

Civil Unions in the City on a Hill: The real legacy of “Boston Judges”



The English Puritans who founded Massachusetts in 1630 formed a society as committed to religion as any in history. But for them, marriage was a civil union, a contract, not a sacred rite.

Parenting for the “Rough Places” in Antebellum America



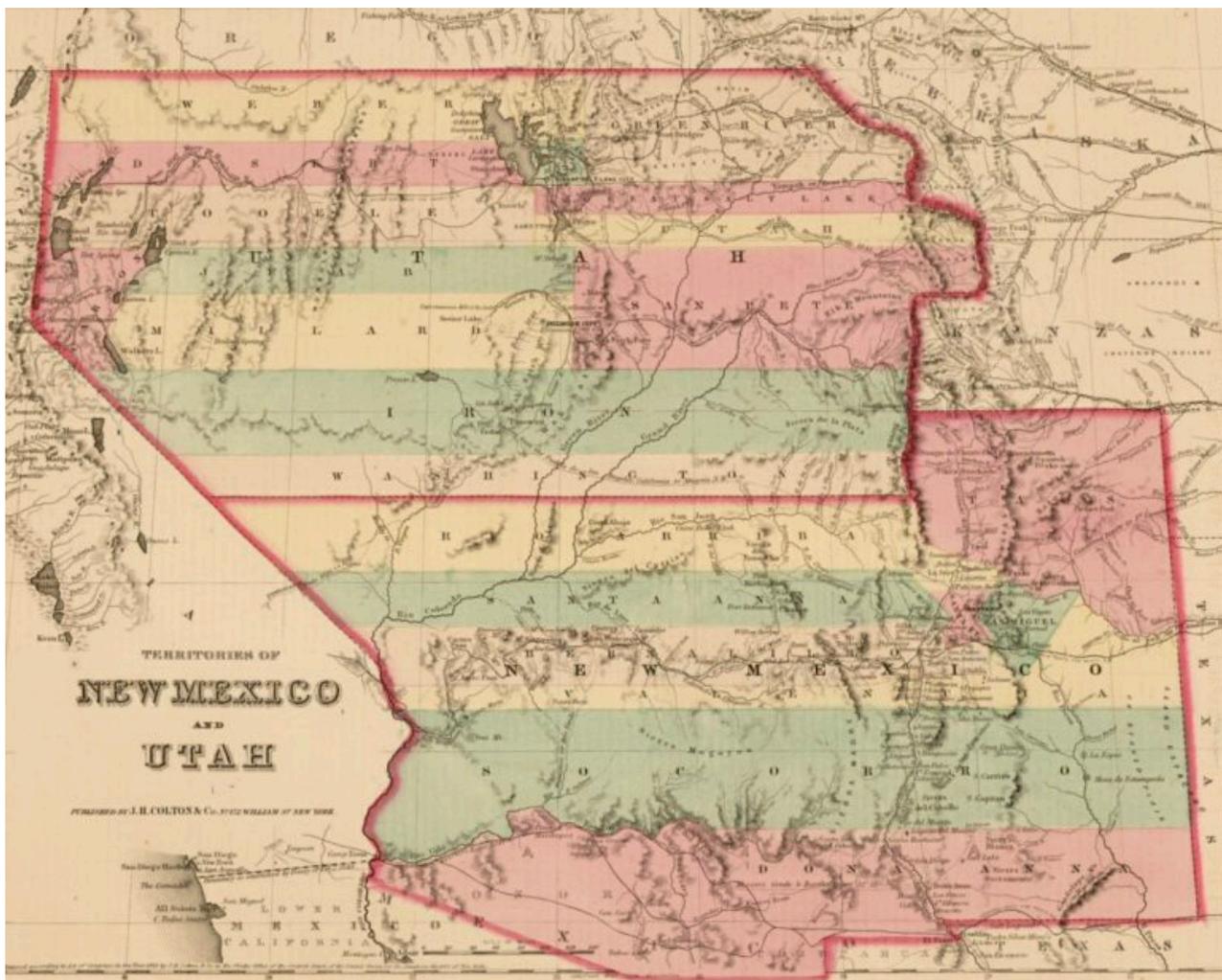
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Sedgwick's evolving ideas about her children's natures and her ability to shape

them reflected an emerging American skepticism of the perfectibility of the individual and society at large, and an increasing emphasis on the determining power of innate characteristics.

There is No There There: Women and Intermarriage in the Southwestern Borderlands



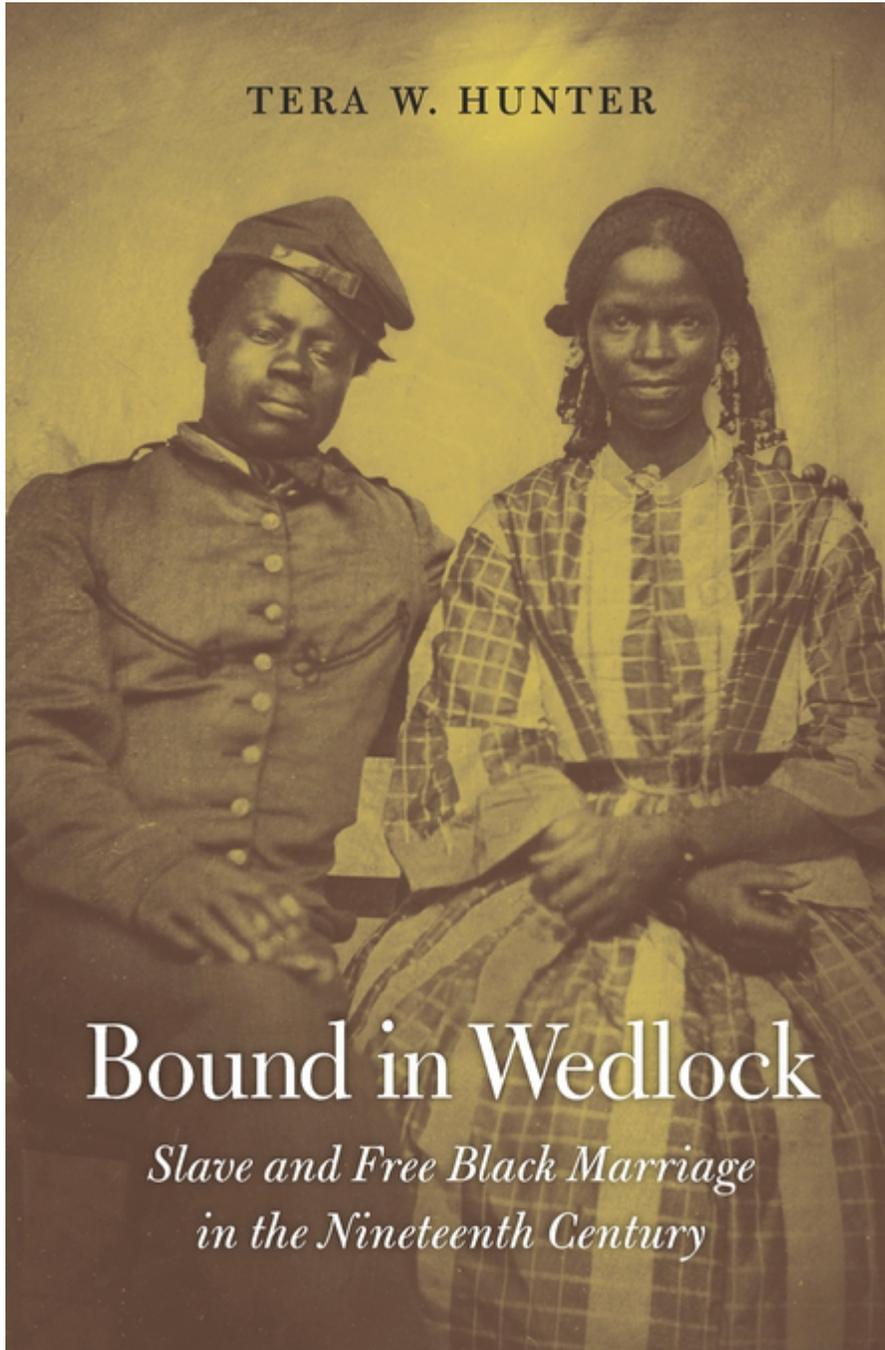
It is exceedingly difficult to trace women, but particularly non-elite women of color, through the sources that are available.

Family Albums of War: Carte de Visite Collections in the Civil War Era



Nineteenth-century viewers were just as likely to envision war through the more personalized lens of the family album as through the battlefield.

Marriage under Adversity



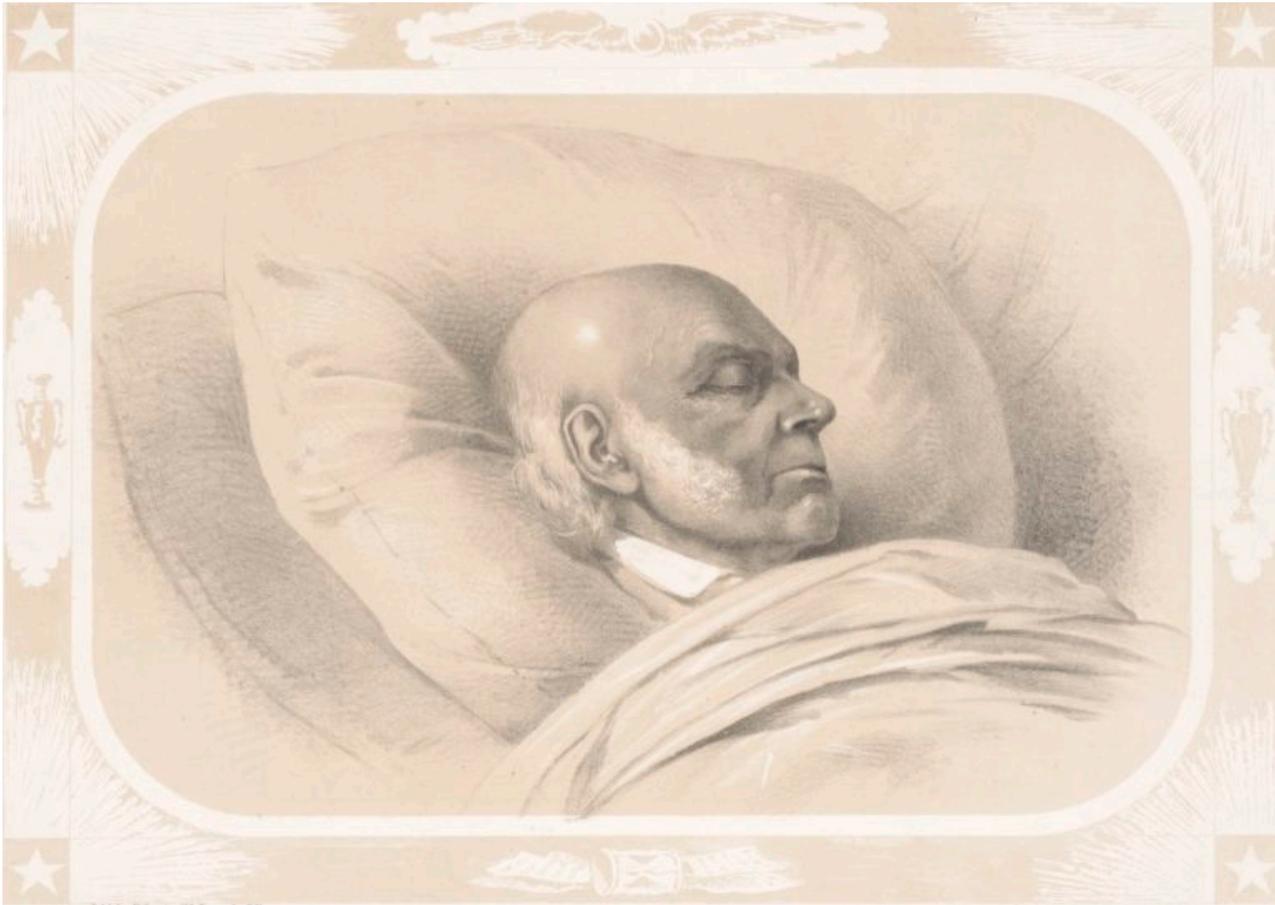
This timely piece of work reminds us that the rights we sometimes take for granted have not always been available to all.

Presbyterians in Love



He was a man stretched between worlds: one of cautious belief, another of passion and sentiment; one of rational learning, another of devotion and deep emotion.

The Tao of John Quincy Adams



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Now, instead of antiseptic and ahistorical entities, institutions became intensely historical and capable of dramatic and dynamic change.

[Strange Bedfellows: The Politics of Race in Antebellum Rhode Island](#)



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T. W. DORR.

Inaugurated Governor of Rhode Island, May 3^d 1842.

"The process of this court does not reach the man within. The Court cannot shake the convictions of the mind, nor the fixed purpose which is sustained by integrity of heart.

From this sentence of the Court I appeal to the People of our State and of our Country. They shall decide between us." Ex^t from Dorr's Speech, Newport R.I. June 25th 1844.

When the ballots were certified on January 13, 1842, the people of Rhode Island found themselves with two constitutions.

[“The limb in my Fathers arms:” The Environmental and Material Creation of a Treaty Elm Relic](#)



Through its mythic participation in Penn's Treaty, the wood of the Treaty Elm became saturated with associated moral values and lessons.

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Plight and Prospects of the Moderate,
Then and Now**



In polarizing times, there is a price to be paid—at the polls and otherwise—for attempting to chart a middle path.