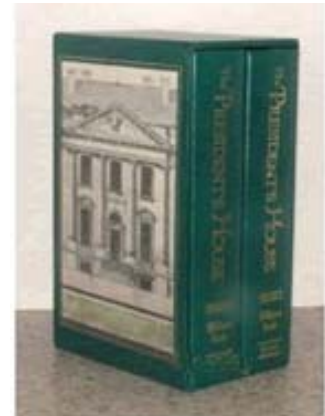


**#202 The ‘Little Horn’ Fifth Beast – July 4, 1848: The *unscheduled* signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo**

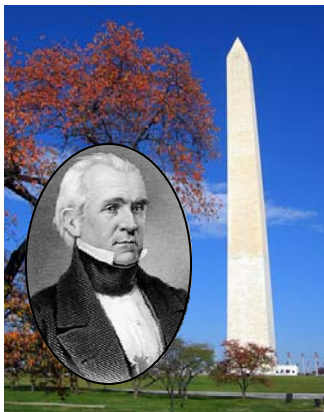
**The 5<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Beast**

**Key Point: *The fifth, fifth, fifth beast.* What makes the ‘555 Doubles’ of the laying of the cornerstone of the Washington Monument and the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo by President James K. Polk even more remarkable is that the signing was an *unscheduled* event.**

Here are three paragraphs from a historical reference-type book *The President’s House* (pictured), by William Seale, page 274, © 1986, which entwine the two events together.



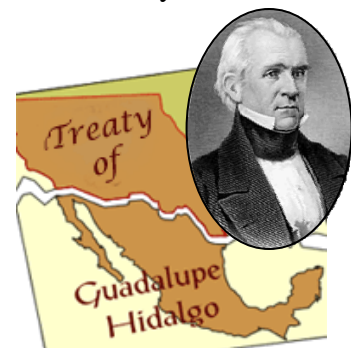
As the President’s political victories were announced, and as the news from Mexico arrived – usually via the New Orleans newspapers – the exuberance of the [White House dinner] parties arose. Mexico City fell in mid-September 1847; after five months of negotiation, the treaty at last was signed. The terms were not at all to Polk’s liking, but he gave the treaty [the February 2, 1848, Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo] his support. By the close of May 1848 it was approved by Mexico and the United States, although the President still nervously awaited the actual document with Mexico’s endorsement when daylight first appeared on July 4.



**That morning Polk rode in a long procession to the Mall to lay the cornerstone of the Washington Monument.**

This tribute to the hero was to be a colossal obelisk, not the equestrian statue with which L’Enfant and Houdon had wished to ornament the capital. Afterward the President returned to the White House, where a large group of officers and soldiers on the way home from Mexico asked him to review them on horseback, to celebrate the day.

He remained briefly downstairs at the Fourth of July reception, then hastened to his office to receive a messenger from Mexico who had unexpectedly arrived with “dispatches and the ratified treaty” [Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo]. **With no ceremony, the President signed the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in his office.** More than 500,000 square miles of territory were added to the American nation; the garden of democracy stretched from Texas to the Pacific Ocean.



Here is **#202–Doc 1**, showing page 274 (which contains the information *above*) from *The President's House: A History*, by William Seale, © 1986, White House Historical Association, Washington D.C.

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*Daniel 7:8 (KJV) I considered the [ten] horns, and behold, there came up among them another **LITTLE HORN** [a Fifth Beast, the United States of America], before whom there were **THREE OF THE FIRST HORNS** [England, France, and Spain, uprooted by Mexico, which was then uprooted by the United States in the 1846-1848 Mexican War] **PLUCKED UP BY THE ROOTS**: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and **A MOUTH SPEAKING GREAT THINGS**.*

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