

# Juneteenth



Commemorating the Freedom from Slavery



# Wessyngton Plantation





# Frederick Douglass

## “What to the Slave is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July?”

- July 5, 1852, Corintian Hall, Rochester, NY
- organized by the Rochester Ladies' Anti-Slavery Society
- References to the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and the Christian Bible
- Did not give up hope





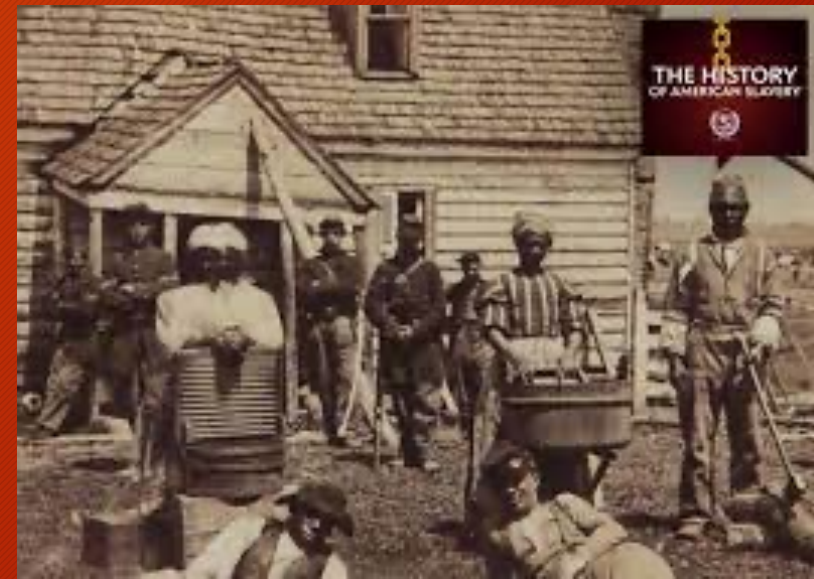


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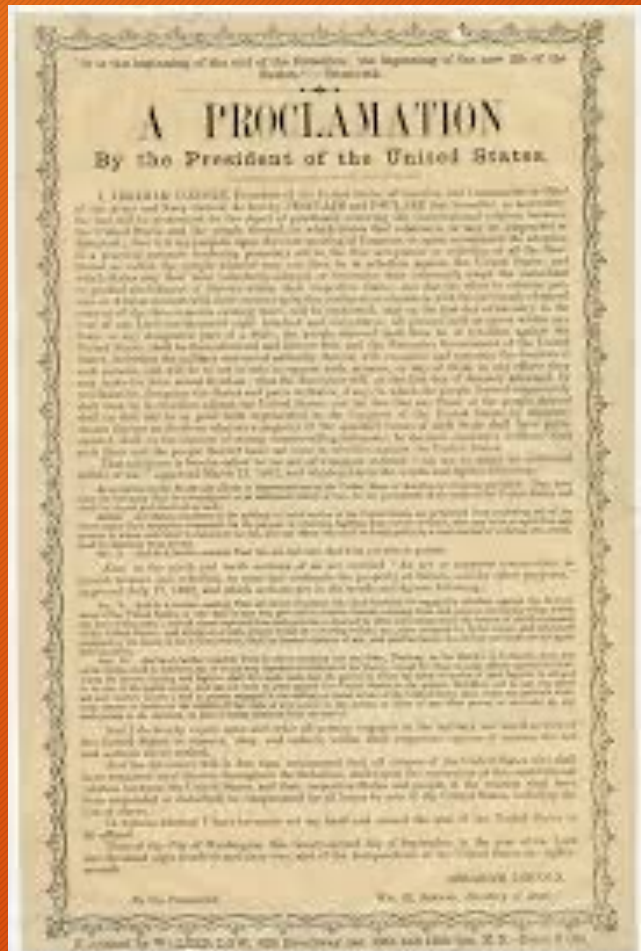
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*Abraham Lincoln reading the Emancipation Proclamation before his cabinet.  
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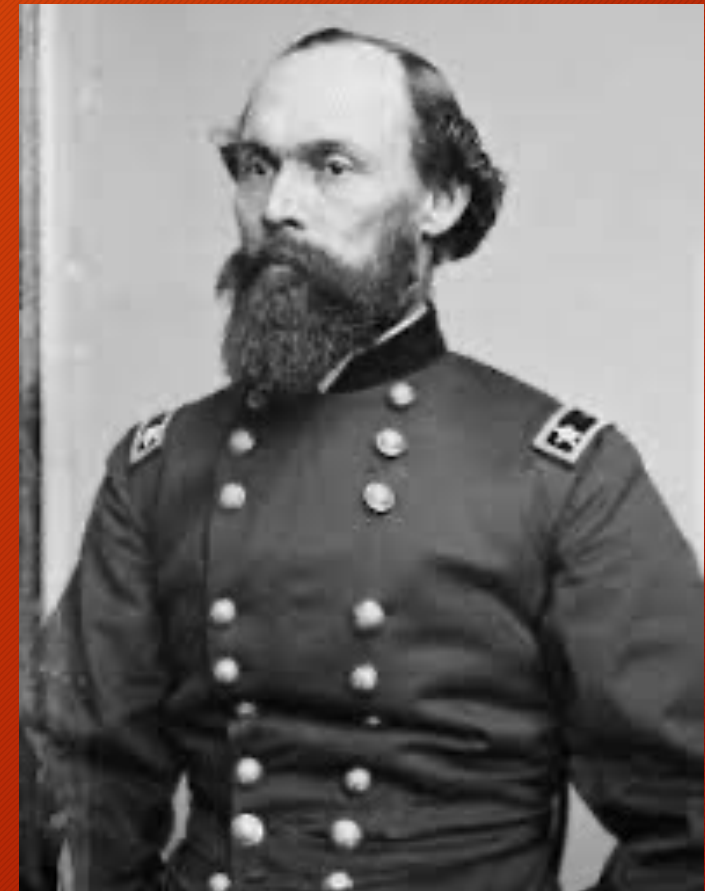
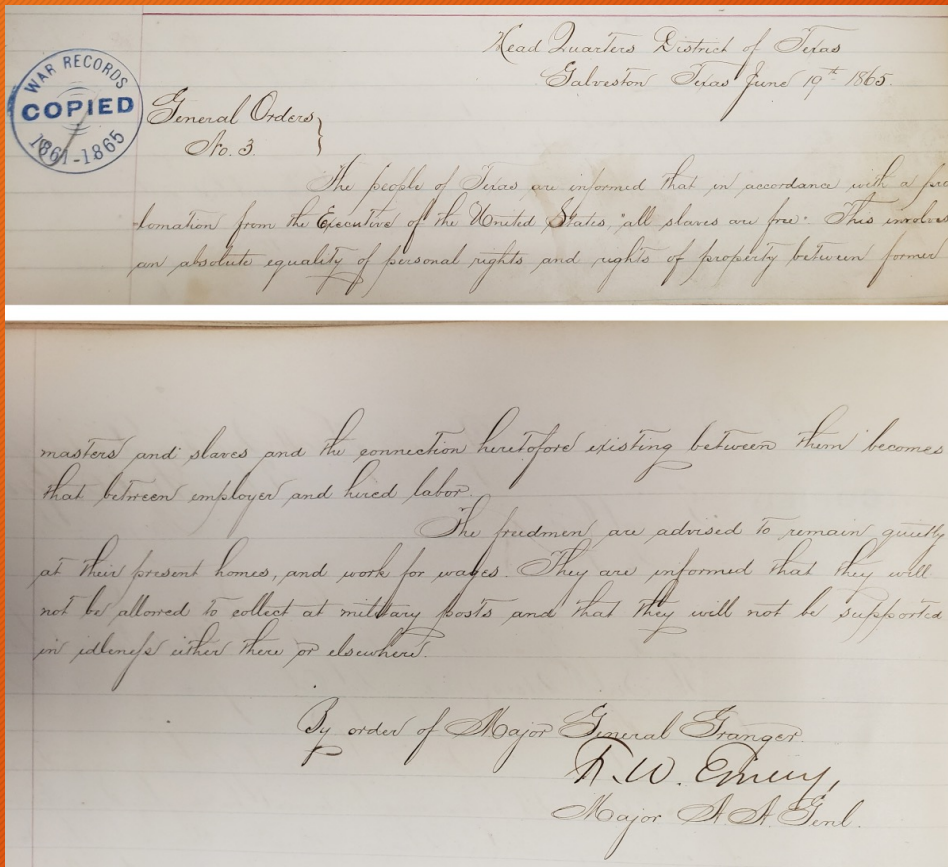


# Juneteenth? - Not Yet.





# Juneteenth - End of Story.





# Juneteenth? Kind Of.....


**The Galveston Daily News.**  
Readers History Museum.  
HOUSTON, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 1865.

HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT OF TEXAS, }  
GALVESTON TEXAS, JUNE 19, 1865. }

*General Orders, No. 3.*

The people are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property, between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them, becomes that between employer and hired labor.—The Freedmen are advised to remain at their present homes, and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts; and that they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere. By order of  
Major-General GRANGER.

(Signed,) F. W. EMERY, Maj. & A. A. G.

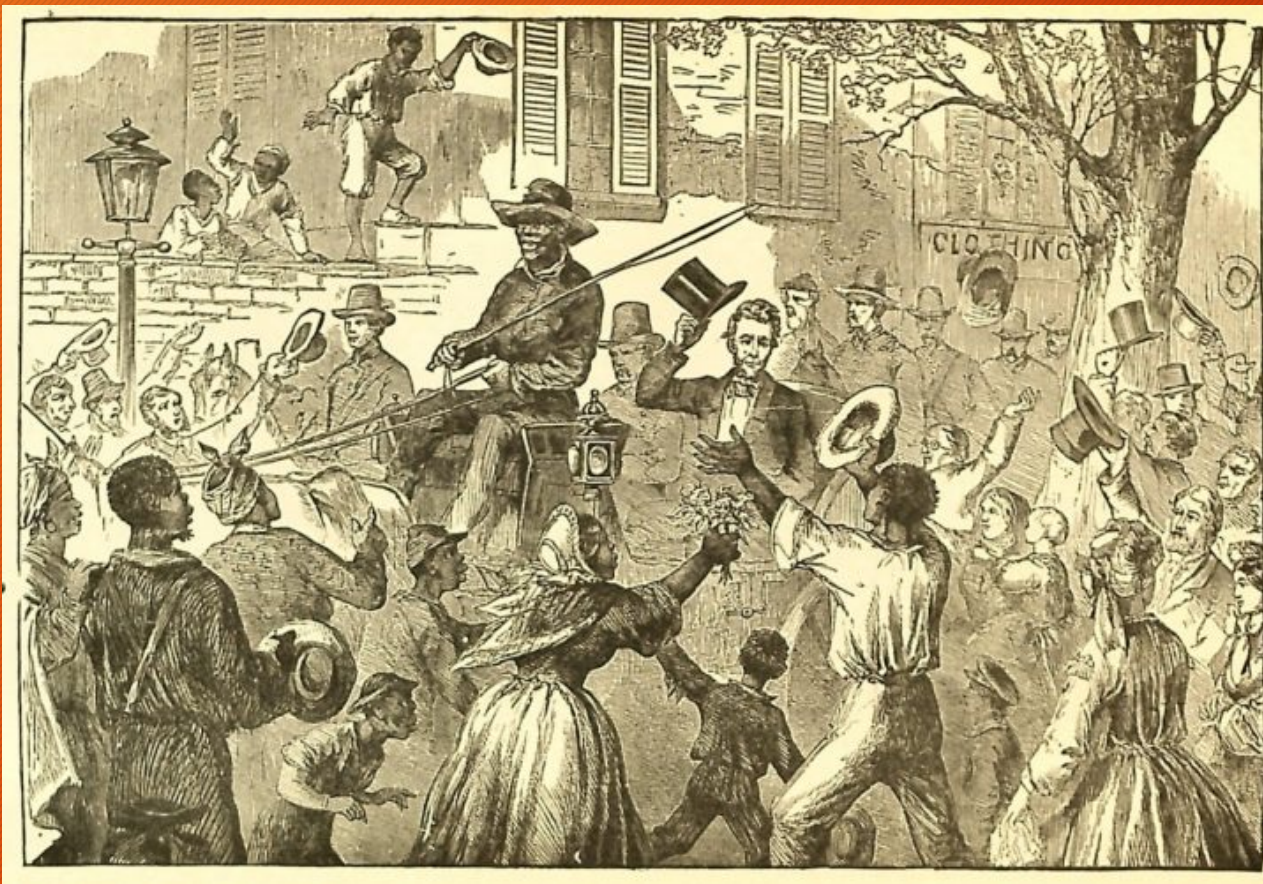


## FREEDOM TO SLAVES!

Whereas, the President of the United States did, on the first day of present month, issue his *Proclamation* declaring "that *all persons held in certain designated States, and parts of States, are, and henceforth shall be free,*" and that the Executive Government of the United States, including the Military and Naval authorities thereof, would recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons. *And Whereas,* the county of *Franklin* is included in the territory designated by the Proclamation of the President, in which the *Slaves should become free,* I therefore hereby notify the citizens of the city of Winchester, and of said County, of said Proclamation, and of the fact that the same has been issued.



# Juneteenth - The Beginnings of a Yearly Celebration





# Juneteenth Full Circle, Texas





# Juneteenth- A Federal Holiday



June 17, 2020

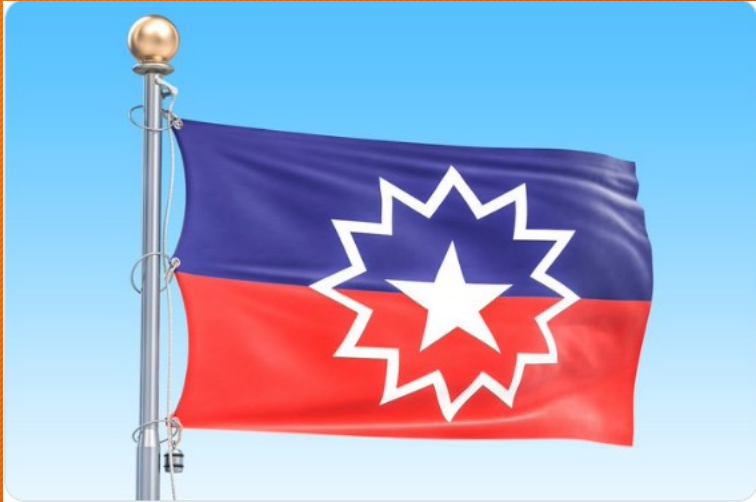


# How Is Juneteenth Celebrated?

- Parades, street fairs, concerts
- Gospel choir, church celebrations
- Barbecue is a must
- Red foods
- Reading of the Emancipation Proclamation



# Juneteenth Flag





**I'm White, Can I Celebrate  
Juneteenth?**

**YES!**