



## The Improbably Small County Seat Towns of the West

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Createspace, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 216 x 140 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.One of the greatest emigrations in the world took place when people looking for a better life headed to the United States in large droves in the late 1800 s and into the 1900 s. Not all came because of the opening of free land for homesteading in the Western United States, although the Homestead Act signed by President Abraham Lincoln in 1862, beginning the world s largest land giveaway, was surely a factor. The empty grasslands of the west were contributing very little to the nation s economy. They were empty because of the annihilation of the buffalo and other wildlife which hastened the defeat of the Indians who were rulers of this domain. Populating and bringing prosperity to this massive area would require an increasing number of people as new lands were surveyed and approved for settlement. The immense surge of people entering the US from 1880 to 1920 coincided with the largest number of homestead applications. Not all homesteaders were newly arrived though as many were from the more settled and crowded lands to the east..



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