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Moving West

During the 1800s, **emigrants** (EM-uh-gruhntz) packed wagons to move west. Some went to create new lives on good farmland. Others hoped to make money by finding gold or selling goods. A few went to escape religious or legal problems. The emigrants faced disease and starvation along the way. These difficult times expanded the United States and created a new way of life for many people.

▼ Emigrants in a wagon train moving west

