

# The Struggle for Statehood

Utah Territory asked the U.S. Congress for statehood six different times

- 1849
- 1856
- 1862
- 1872
- 1882
- 1887

Why did Utah want to become a state?



Utah's citizens would no longer be treated as inferiors



The people would be full citizens of the United States. They would be able to vote for the president.





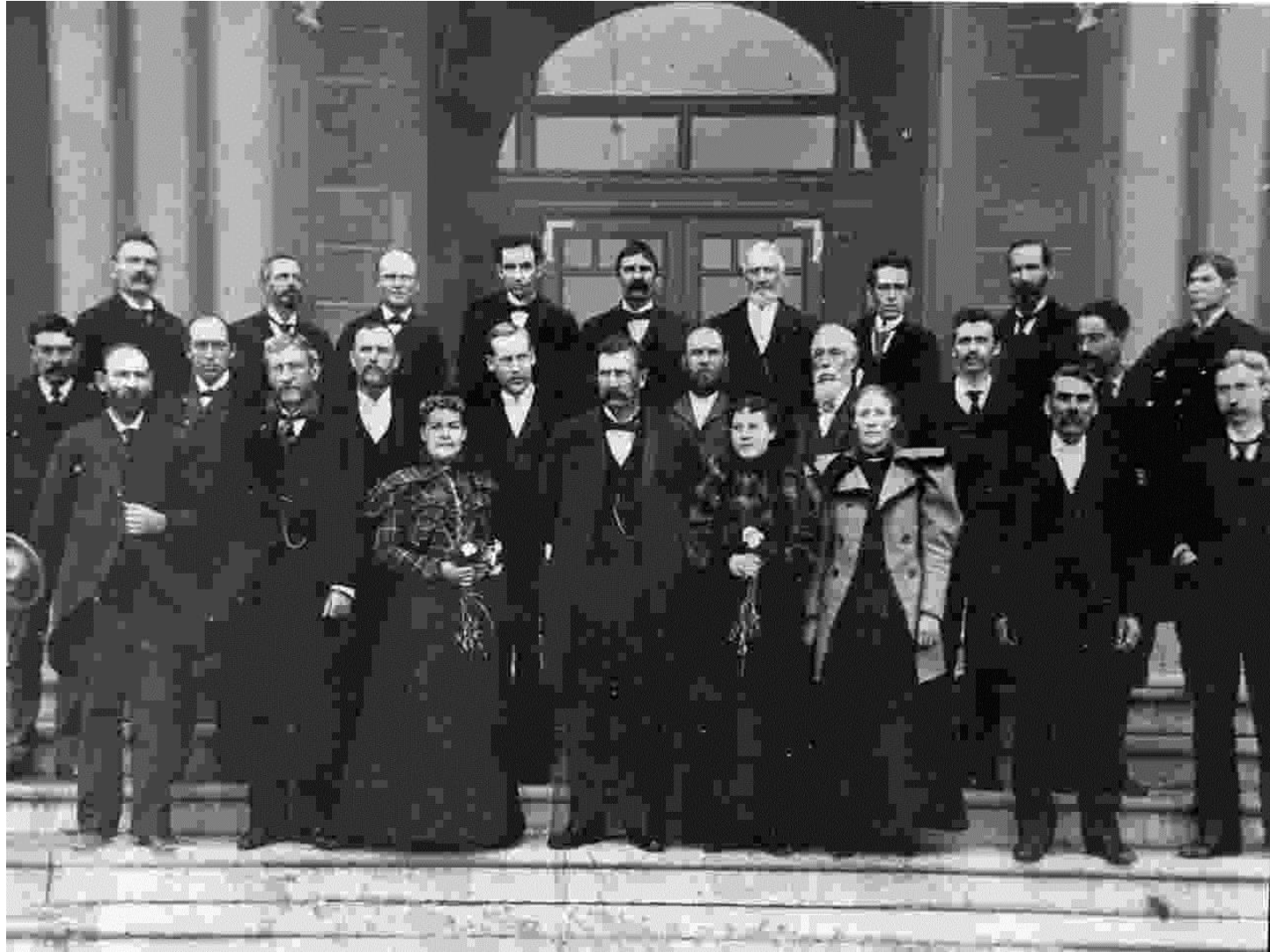
Utah's delegates would get to vote for laws that would affect the whole country.



Utah would have full representation in the U.S. government

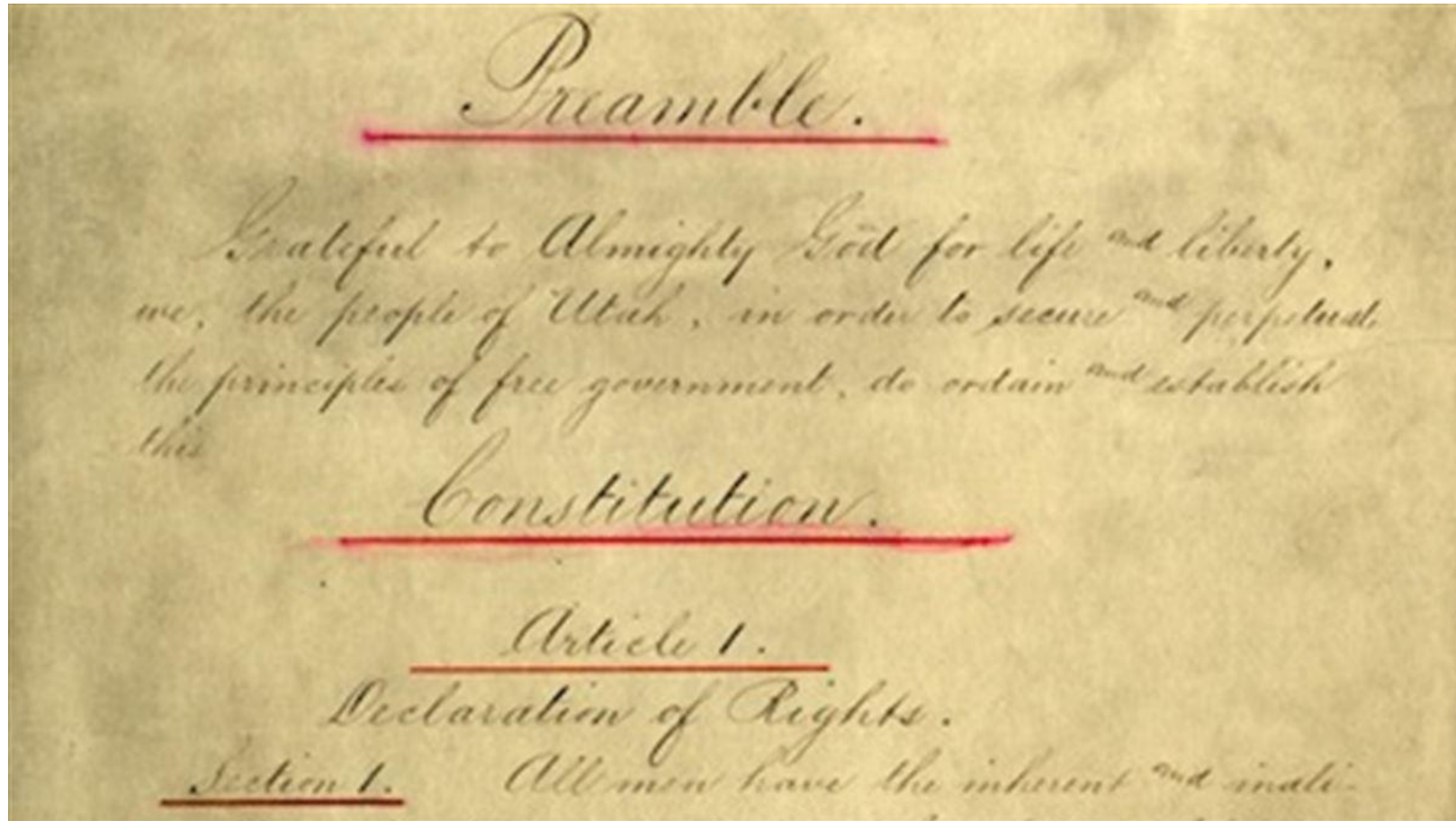


Utah would elect judges instead of having them appointed by the federal government.





Utah's leaders would get to write their own constitution.



Utah would have power over education.



Utah citizens would pay taxes and receive benefits in return.



What made it so difficult for Utah to become a state?





# UNITY

- Conflict centered around the LDS idea of unity in government, economics, and the role religion should play in everyday decisions.
- Other Utahns stood for individual thought, competition, diversity, and the separation of church and state.

# POLITICS

- Utah had two primary political parties, which didn't have anything to do with national political parties.
- Mormons belonged to the People's Party
- Non-Mormons belonged to the Liberal Party

# COURTS

- Each county had a judge for both civil and criminal cases.
- Mormons did not use the judges very much, choosing instead to take their cases before their bishop.
- Non-Mormons believed they did not get justice in a “Mormon court.”

# ECONOMICS

- LDS leaders wanted to manage the economy of the territory.
- Brigham Young encouraged people to support businesses run by other Mormons.
- Non-Mormons thought they had a right to run businesses and make money, too.



# EDUCATION

- LDS schools included religious instruction along with other subjects.
- Mormons thought schools were like other services and should be paid for.
- Other Utahns wanted free public schools supported by taxes.

# IMMIGRATION

- The LDS Church sent out missionaries to convert people and encourage them to come to Utah.
- Other Utahns felt so many immigrants were a threat to getting land and good jobs.

# POLYGAMY

- The practice of having more than one wife was not acceptable to people from the rest of the country.