FREDERICK JACKSON TURNER (PHS 1878)

A renowned scholar, Mr. Turner made his mark with a paper entitled, "The Significance of the Frontier in American History", delivered to the American Historical Association in Chicago during the Chicago World's Fair in 1893. The premise that people moved West because the free land offered opportunities unavailable in "civilized" territories is still discussed and debated today. He taught history at the University of Wisconsin from 1889 to 1910 and at Harvard until his retirement in 1924. Acquiring his love of history from his journalist and historian father, Frederick Jackson Turner continues to be recognized as a preeminent historical scholar.

For more information about Mr. Turner, please refer to http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frederick Jackson Turner