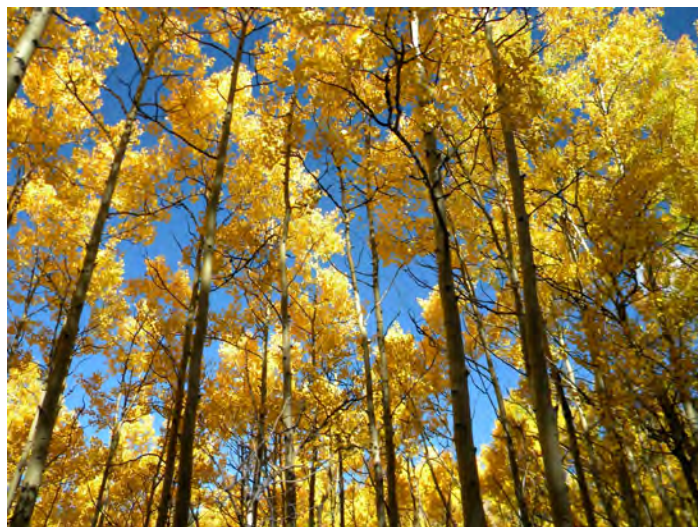
While gold mining still exists in industrial form in Colorado, the “gold mining” that anyone can do happens every fall with the aspen trees! Here are some photos of the golden aspens on September 20, 2014.



Colorado's Gold

Go to my Facebook timeline, and go to the video album, I have videos posted of the train trip and of the various golden aspens.

https://www.facebook.com/rg.destolfe/photos_albums



Ranch Conversation



Honk, honk.



Crap! Branding season!

Hey guys, winter is coming soon.

Oh, no! Hunting season... again!

Baaaaaaaaaaaaa.



Yeah! Roundups! Let's go!

Oooooo... a plump mouse!

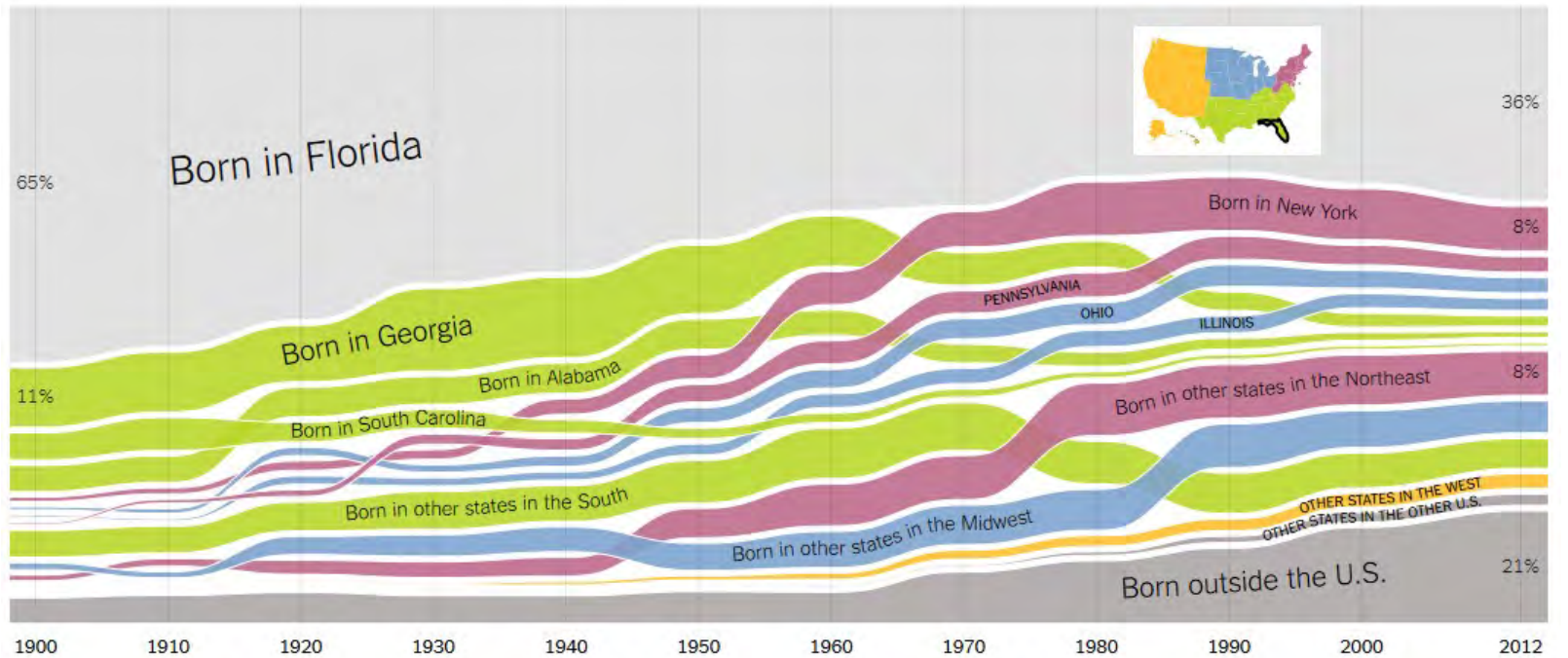
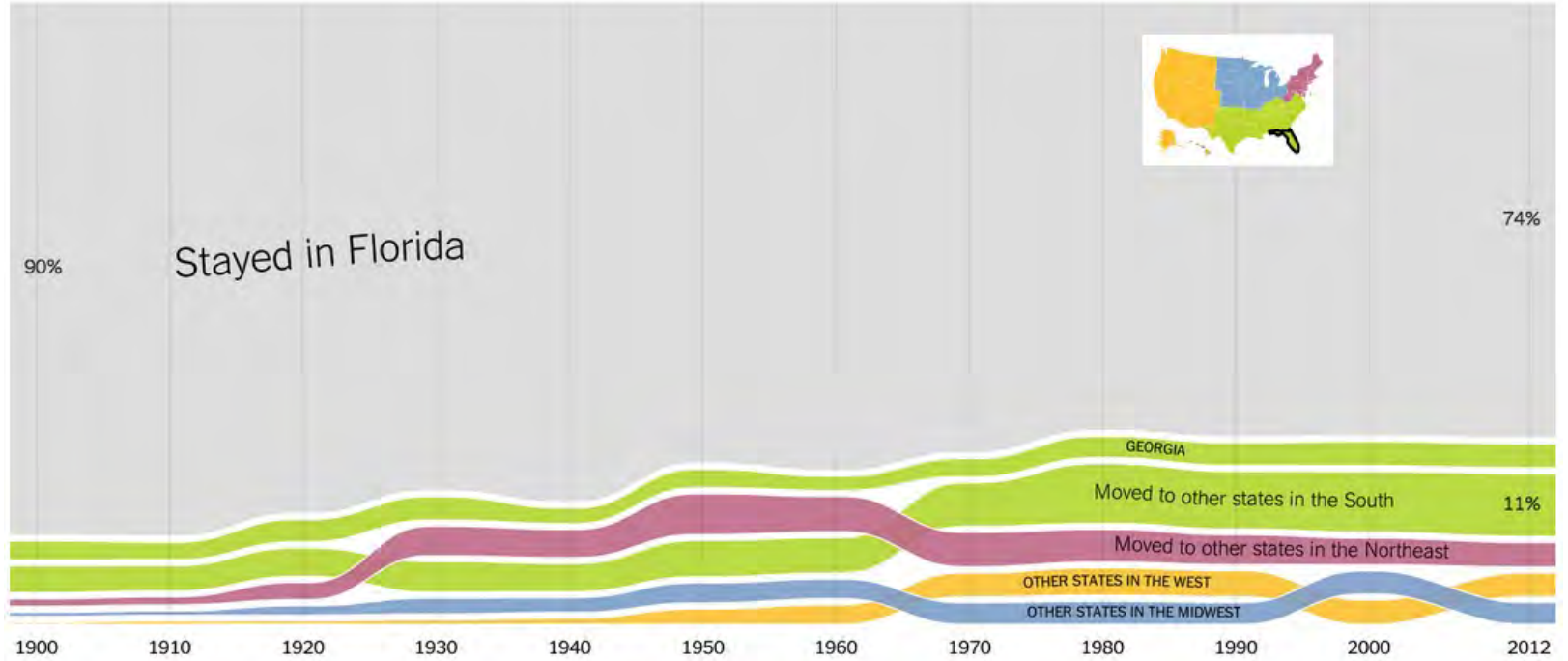
Let's play!

Stay away from me cat!



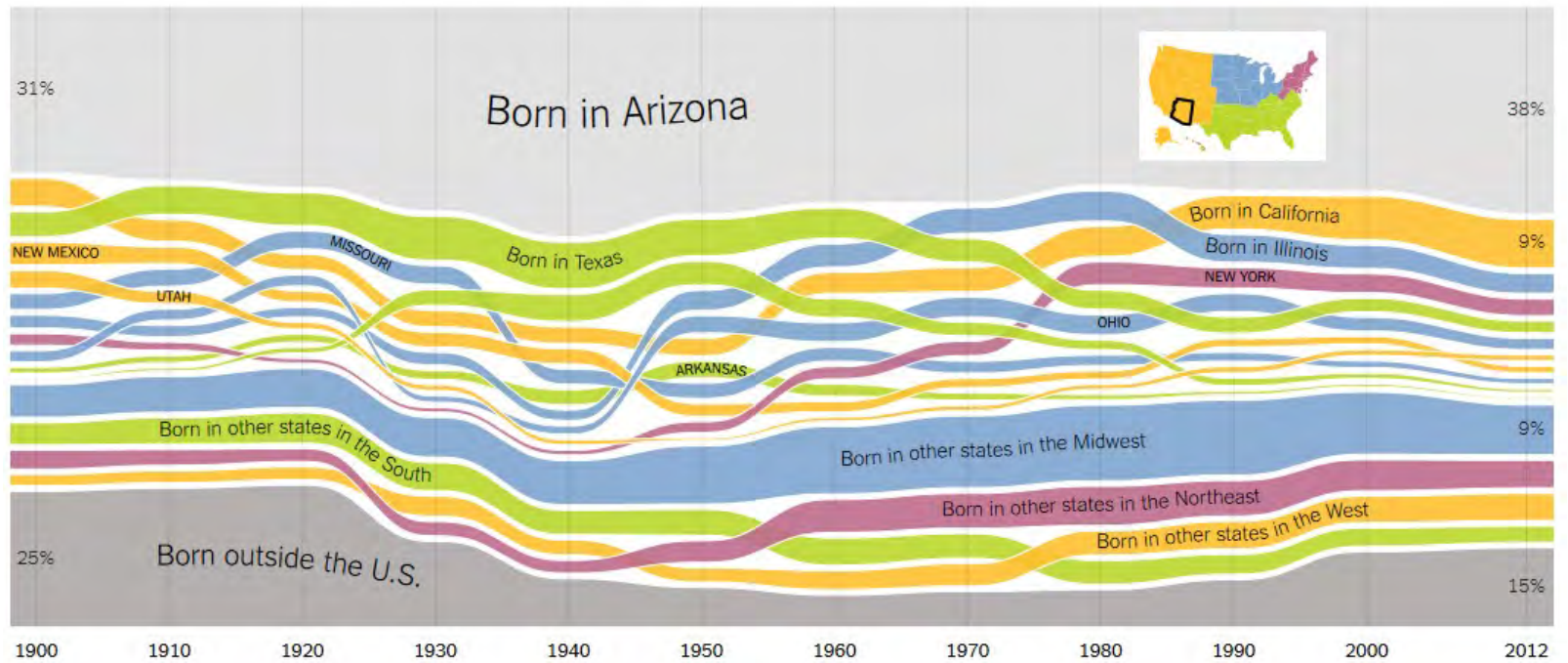
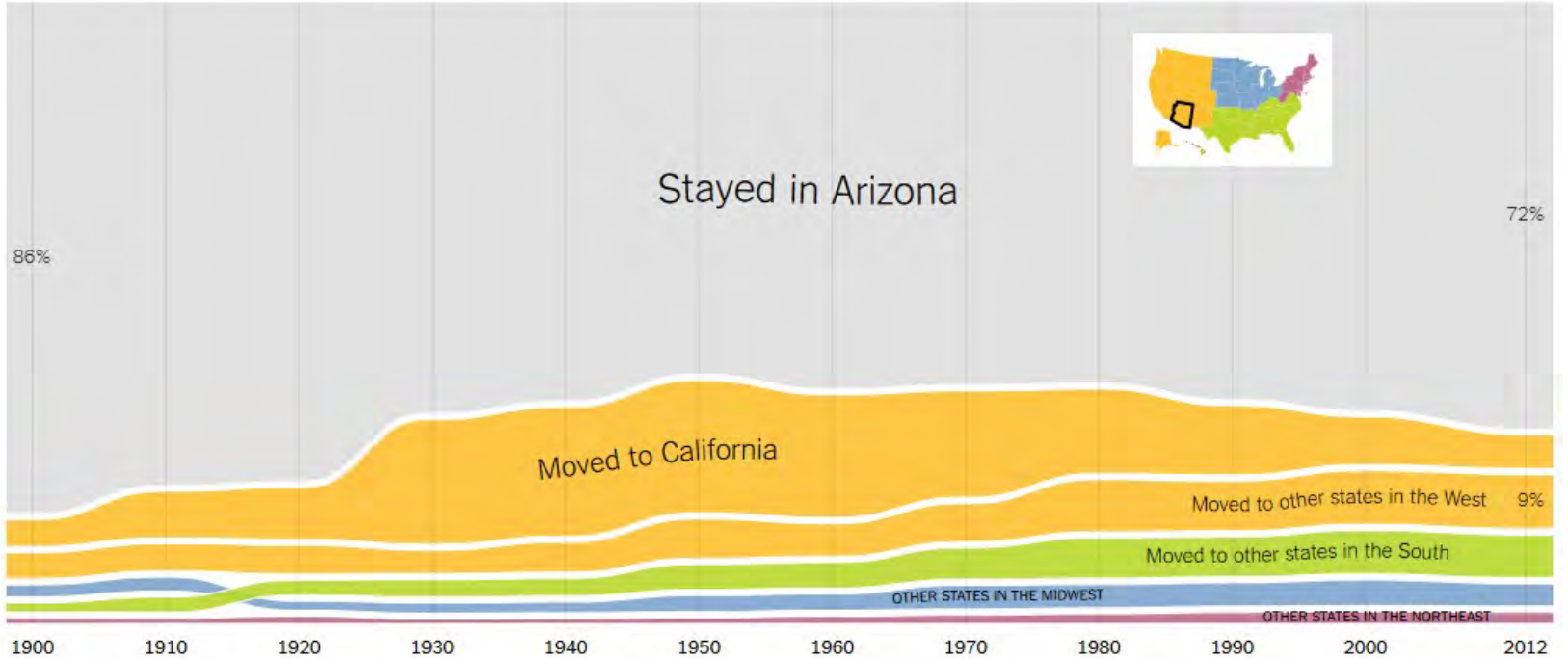
Population Shifts by State

Here's another interesting set of maps. The New York Times created a series of maps that track the migration into and out of each state. These maps are highly interactive and provide much useful and interesting data. For my purposes, I have only included the four states where I have lived any significant period of time. [Click to see your state or any of the states.](#)



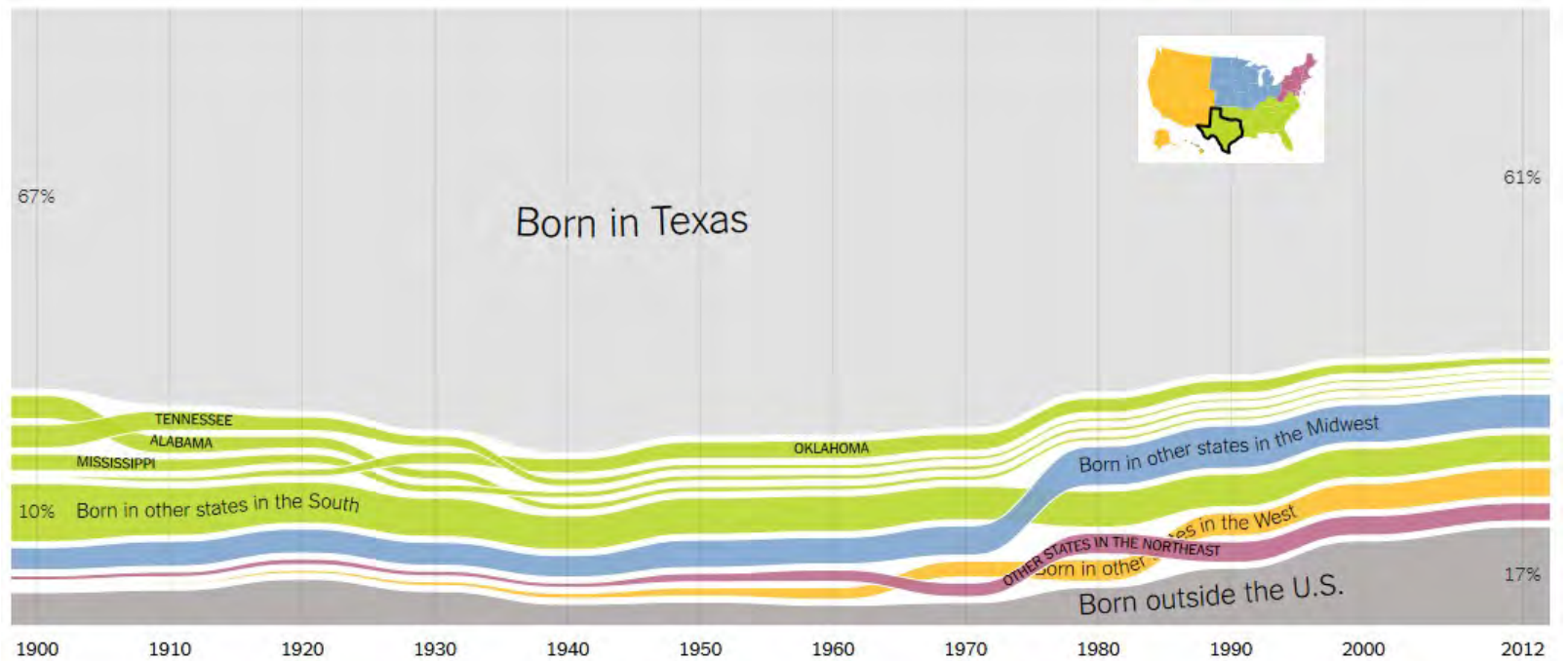
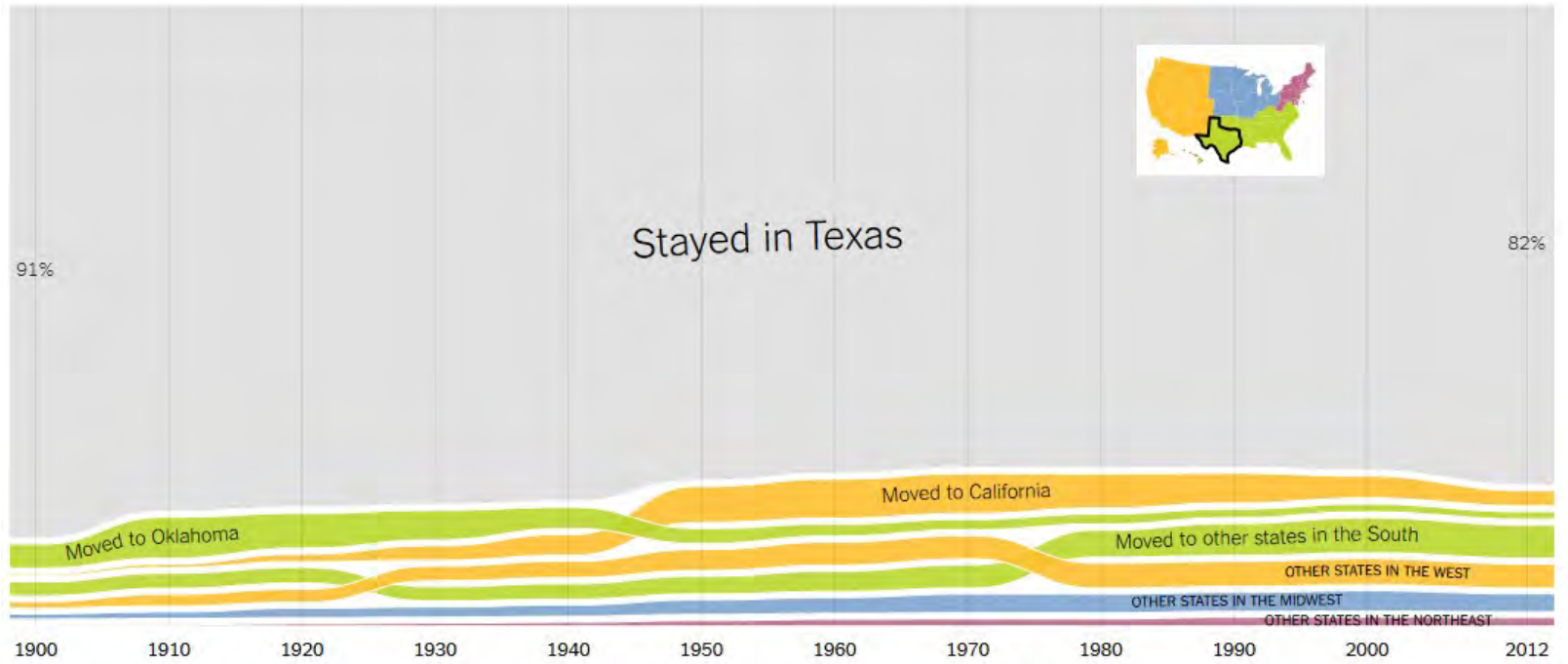
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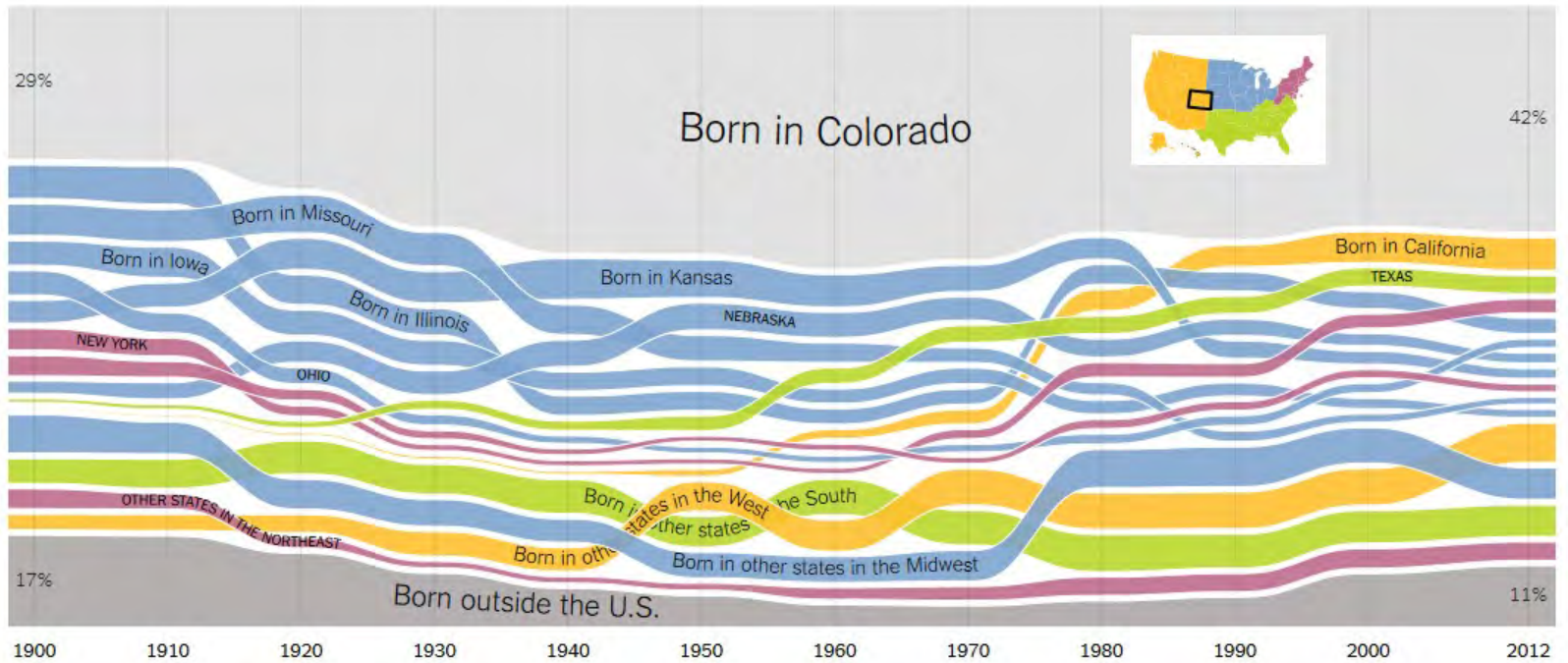
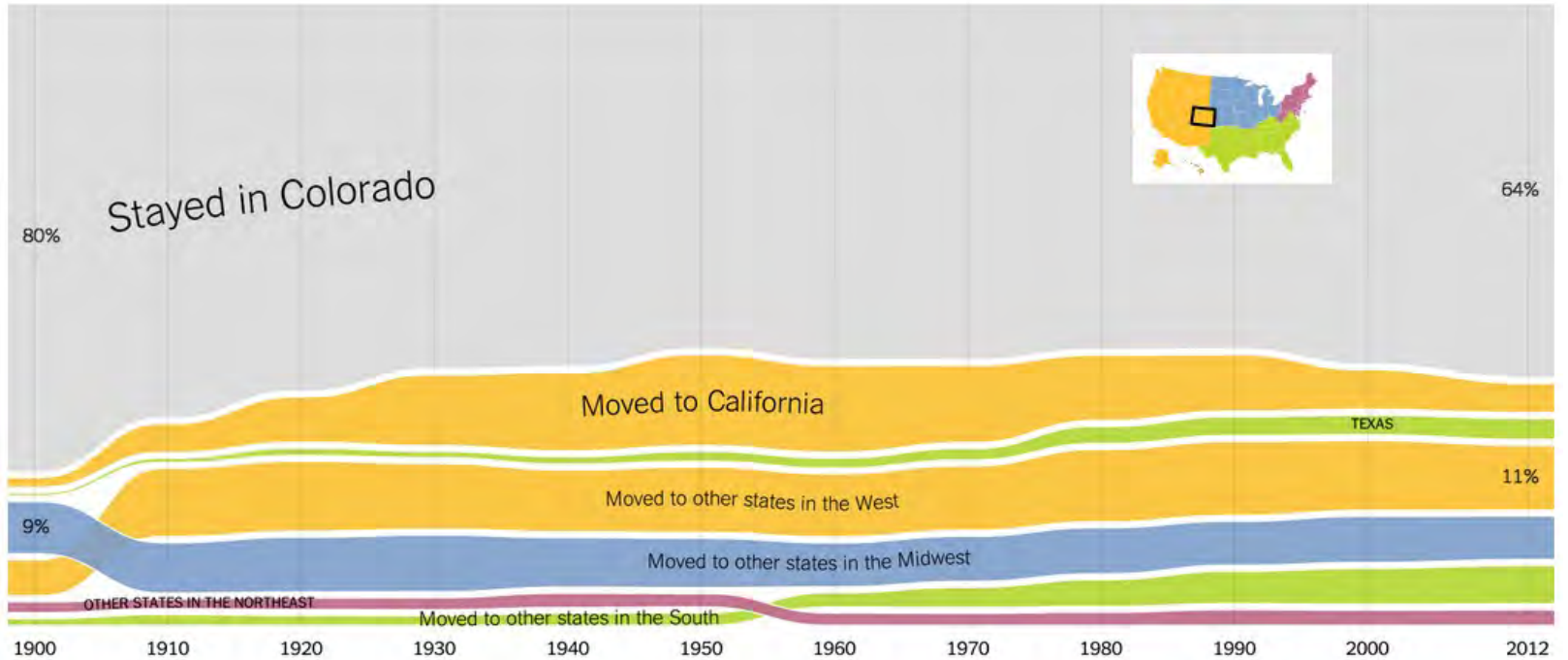
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Laughter Doeth Good

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine..." Proverbs 17:22

Fast One Liners

A horse will neigh whinny he wants to.

A hoarse pony is little sick.

If a horse falls, he has to giddy up.

When you cross a cockerel, a poodle, and a ghost, don't you get a cockapoodleboo?

A cow that gave birth is decalfinated.

When the farmer realized that his tractor was missing, he said, "Where's my tractor?"

The rooster crossed the road to prove he isn't chicken.

A spooked cow goes, "Oh crap!"

A cow hitting a barbed wire fence is udder destruction.

Fridays are terrible for chickens.

A pig and a hen crashing gives scrambled eggs with bacon.

A duck walking is poultry in motion.

A horse can't get a square meal with a round bale of hay.

A snake surrounded by chickens doesn't stand a chance.



"No! You may not see a menu."

No! You may not see a menu.

In the Next Issue

*The next issue is the October 2014 issue.
Here's a preview of topics to come.*

> Summer Job Wrap Up

My summer job lasted about 5 months. I will include a summary of the various aspects of my time in Leadville.

> Mid Century Transition, Part 2

For part two of this series, I include more photos of the same group, but those including various vehicles.



> More Old Classifieds

Returning will be more various ads found in old Colorado newspapers!

> Back Page Literature

Also returning will be the back page literature section.

> Leadville Notables

Leadville was home to varying extents of some well known people. Ever hear of David May (May Department Stores)? Margaret (Tobin) Brown (Unsinkable Molly Brown)? Benjamin Guggenheim (of the Guggenheim family)? Horace Tabor (US senator from Colorado and silver king)? Short bios coming in the next issue!



Margaret (Tobin) Brown

