

Module 3: From Continental to World Power

Talk	Title	Time Period	Date of Talk
16	Competing destinies	1848-1854	March 4th
17	The Union falls apart	1854-1861	March 18th
18	Civil War	1861-1865	Wednesday April 3rd
19	Reconstruction & the New South	1865-1900	April 15th
20	Conquest of the West	1865-1890	April 29th
21	Triumph of capital	1865-1894	Wednesday 8th
22	A world power emerges	1890-1904	May 20th





American History

Talk 17: The Union collapses 1854-1861



Overview

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- Abolitionism
 - Trouble in Kansas
 - John Brown
 - 1860 and the election
 - Secession
 - War
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Slavery in the United States 1600-1820

- First slaves imported from Africa 1619
- 1688 Quakers in Pennsylvania make “Petition against Slavery”
- 1770 s- 1804 Second ‘Great Awakening’ ‘Gradual abolition of slavery’ in Northern States– “
- 1790’s + Introduction of cotton gin makes slavery economically viable
- 1790-1803 Haitian Slave Revolt
- 1807/ 08 British and US bans Atlantic Slave Trade
- 1816 Creation of American Colonisation Society
- 1831 Nat Turner Revolt
- 1833 British Empire Abolish slavery (with compensation to owners)

Liberia Colony

Precedent: British West African Colony off Sierra Leone established 1790's for Black Loyalists

American Colonisation Society purchases settlements On West Africa...support from Jefferson, Henry Clay, Monroe, Madison major slave owners...moderate Abolitionists

A failed enterprise 12,000 Free blacks move to Liberia by 1820 60% die from disease within 2 years survivors attacked by surrounding Kingdoms, survive by becoming "enslavers" Independence 1843.. descendants form Liberian ruling class till 1980

Free blacks consider scheme a fraud: Jerome Loguen: "We recognize in the scheme of African Colonization"]the most intense hatred of the coloured race, clad in the garb of pretended philanthropy.....as manifestations of a passion fit only for demons to indulge in."



William Garrison (1805- 1879)



Born Massachusetts to Canadian immigrants, employed as typesetter...then writer, supports ACS but Adopts “gradual abolitionism” 1829

Establishes “Liberator” newspaper 1831....75% readership Free Blacks...abandons “gradual abolitionism”. Includes ‘Black Lists’ –identifying crimes. Demands Immediate uncompensated emancipation through Non violence...South puts price on his head

“I am aware that many object to the severity of my language; but is there not cause for severity? I will be as harsh as truth, and as uncompromising as justice. On this subject, I do not wish to think, or speak, or write, with moderation. No! No! Tell a man whose house is on fire to give a moderate alarm; tell him to moderately rescue his wife from the hands of the ravisher; tell the mother to gradually extricate her babe from the fire into which it has fallen; – but urge me not to use moderation in a cause like the present. I am in earnest – I will not equivocate – I will not excuse – I will not retreat a single inch – *and I will be heard.*”

Amistad Incident

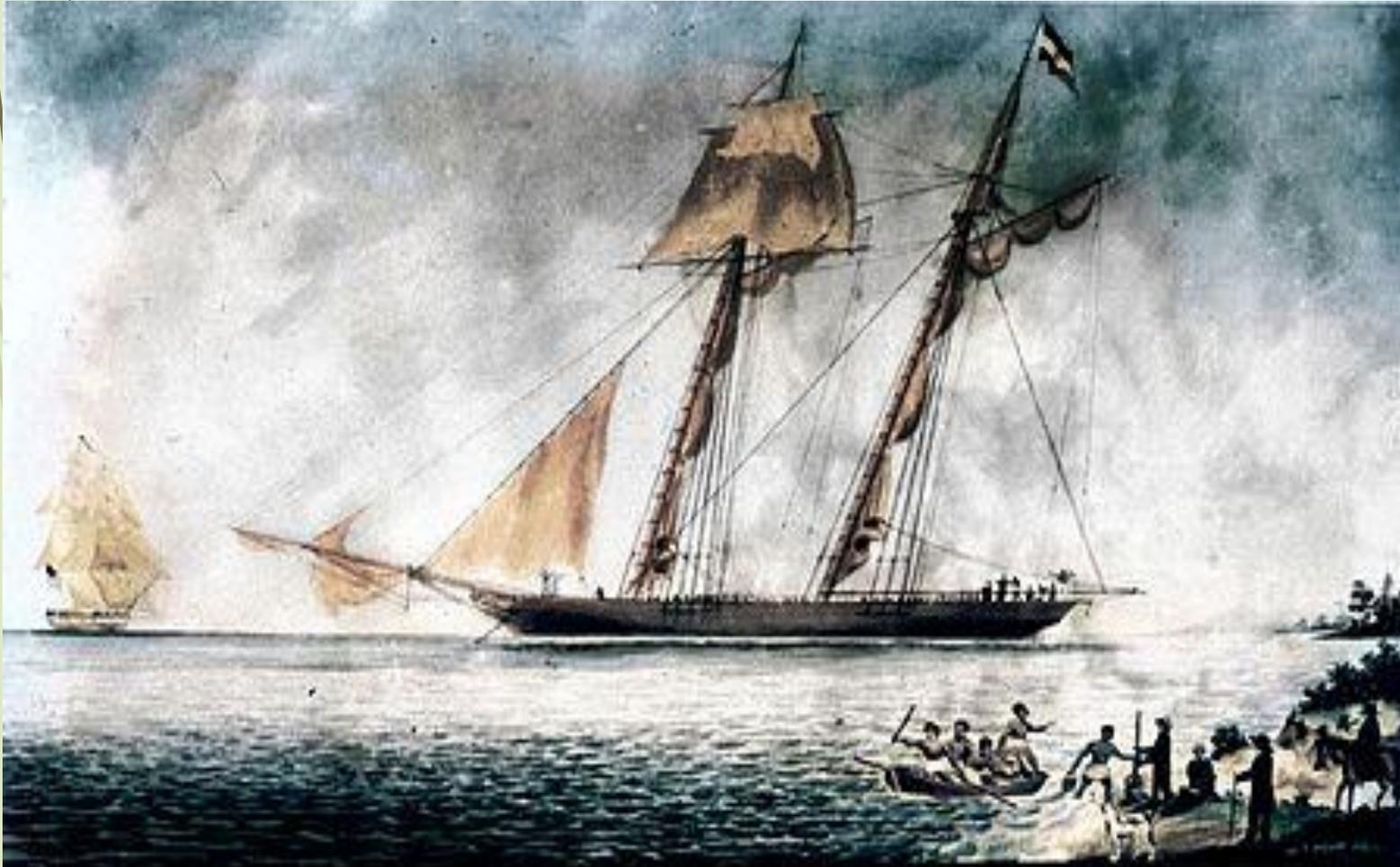
Atlantic slave trade abolished
By Britain... British West India
Squadron enforces....with
Increasing effectiveness

February 1839 500 slaves from 9
Ethnic groups captured in West
by Africans employed by Spanish
Slave Pedro Blanco Africa,

Agents Ruiz & Montez smuggle
Slaves to Cuba

Spanish slave owner transports
55 Slaves from Havana to South
Cuba on La Amistad

Cook jokes to slaves they are
Being sent to be cooked



La Amistad

Amistad Incident 1839

Slaves revolt...kill captain and cook take over ship, imprisons Luis & Montez. Leader Joseph Cinque orders pilot to return to Africa

Pilot tricks slaves....goes to US. US navy intercepts Slaves. Release L&M, imprisons slaves

The trial: (1) slaves salvage, property of US Navy(2) property of Luis & Montez to be returned (3) murders to be hanged (4) 'people' resisting unlawful imprisonment

Slaves acquitted. Navy appeals to Supreme Courtenter John Quincy Adams ("grandfather Eloquent"fmr President

Joseph learns English....strong defence. acquitted44 surviving slaves return to West Africa

Widely publicized...popular play "The long black schooner inspires Abolitionists and free blacks ...joy in northern press & Liberator disturbs South ... British navy destroys slave depot



Death of Capt. Ferrer, the Captain of the Amistad, July, 1839.

The Amistad and Don Pedro Montez, of the Island of Cuba, being purchased by their master at Havana, recently captured from Africa, put their hands on the Amistad, Capt. Ferrer, in order to transport them to Portugal, another part of the Island of Cuba. After being out from Havana during four days, the Amistad captured on board, as well as other slave boats, and returned to Africa, several thousand with new letters, and new ships. The Captain and crew of the vessel. Capt. Ferrer and the rest of the crew were killed. Two of the crew escaped. Ferrer and Montez were both prisoners.

Frederick Douglass (1817-1895)..early life



Born into slavery Maryland, father white
..separated from mother and sold at
Aged 7, mistress taught him alphabet,
Master opposed...learns to read from
White boys

Sold to poor farmer "slave breaker" in
Baltimore. Whipped...retaliated and beat up
Master...falls in love with "free" Ann Murray

Escapes to Pennsylvania...protected by Quakers
"I felt as one might feel upon escape from a den
of hungry lions." Anguish and grief, like darkness
and rain, may be depicted; but gladness and joy,
like the rainbow, defy the skill of pen or pencil.^[45]

Considers "Christianity Of America blasphemous
...advocates "Christianity of Jesus"

Writes best seller "Narrative of Frederick Douglass"
An American Slave

Douglas in British Isles

Master...Thomas Auld despatches 'slave catchers'...Garrison arranges tour of British isles

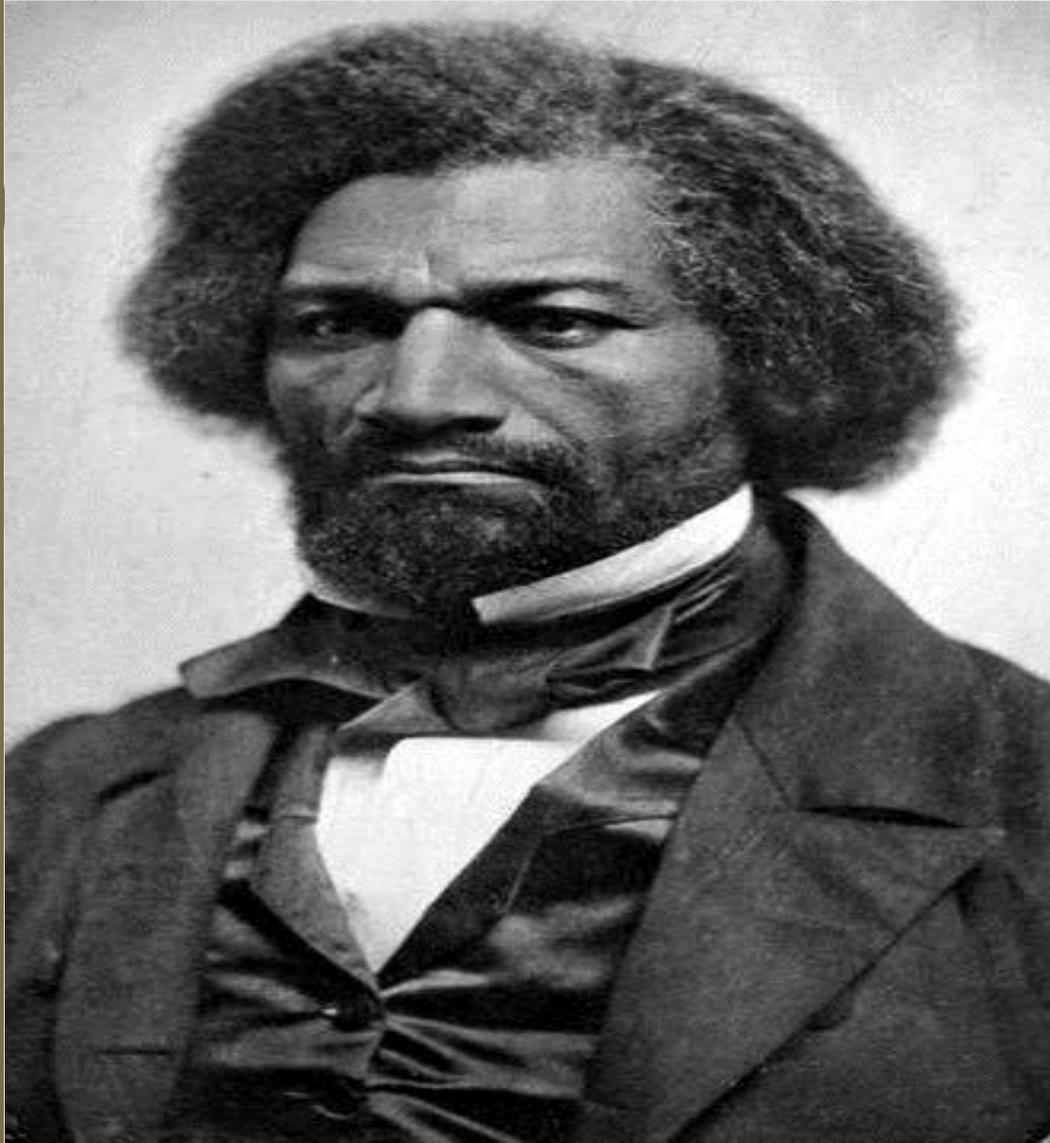
Experience in Ireland "Eleven days and a half gone, and I have crossed three thousand miles of the perilous deep. Instead of a democratic government, I am under a monarchical government. Instead of the bright, blue sky of America, I am covered with the soft, grey fog of the Emerald Isle [Ireland]. I breathe, and lo! the chattel [slave] becomes a man. I gaze around in vain for one who will question my equal humanity, claim me as his slave, or offer me an insult. I employ a cab—I am seated beside white people—I reach the hotel—I enter the same door—I am shown into the same parlor—I dine at the same table—and no one is offended.... I find myself regarded and treated at every turn with the kindness and deference paid to white people. When I go to church, I am met by no upturned nose and scornful lip to tell me, '*We don't allow niggers in here!*'"

Astounded by poverty.....meets and befriends Irish nationalist Daniel O'Connell

Tours England....sold out speeches...British abolitionists buys his freedom

Frederick Douglass: abolitionist

Douglas aged 45 (1861)



Returns to USA 1848 funded by British abolitionists
.....founds newspaper, writes

Writes to former owner ...about slave experience
Then "there is no roof under which you would be more
safe than mine, and there is nothing in my house which
you might need for comfort, which I would not readily
grant. Indeed, I should esteem it a privilege, to set you
an example as to how mankind ought to treat each other.
.....meet and reconcile after Civil War"^[53]

Meets Garrison....who publicly burns Constitution
Douglass disagrees...lobbies to amend Constitution
Meets John Brown...rejects use of violence

Seeks alliance with Women' Right movements and
Wealthy White American "Elizabeth Stanton"

Complex personal life. Remains married....multiple affairs
& mistresses but discrete...dresses to impress

Lucretia Mott (1793-1880)



Born into one of founding Family's Boston...educated by Quakers....school teacher..motivated To support women's rights by unequal Pay for women, marries James Mott Anti slavery businessman

Recorded as minister aged 28, James & Lucretia found American Anti Slavery Society 1839...famous for speeches ..with Grimke sisters and black preachers At burning of Boston Meeting Hall

Attends World Slavery Convention London 1840...becomes ally and mentor to Elisabeth Stanton. Committed support of un Railway...supports abolition and women's Rights...advocates female suffrage, right to divorce and owning property

Considered leading white female Abolitionist & found suffragette USA

Women's Suffrage Movement

Elizabeth Stanton (1815-1902) & children



Born Elizabeth Cady to wealthy NY family, father Federalist, Mother Progressive, only survivor of 7... Well educated...family encourages

Marries abolitionist.....(refuses to "obey" ...radicals, meet Garrison honeymoon to London attends World Anti Slavery Convention on honeymoon...meets Lucretia Mott Frederick Douglas ...reveals racist views...Douglas corrects her...

Moves to Seneca Falls NY...meets with Quakers...movements across US...Mississippi & Pennsylvania

Works with Lucretia Mott to arrange 3 day Conference for women + abolitionist supporters ...men to attend Day one.....but stay quiet

Drafts "Declaration of Sentiments"

Seneca Falls Convention 1848



Three day Conference Women only day one, Men & Women together days two – three
Debate whether to lobby for women's vote. Douglas, only black delegate, asked to speak

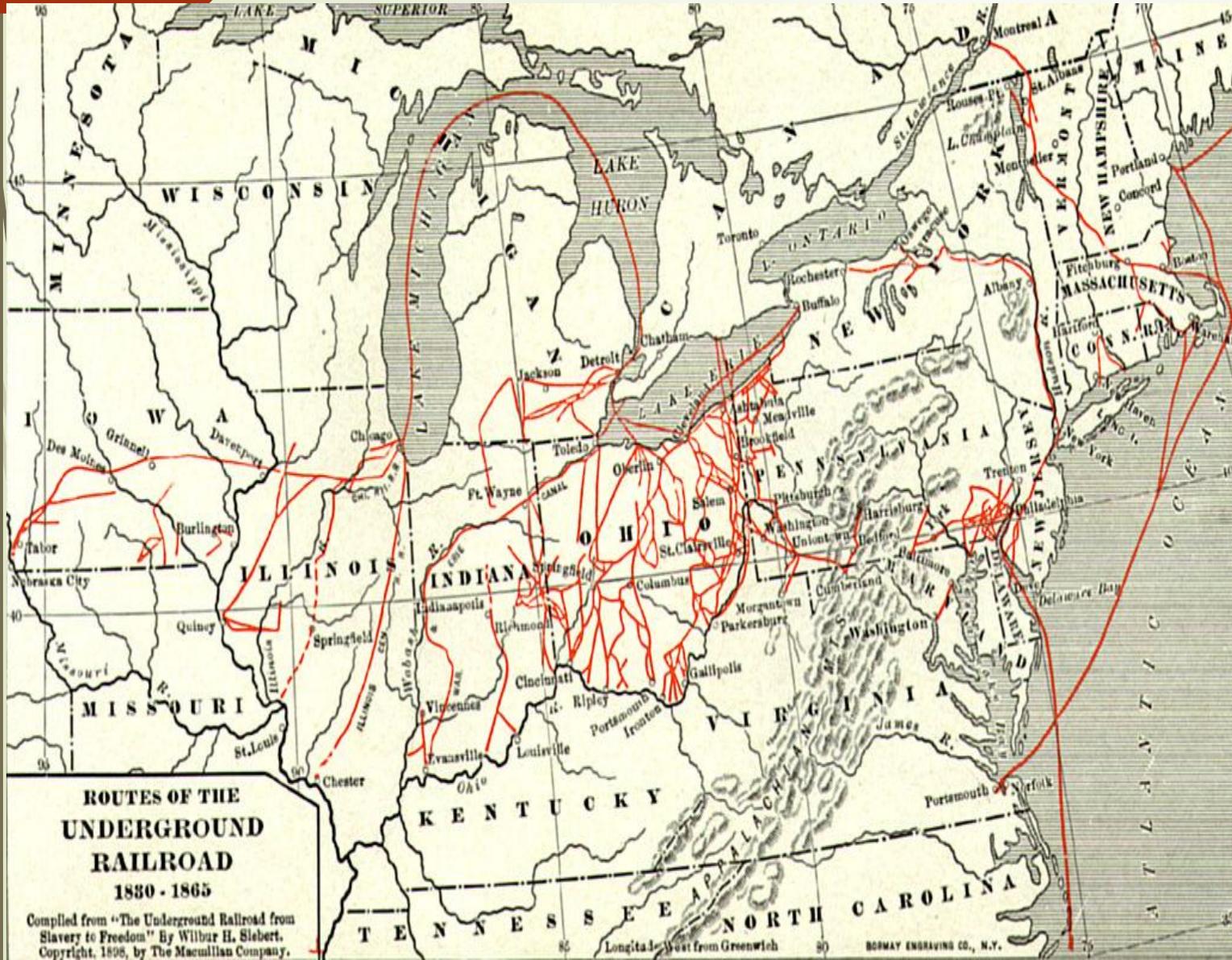
Outcomes

Douglas: “In this denial of the right to participate in government, not merely the degradation of woman and the perpetuation of a great injustice happens, but the maiming and repudiation of one-half of the moral and intellectual power of the government of the world” Secures women suffragette support for abolitionism

- Published “Sentiments” request (1) end slavery, (2) introduction of Temperance, (3) and women rights & suffrage.....publicised across US
- Seneca Falls Gazette 1849 ““This bolt is the most shocking and unnatural incident ever recorded in the history of humanity. If our ladies will insist on voting and legislating, where, gentleman, will be our dinners and our elbows? Where our domestic firesides and the holes in our stockings?”

Women become key to success of “Underground Railway”

Underground Railway



Fugitive Slave Act required Northern states to return slaves

Informal network of secret Societies dedicated to Smuggling slaves to Canada ...disappeared,,like underground

Alliance free blacks, Quakers Presbyterians.....

100,000 slaves escape...30,000 To Canada...most famous Harriett Tubman...13 trips from North...100 slaves

Slaves also escaped to MexicoTexas Rangers redeployed As "Slave catchers"

“Underground” ..boat and road...to Canada and North



Harriett Tubman (1822-1913)



Born 'Arminty' slave in Maryland, large Familyhired "in house" as nurse maid. Whipped. Hired out as teenager...whipped, Head injury. Visions...devout Methodist...Marries free black

Harriet ill...low value...family tries o sell. Flees to Philadelphia 1849 ...resolves to rescue Entire family

Completes 13 missions...rescues brothers, Sisters, parents...husband remarried...70 in total

"I was conductor of the Underground Railroad for eight years, and I can say what most conductors can't say – I never ran my train off the track and I never lost a Passenger" ...carried revolver...threaten to shoot anyone Wanting to return

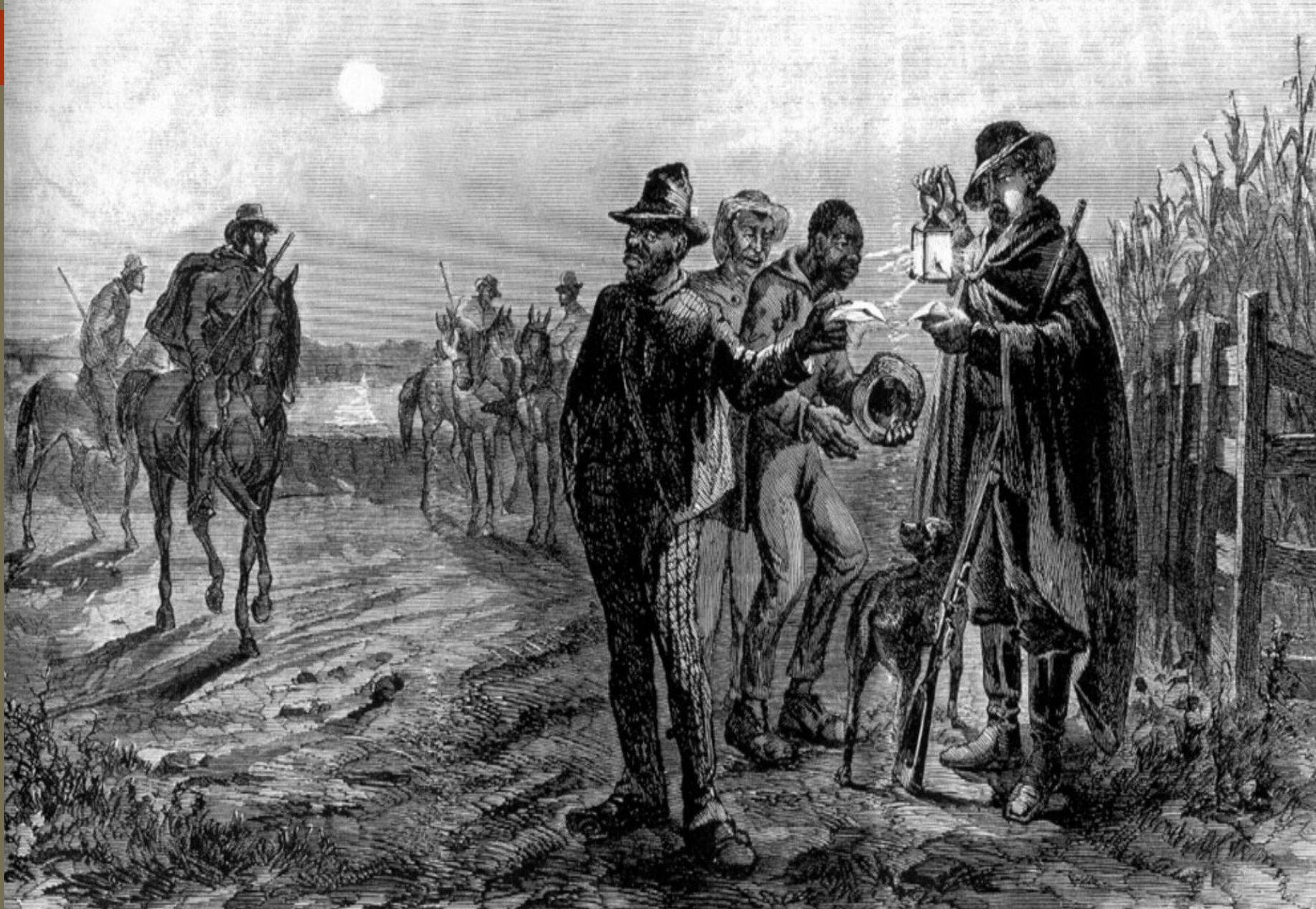
Befriends Frederick Douglas....assist John Brown to plan raid ...cook in Civil War....scouts for coloured regiment that recovers 700 slaves....active suffragette after war



Why no mass slave revolt ...Haiti, Jamaica

- Outnumbered white population (except S. Carolina, parts of Georgia)
- Isolated....away from coasts...lack of interaction
- Uneducated...no maps, “Canada”...
- Most in small groups under 20
- Rigorous Southern ‘Slave Patrols’ infrastructure to control movements

Slave Patrols



State militia continuously
Patrolling countryside

Require proof of "permission
to move" Free Blacks to
Prove status when questioned
..banned some states

Origins of US Police
Force...regulation
Of movement by
blacks

Catching Runaways

This for Harriet (Minty) Tubman

THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.

RUNAWAY from the subscriber on Monday the 17th ult., three negroes, named as follows: **HARRY**, aged about 19 years, has on one side of his neck a wen, just under the ear, he is of a dark chestnut color, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high; **BEN**, aged about 25 years, is very quick to speak when spoken to, he is of a chestnut color, about six feet high; **MINTY**, aged about 27 years, is of a chestnut color, fine looking, and about 5 feet high. One hundred dollars reward will be given for each of the above named negroes, if taken out of the State, and \$50 each if taken in the State. They must be lodged in Baltimore, Easton or Cambridge Jail, in Maryland.

ELIZA ANN BRODESS.

Near Bucktown, Dorchester county, Md.

Oct. 3d, 1849.

The Delaware Gazette will please copy and charge this office.

\$100 REWARD.



RUNAWAY or Stolen from the Subscriber, living near Freedonia, Chambers county, Alabama, on the 18th inst., a negro fellow named **ASA**. Said boy may be known by his forefingers, one being cut off, the other stiff. He is about 20 years old, middle stature, dark complexion—took with him his clothes and a fine fur cap. If apprehended, he will no doubt deny his name, owner and residence, as he did some years ago in Macon jail. He will endeavor to get into Monroe about Forsyth, or Houston about the old plantation of George Whittfield. The above reward will be paid for the apprehension of said negro with the thief and proof to convict him, or \$20 for the negro alone lodged so I can get him.

ASA COX.

Freedonia Ala. Dec 4, 1849.

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\$150 REWARD.



RUNAWAY, on the 18th instant, from the Plantation belonging to the Estate of Dr. John Hill, **SIX** Negroes—**PETER**, a tall, very likely black fellow, open countenance, bold bearing and plain spoken, has a scar on the chin or neck; **SYLVIA**, his wife, tall, copper colored, cross-eyed and rather ill-favored; woman **GRACE**, black, well-made, rather spry, and quick in her movements; **TOM**, black, rather small-sized, has lost a front tooth, and appears simple; **FRED**, stout, copper colored, stammers very badly, and shows his teeth in talking; **ISAAC**, middle height, partly bald, very bad teeth, and rather bad countenance.—Said Negroes are all between the ages of 20 and 30. When last seen they were at Concord, Early county, in the company of three white men, with a two-horse wagon. They may have separated, but it is more probable they have gone down into Florida, or are endeavoring to reach North Carolina, as they were brought from the latter State. I will give the above reward for their delivery on said plantation, or \$75 for their apprehension and detention in jail.

Oct 31

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RICH'D B. HILL.

Early county, Ga.



LEFT, about the last of April, my negro boy **MOSES**. He is likely in some jail by this time, and may refuse to give his proper name, or that of his owner. Moses is thirty or upwards, thick set, very quick spoken, not of the blackest kind, and has a scar on one of his arms, between the elbow and shoulder. Any information respecting said boy, will be thankfully received, and a reasonable compensation will be given for his apprehension and detention, so that I get him.

SEABORN C. BRYAN.

Minerva, Houston Co., Ga., Sep. 12, 1849. 24-1f

“Slave Catchers”



DESPERATE CONFLICT IN A BARN.

Northern State pass “ personal Liberty laws” securing freedom For local blacks

Slave owners hire “bounty hunters” To recapture slaves...also “Reverse Underground Railway”...agents go North to ‘kidnap’ former slaves.... Or free blacks..

Fugitive Slave Act 1850 required Northern officials and citizens To cooperate....origins of US Police Force...cooperate with “Catchers”

Margaret Garner. Raped slave...children from Master escaped to Ohio 1853. Catcher finds her....kills daughter to avoid future rape Catcher Takes her south...Steamboat sinks ...drowns other daughter. Tries to kill selfsold as House servant! ..escapes to Ohio

Abolitionist reaction: "Boston Vigilance Committee

CAUTION!!

COLORED PEOPLE

OF BOSTON, ONE & ALL,

You are hereby respectfully CAUTIONED and advised, to avoid conversing with the

**Watchmen and Police Officers
of Boston,**

For since the recent **ORDER OF THE MAYOR & ALDERMEN**, they are empowered to act as

KIDNAPPERS

AND

Slave Catchers,

And they have already been actually employed in **KIDNAPPING, CATCHING, AND KEEPING SLAVES**. Therefore, if you value your **LIBERTY**, and the *Welfare of the Fugitives* among you, *Shun* them in every possible manner, as so many **HOUNDS** on the track of the most unfortunate of your race.

**Keep a Sharp Look Out for
KIDNAPPERS, and have
TOP EYE open.**

APRIL 24, 1851.

Inter Racial Committee formed
1841 to prevent return of slaves

Many incidents...each "Removal"
Publicised...demonstrations...media
Frenzy...Donations purchase freedom
of Captured slaves...organise rescues

"Slave Catching" becomes too
Expensive to pursue
....South concludes North breaching
"Fugitive Slave Act 1850")

Uncle Toms Cabin 1852

UNCLE TOM'S CABIN;

OR,

LIFE AMONG THE LOWLY.

BY

HARRIET BEECHER STOWE.



VOL. I.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH THOUSAND.

BOSTON:

JOHN P. JEWETT & COMPANY

CLEVELAND, OHIO:

JEWETT, PROCTOR & WORTHINGTON.

1852.

Harriet Beecher Stowe...daughter Of "2nd Great Awakening" preacher

Melodramatic...stereotype characters: Tom
Subservient. Simon Legree Vicious "Northern" Slaver

Appeals to power of Christian Love...slavery an abomination...Sells 300,000 copies first year
..worldwide Block-buster

Forms northern opinion "Slavery" Unchristian
....destruction of people and their families

George Orwell "perhaps the supreme example of the 'good bad' book is *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. It is an unintentionally ludicrous book, full of preposterous melodramatic incidents; it is also deeply moving and essentially true; it is hard to say which quality outweighs the other."



Meanwhile....back in Kansas

State of Kansas

- ▶ Population 1854 less than 1,600... "free" settlers... small farms seeking to form government
- ▶ Kansas Nebraska Act 1854... "residents" to decide "slave or free"
- ▶ 6,000 Missouri Slave owners (Ragamuffins) move into state during 1854
....rig election to vote "pro slave" Governor
- ▶ Free Settlers reject election.....elect "Free Governor"
- ▶ One Territory two governments.....both armed
- ▶first killings

'Free State' Response....

**THE DAY OF
OUR ENSLAVEMENT!!**

To-day, Sept. 15, 1855, is the day on which the infamous enactment of an illegitimate, illegal and scandalous Legislature have declared, consecrated, the prostration of the Right of Speech, and the curtailment of the LIBERTY OF THE PRESS!! To-day commences an Era in Kansas, which unless the sturdy-valor of the People, backed, if necessary, by "strong arms and the sure eye," shall teach the tyrants who attempt to enslave us the lesson which our Fathers taught to kingly tyrants of old, shall prostrate us in the dust, and make us the slaves of an Oligarchy

Worse than the veriest Despotism on Earth!

To-day commences the operation of a law which declares: "Sec. 12. If any free person, by speaking or by writing, or by print or otherwise that persons have not the right to hold slaves in this Territory, or shall introduce into this Territory, print, publish, write, circulate or cause to be introduced into this Territory, writing, printed, published or circulated in this Territory, any book, paper, magazine, pamphlet or circular, containing any denial of the right of persons to hold slaves in this Territory, such person shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and punished by imprisonment at hard labor for a term of not less than two years."

Now we DO ASSERT and we declare, despite all the taunts and bars of the insipid Legislature of Kansas, that

"PERSONS HAVE NOT THE RIGHT TO HOLD SLAVES IN THIS TERRITORY."

And we will maintain it upon our banner in letters as large and in language as plain that the infatuated invaders who elected the Kansas Legislature, as well as

THAT CORRUPT AND IGNORANT LEGISLATURE

Itself, may understand it—so that, if they cannot read, they may SPELL IT OUT, and meditate and deliberate upon it; and we hold that the man who fails to utter this self-evident truth, on occasions of the basest treatment alluded to, is a yellow and a slave worse than the black slaves of our persecutors and oppressors.

The Constitution of the United States, the great Magna Charta of American Liberties,

Guarantees to every Citizen the Liberty of Speech and the Freedom of the Press!

And this is the first time in the history of America that a body claiming Legislative powers has dared to attempt to wrest them from the people. And it is not only the right, but the besotted duty of every Freesoiler to open with contempt and trample under foot an enactment which thus basely violates the rights of Freedom. For our part we DO and SHALL CONTINUE to utter this truth as long as we have the power of utterance, and nothing but the brute force of an ever-bearing tyranny can prevent us.

Will any citizen—any free American—brook the insult of

AN INSOLENT GAG LAW!!

The work of a Legislature elected by hollering ruffians who invaded Kansas with arms, and whose drunken rascality, and insults to our patriots, meddling and comparatively ignorant citizens, were a disgrace to manhood, and a burlesque upon popular Republican Government! If they do, they are slaves already, and with them Freedom is but a mockery.

Lawrence Kansas 1856

- ▶ 'Army' of 800 Ragamuffins (Pro-Slavers) occupy "Free State" settlement of Lawrence Kansas
- ▶ ...with 1 cannon on May 21st, 1856
- ▶ Hotel owner decides opportunity to put on buffet lunch
- ▶ Much drinking, eating...dinner not paid...Slavers demand residents surrender arms
- ▶ Residents refuse
- ▶ Ragamuffins fire cannon at hotel ...does no damage....burns down hotel & ransack town....1 slaver killed by falling debris

Newspapers...."Ransacking of Lawrence".....message reaches John
Who has joined "Free Settlers"

Debating Kansas

Caning of Senator Sumner

“Bleeding Kansas” debated in Senate

Senator Sumner....ridicules South....and relative
Of Congressman Preston Brooks

Brooks attacks Sumner....beats him
senseless ...breaks cane.. & leaves for South

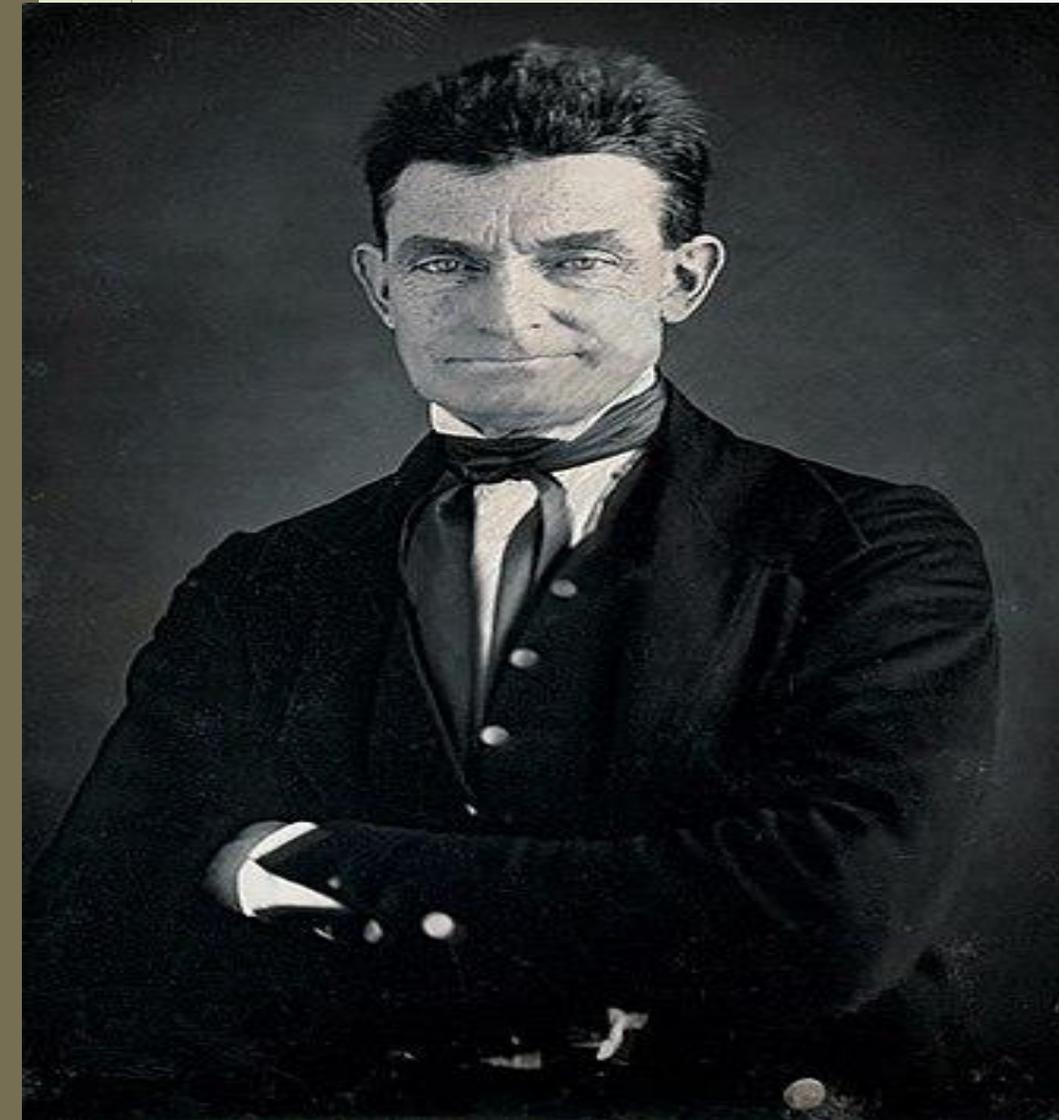
South: Richmond Enquirer: "We consider the act
good in conception , better in execution, and
best of all in consequences. These vulgar
abolitionists in the Senate must be lashed into
submission." ...seen as hero, send 100's new ca

North newspapers publicSouth violent fanatic



SOUTHERN CHIVALRY — ARGUMENT VERSUS CLUB'S.

John Brown (1800 -1859)



Born Connecticut.....self educated..
Father abolitionist moves to Ohio. Supporter of
Underground Railway...John herds cattle...sees
Black colleague...beaten with iron shovel....embraces
Anti slavery

Age 16 attends college in Mass...taught by abolitionist
Returns to Ohio...Learns bible by heart, non drinker, non
Smoker, sets up Tannery business + supports "underground"
Marries...7 children, 5 sons...bankrupted Panic of 1836...
moves to Springfield Massachusetts

Successful farmer, breeder of race horses, meets Douglas,
Befriends William Walker (black radical advocate of resistance)
Supports "railroad"...meets Tubman...founds "League of Gilead"
Marries..."End of Days" prevented by slavery

Convinced violence only means to end slavery...moves
To Kansas to support "Free Settlers"...needs trigger to act

Bleeding Kansas

- ▶ Pottawomie Massacre May 24th 1856
 - ▶ Brown learns of “sacking of Lawrence”. Reads telegraph news of Sumner
 - ▶ Decides revenge, gathers 5 sons and followers
 - ▶ Raids “slavery settlement” of Powattomie, Kansas
 - ▶ Raids homes kidnaps 5 random males....and beheads each of them
- ▶ Response.....
 - ▶ Kansas “Slave” Governor sends posse to catch/kill Brown
 - ▶ Slaver posse of 30 defeated “at Battle” of Black Jack...June 1856..Brown retreats
 - ▶ Slaver Army of 400 surround Brown at “Battle” of Oswatomie” Brown, 5 sons & 30 conduct ‘fighting retreat’: 20 slavers killed, Brown loses son and 5 supporters
 - ▶ Brown leaves Kansas...on the run
 - ▶ North ...Brown hero.....South terrorist

Intermittent killings in Kansas continue.....50 killed ...press describes as “War’

1856 Election Campaign

Democrats pro slavery

- ▶ Pro slavery expansion ---Cuba, Nicaragua, Kansas/ immigration.....recruits Irish Catholics
- ▶ Struggle to select candidate to appeal to North/not alienate south
- ▶ Chooses “unknown” former Senator Buchanan , northerner, Slavery essential to economy

▶ Republican Party (most Ex Whigs)

- ▶ Formed 1854 as coalition of “abolitionists” to oppose Kansas Nebraska Act
- ▶ Northern industrialists ----Only 1 Southern delegate (from Kentucky)
- ▶ Anti Catholic Immigrants
- ▶ Selects Celebrity “Western Explorer, Indian Killer, & Gold Rush beneficiary: John Fremont

▶ Native American Party (Make America Great Again) ...Know Nothings

- ▶ Anti immigrant/ Catholic...no opinion on slavery
- ▶ Labour reform/ women’s rights

President Buchanan (1791-1868)



Self made...father store keeper...lawyer
Former Senator, Secretary of State, Ambassador
to Britain, ...had retired from Politics....

Supports "popular sovereignty", Fugitive
Slave Act", Purchase of Cuba/Nicaragua

Morally opposed to slavery, but considers
Abolition threat to 'chivalrous South'

Compromise candidate Policy" compromise by
accommodation"to South...

Life long Bachelor....wants quiet life with
Alabama Senator Rufus King....Rumours
...but society too deferential to question
....commits to running for one term only (till 1860)



Three crisis challenge James Buchanan's leadership skills.....

Runaway slave court case

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Banking Panic and sinking of gold ship

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John Brown led attempted slave revolt

....and reveals that while he has none, an obscure
Congressman from Illinois, Abraham Lincoln does



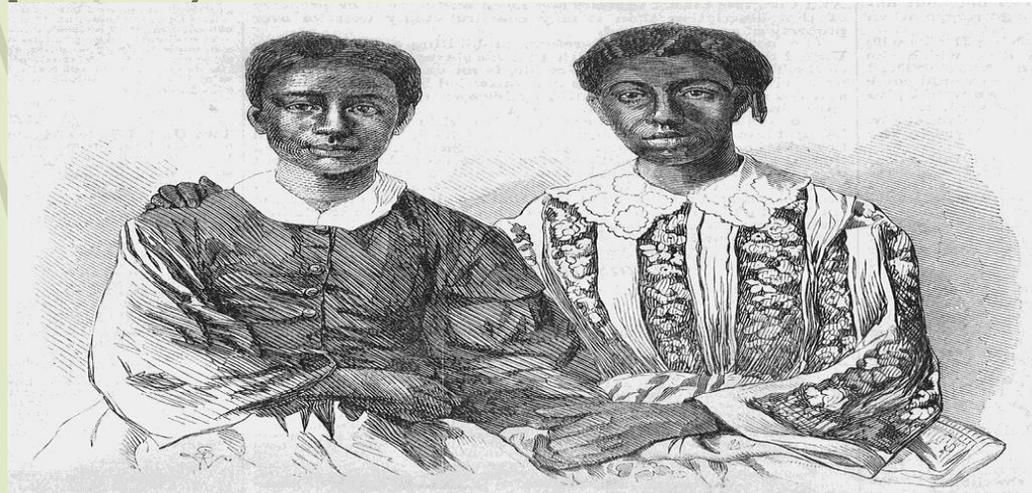
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Dred Scott Case 1857

Dred Scott Decision 1857

Dred Scott, wife and daughters



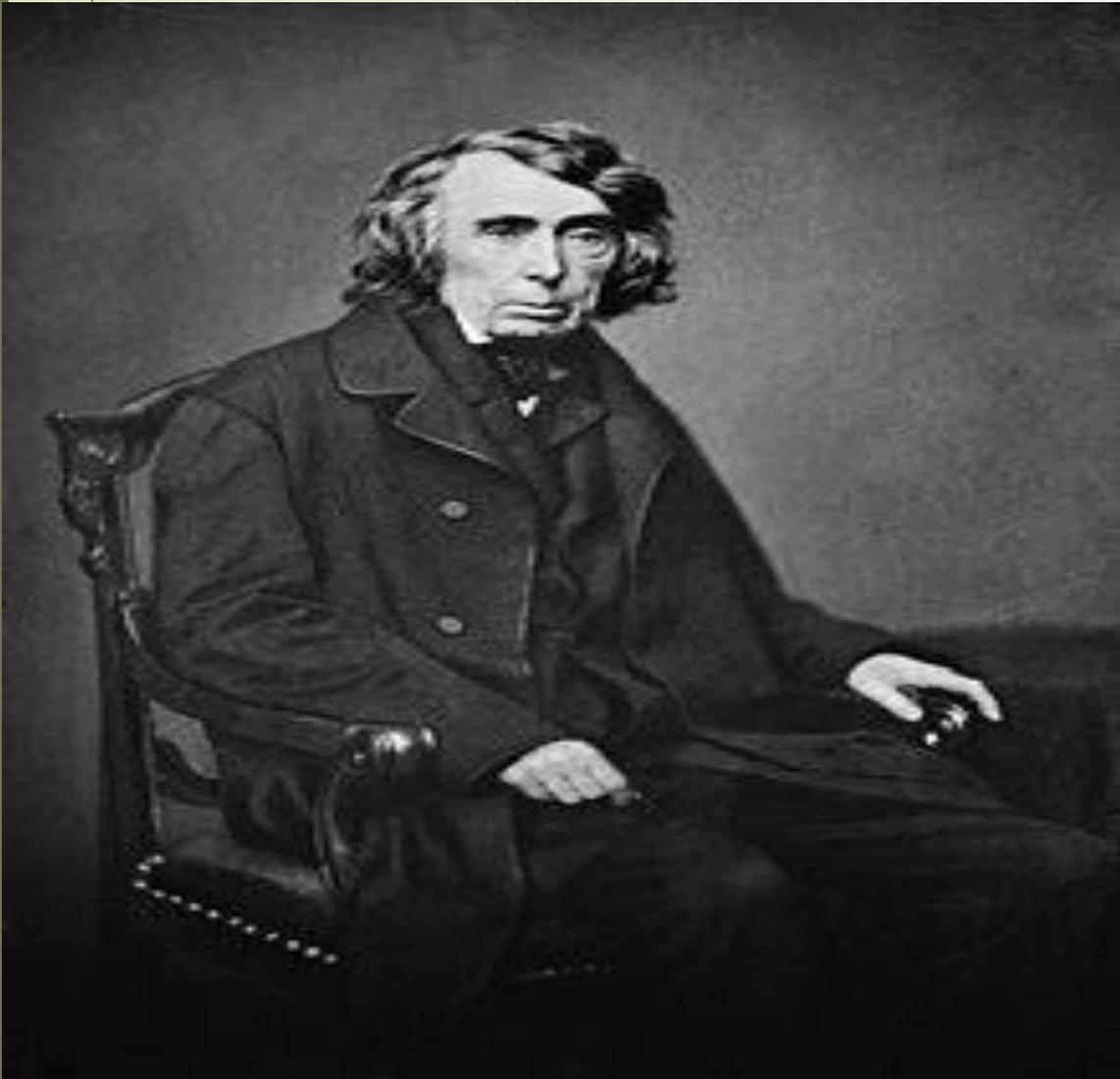
Dred Scott (1799-1858)...born slave to military officer in Missouri...travels to 'free states'. Marries slave
Two daughters...returns to "Slave State" ...appeals
For freedom....since once free

10 years litigation....masters dies....transferred
Abolitionists support....legal framework prevails
Rejected by Missouri court...appeals to Supreme
Court (while slave and being hired out to various
Masters...law suite funded by Abolitionists)

Supreme Court....Southern Slave Owner
Justice Taney rules:
.....blacks cannot be considered citizens
.....Missouri compromise unconstitutional
.....local state law trumps national laws

Impact Dred Scott Decision

Chief Justice Robert Taney (1777-1864)
Chief Justice 1836-1864)



Born into wealth Southern plantation family
...considers slavery evil but Southern problem
For South to solve...States rights>Government
Manumits slaves, pensions old when appointed

Georgia newspaper: "Southern opinion upon
the subject of Southern slavery," "is now the
supreme law of the land,"

Chicago Tribune "this is the first step in a
revolution which, if not arrested, nullifies the
Revolution of '76 and makes us all slaves again."

Inflames opinions in North.....upcoming midterm
Elections.....Senatorial Race Illinois

John Brown develops plan for slave revolt



Panic of 1857

Panic of 1857

- Global markets connected up faster steamships...then broadcast by transcontinental telegraph....(first transatlantic cable 1858..but broke)
- Economy booming 1850's.....the Railroad Economy & Mid West Towns
- Confidence reduced by
 - Declining Gold Yields in California & Australia
 - Unrest in Kansas
 - Public debate on Dred Scott
 - British Government decision to leave Gold Standard
- Buchanan asks Reserve bank to require state banks to curtail use of paper money/tighten reserves

Bank Runs...August 1858



RUN ON THE SWAMEN'S SAVINGS' BANK DURING THE PANIC.

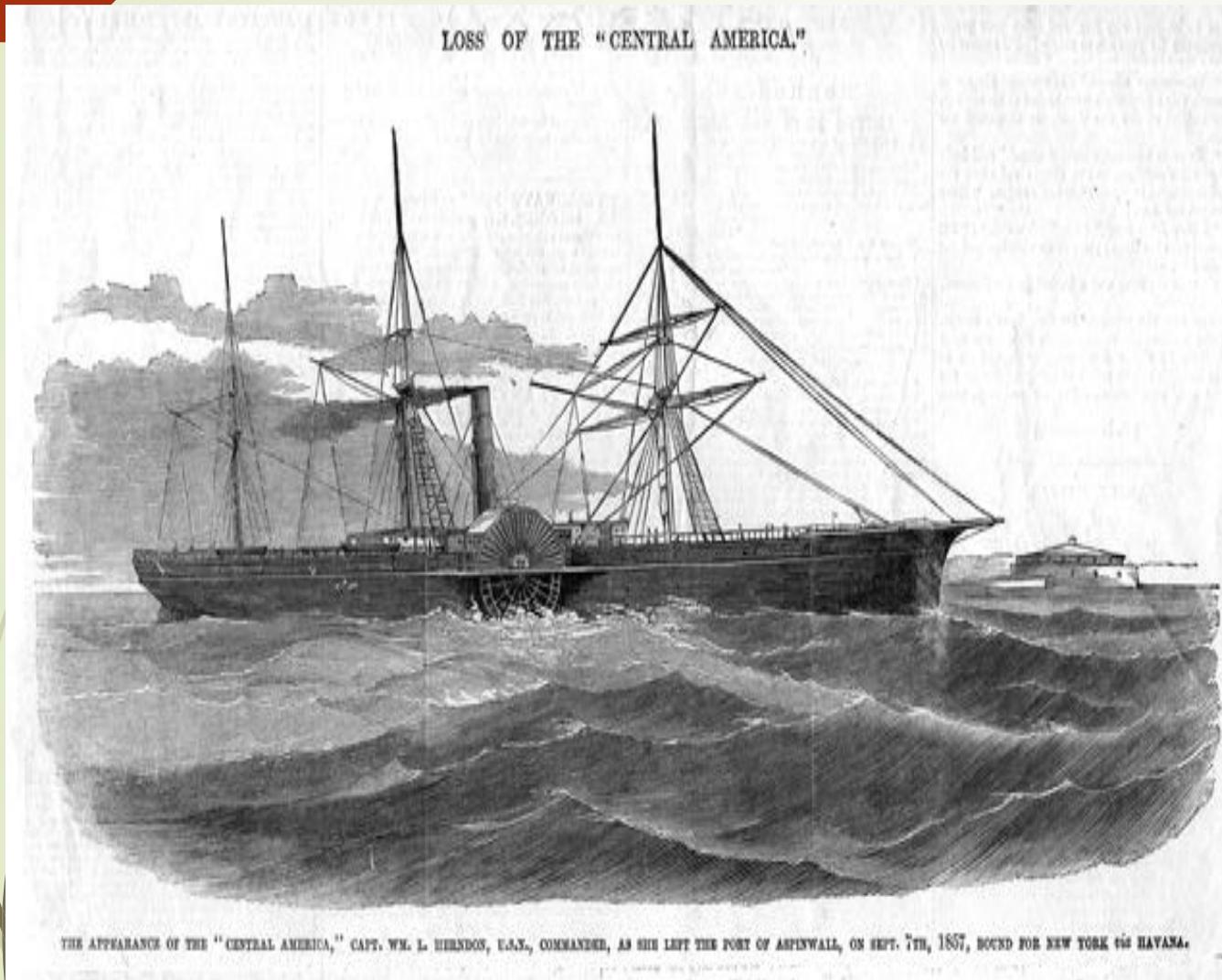
Rumours circulate
...banks unable to meet
specie demands...panic
Spread by telegraph

Stock market crashes, railways
cut wages, municipalities debts
Unpaid....Mid West property
values collapse

South unaffected
....Cotton prices high due to
Indian Mutiny/ Revolution

Government not its job
....wages cut....mass hunger
....Government response
accelerate gold shipments
from California

Solution....more Gold



September 1858

“Central America” Leaves
Panama with 9 metric
Tons of Gold for New York
....with 500 passengers

.....Crisis deepens

Sinking of "Central America"
September 1857"



400 Passengers drown...along with
3 months supply of California Gold

"Panic" spreads

...grain prices fall 60%

...lots sold for \$1,000 in Keokuk Iowa

Sell for \$10 by Spring 1858

(gold recovered 1980's)

Economy does not recover till civil war

South sees "Crash" proof its economy

Immune from market...sense of

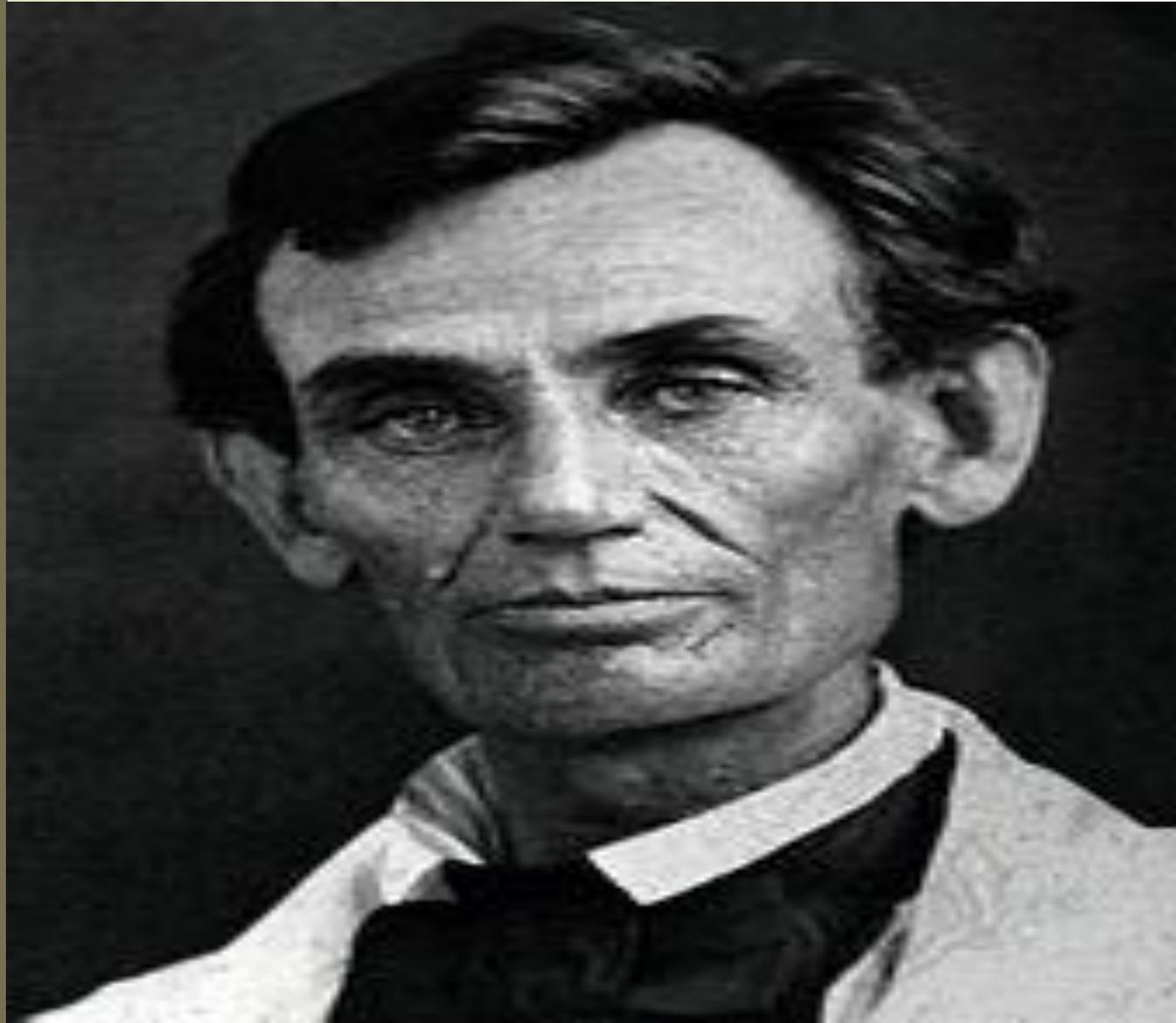
Invulnerability....King Cotton



Emergence of Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)

Lincoln...1859



Kentucky Log cabin born, father Cabinet maker
...moved to Indiana to farm. Abraham lazy
Too much "reading, scribbling, writing, ciphering
, writing Poetry" self educated. Mother dies @
Age 9... Odd jobs 'rail splitting' ..family moves
To Illinois...leaves home at 21

Works as storekeeper, partner in Tavern,
Marries Mary Todd 1830 (4 children, 3 to die)
Captain "Black Hawk War" 1831-32....self
Taught lawyer

Illinois State Legislature 1834-1842.

State Representative 1847-49...Whig, Henry
Clay...oppose Mexican War.."spot" speech,
Opposes extension of slavery to new territory

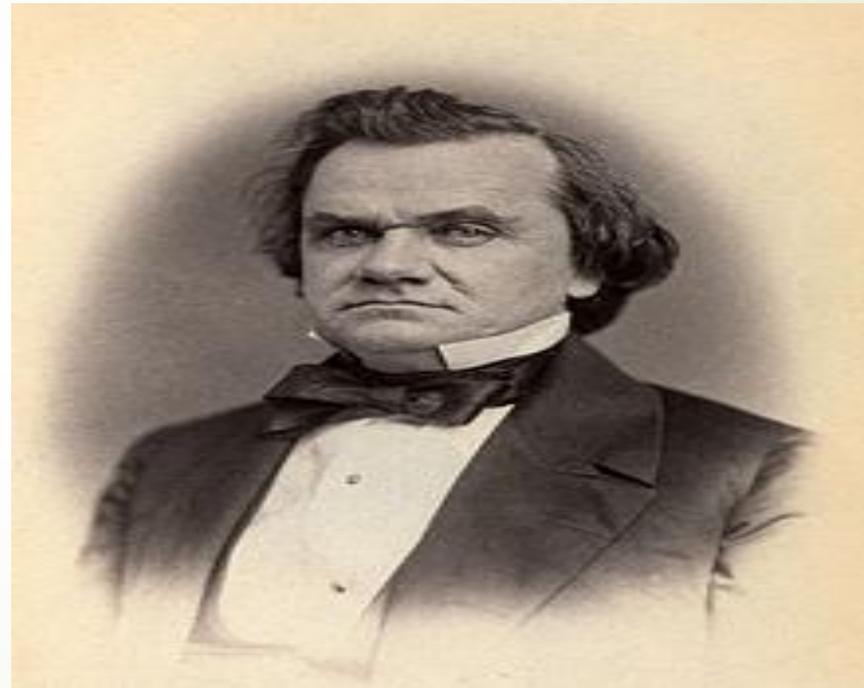
Retires from politics...successful "Prairie Lawyer"
....'honest Abe'appalled by Kansas
Nebraska Act & Dred Scott decision
....opposes "extension of slavery"
....runs for Senate

“Little Giant” vs “Honest Abe”

State Senators appointed by State Legislature...Steven Douglas Senator ...author Kansas Nebraska... 'Democrat' superstar...Lincoln ...political nobody...challenges Douglas to 7 debates across Illinois...accuses Douglas of being coward...Douglas accepts

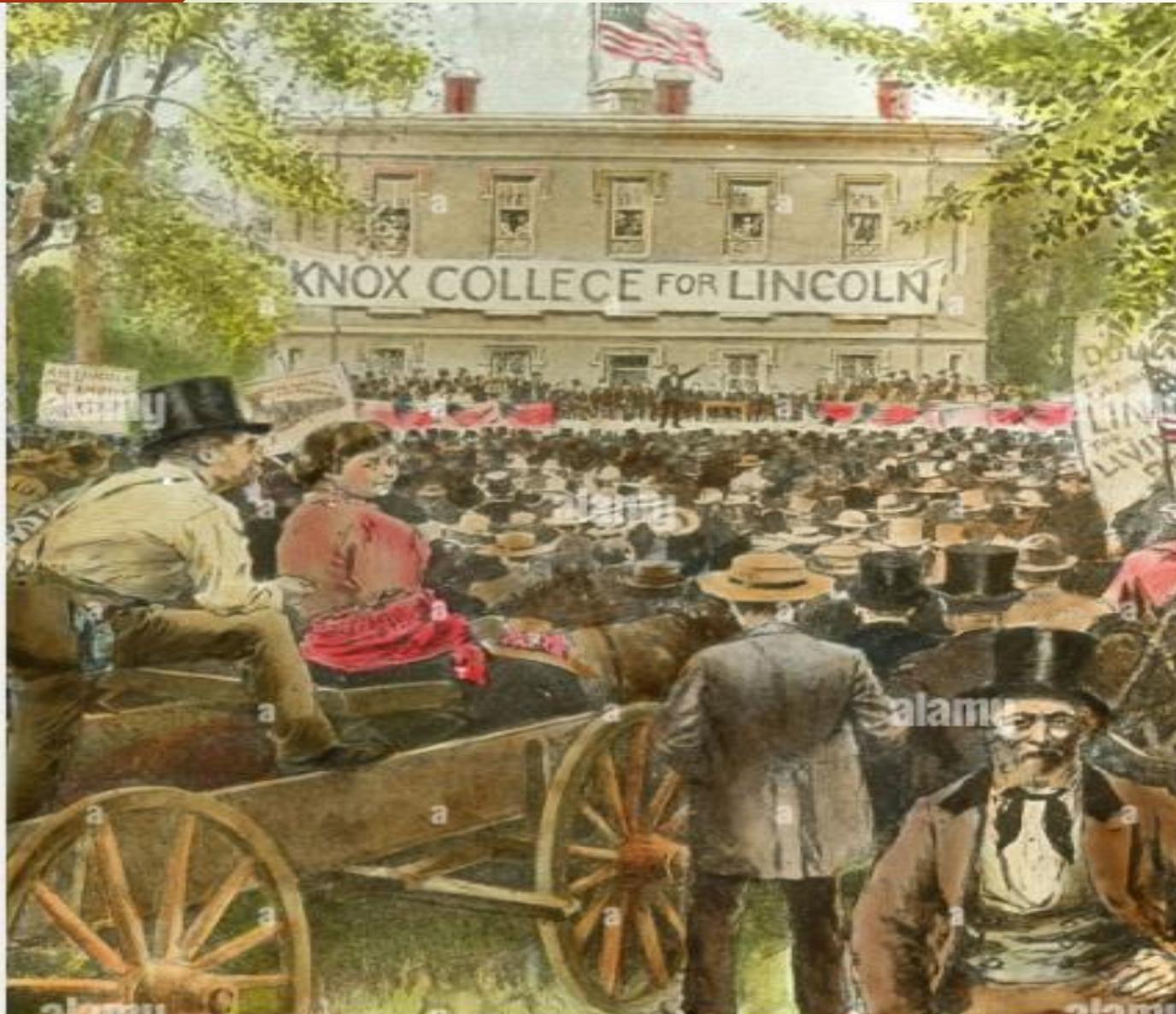


Opposes slavery extension, AND abolitionism...pro repatriation, blacks Protected by Constitution, unequal, but human



“States Rights”...freedom of states to choose slavery.. Blacks property. No protection

The event of the year



Each candidate 60 minute speech
Plus 30 minute rebuttal

Crowds 10,000- 20,000 each event

Nationwide newspaper coverage
Use of Shorthand..telegraph

Douglas...slavery a controversy, Lincoln
Slavery the problem

Lincoln loses election but becomes
National Figure... 'moderate' inspirational
& witty leader...New 'Republican Party'
Achieves credibility....across North &
Midwest

Lincoln ..enigmatic...practical

Asked what it was like being President, "I'm like the man who was tarred and feathered and ridden out of town on a rail. When they asked him how he felt about it, he said that if it weren't for the honour of the thing, he would rather have walked."

Douglas accused Lincoln of being two-faced. Replied Lincoln calmly, "I leave it to my audience: If I had two faces, would I be wearing this one?"

Positioned himself as "moderate" man of his timesWhite Supremacist....at least in 1858

"And I will say in addition to this that there is a physical difference between the white and black races which I believe will forever forbid the two races living together on terms of social and political equality. And inasmuch as they cannot so live, while they do remain together there must be the position of superior and inferior, and I as much as any other man am in favour of having the superior position assigned to the white race."

.....His views will change



John Brown's Revolution

John Brown...continued

John Brown 1859



Retreats from Kansas after 'battle of Osawatimie'
In 1856 ...on the run from Southern pro slavers
...and Federal Government for murders. Grows beard

The idea: seize federal arsenal at Harpers Ferry
And summon slaves to rise up and kill masters,,
March south.....uprising all plantations

Secures funding from "Secret Six". Wealthy
Abolitionists....meets Frederick Douglas, Garrison
Harriet Tubman. William Garrison...considers plan
Suicidal....goes to Canada To recruit black runaways
....few join

Returns to Kansas with 5 sons.....raid...rescues
11 slaves...assembles 'army' of 25 (including 4
Free blacks and heads for Harpers Ferry

Harper's Ferry West Virginia

Arsenal



Harpers Ferry October 16-19 1859



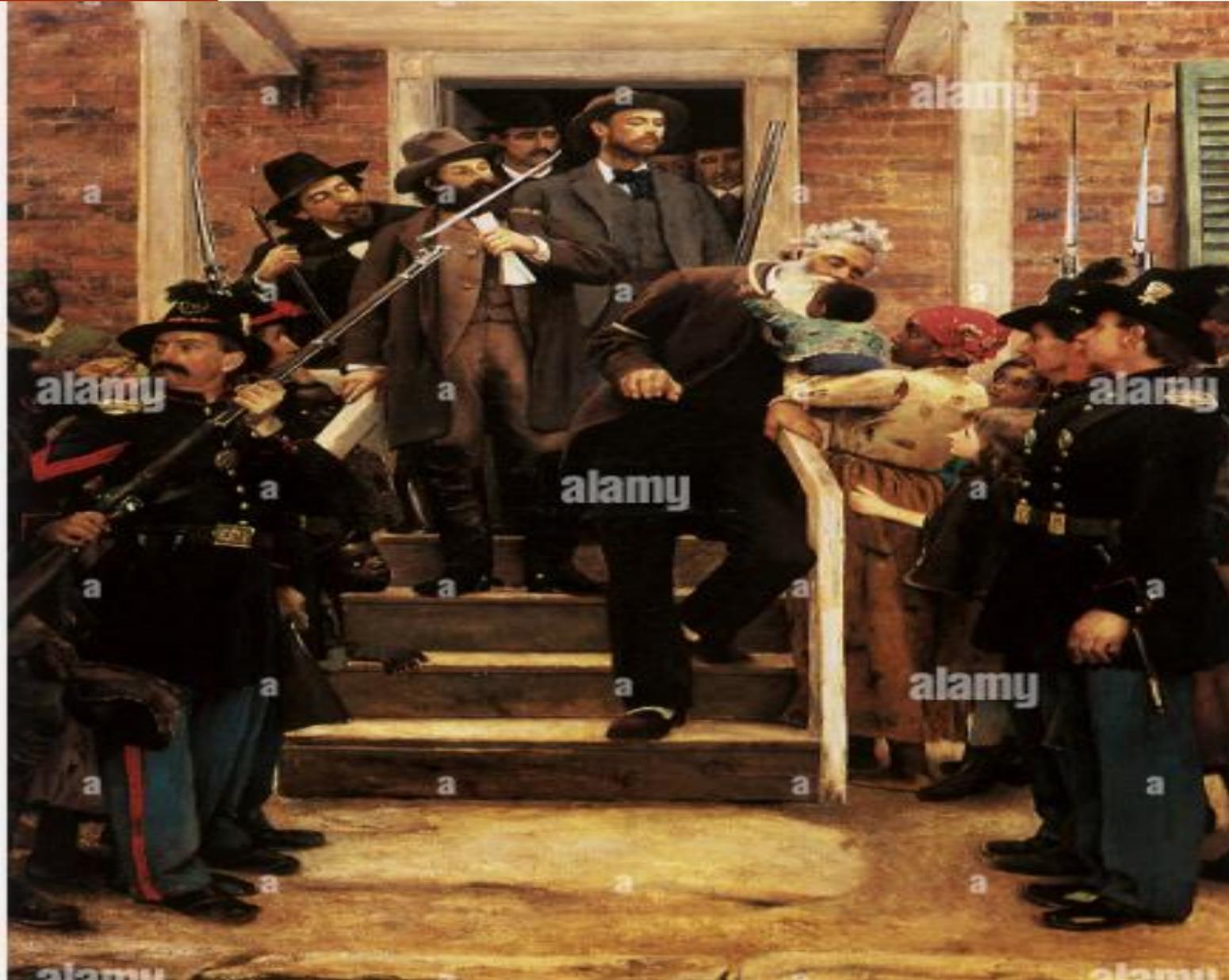
Arsenal..100,000 muskets
Stored....1 night watchman

Brown's army seizes arsenal
And waits for slave rising
...expect 1,500 next day
...allow train through town
Alert telegraphed across state

Local residents surround
Arsenal...gun battle 4 killed

State calls in US Marines
Led by Robert e Lee...
Storm building 10 Brown's
Men & 1 marine killed. Brown
+ 5 captured, 5 escape

John Brown execution, December 1859



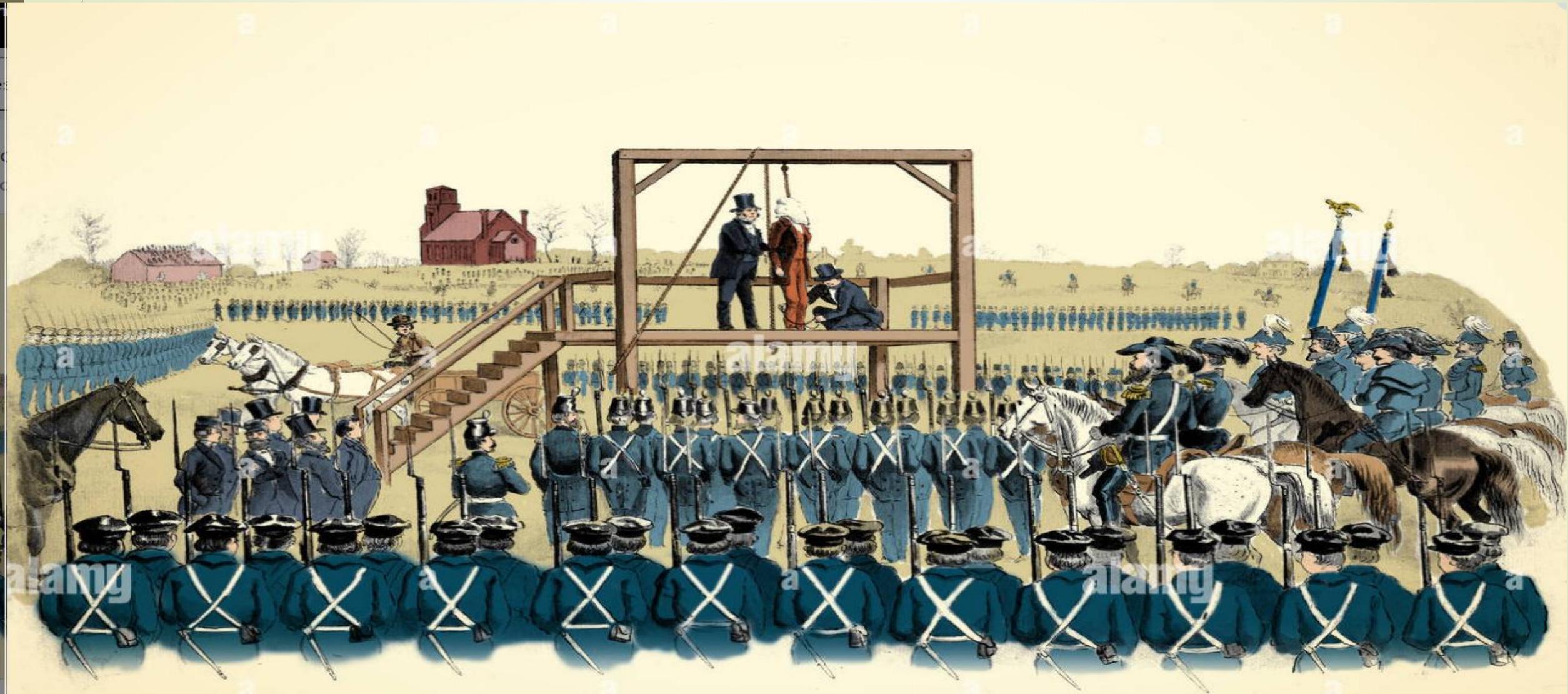
Trial a national sensation
..newspapers, telegraphed
Across country

Brown gives interviews to
Press....hero and martyr to North,
Terrorist to South

'there are moments when men can
do more dead than alive.'

I...am now quite certain that the
crimes of this guilty land can never
be purged away but with blood.
I had, as I now think, vainly flattered
myself that without very much
bloodshed, it might be done."

Public event...watched by 2,000 soldiers
...and press





Election of 1860



Candidates

▶ Democrats splits into North and South

- ▶ North....Catholics unemployed, want government intervention. Picks Steven Douglas “Little Giant”
- ▶ South...King Cotton...indifferent to North...seek slavery expansion. Picks Southern Slave Owner

▶ Republicans

- ▶ Seek to avoid appearing too radical....can't agree. Multiple ballots
- ▶ Select Lincoln ..moderate, promise of high tariffs, no slavery expansion

▶ Know Nothings...collapse...reform as “Constitutional Union” Party

- ▶ Avoid mentioning slavery
- ▶ One idea....reduce Catholic immigration

The Campaign

- ▶ Candidates do not campaign....."office to the man, not man to office"
- ▶ Republicans
 - ▶ Creates "Young America" movement....Lincoln the future. First of its kind
 - ▶ Portray Lincoln as moderate...pro "White Supremacy" slavery to be preserved but not expanded
- ▶ Democrats response
 - ▶ Lincoln as "negro lover", ignorant country boy,
 - ▶ Southern states threaten to leave union if Lincoln elected
 - ▶ Southern election organisers ban all ballots for Republican party and Lincoln in 10 Southern State

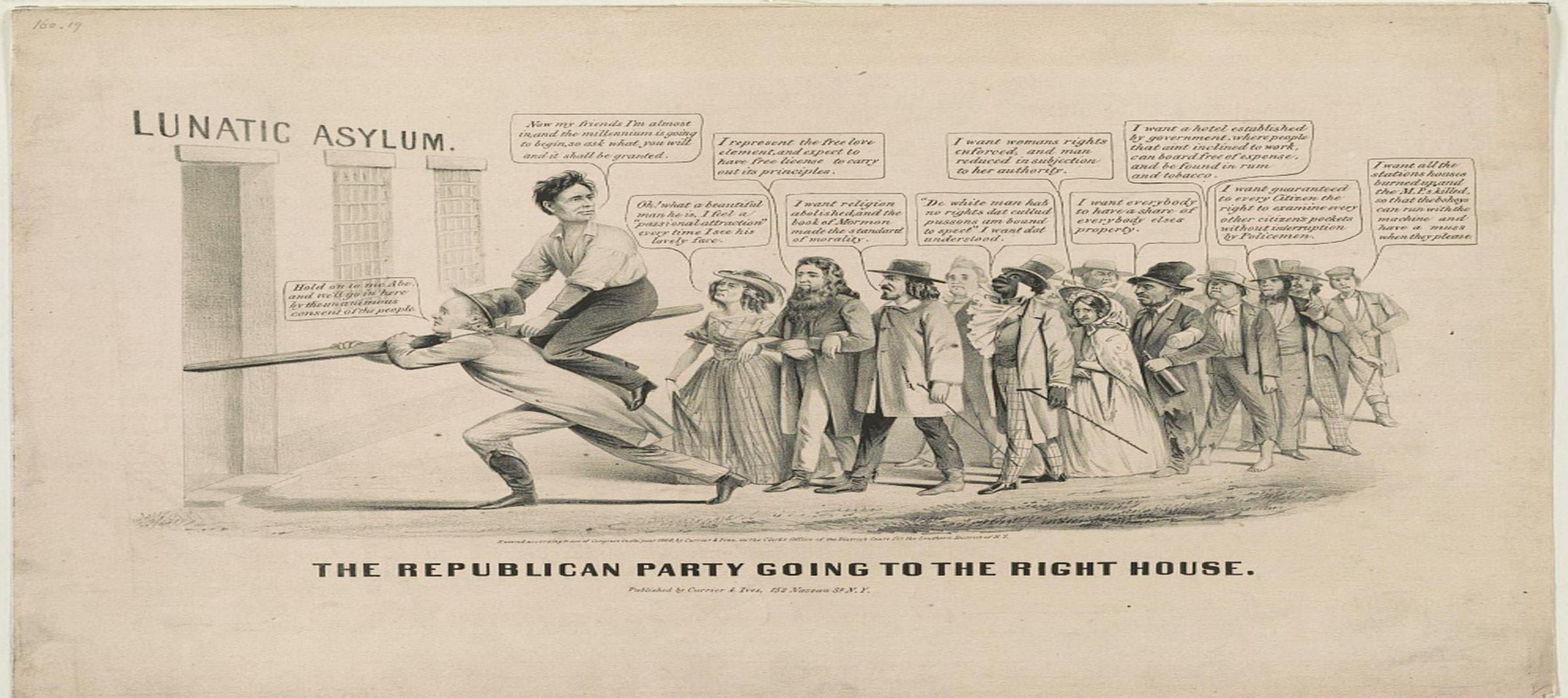
Lincoln campaign poster



“Young America” (strangling serpent of disunion)



Democrat Cartoon....Radical Republicans (abolition, women's votes, equal rights for blacks, anti religion.....Lincoln a country bumpkin....leading nation to Lunatic Asylum....



Results: US “most consequential election” (till now?)

5 million votes cast...50% increase

Lincoln wins 180 electors (40% vote)

South Democrats 72...(18%)

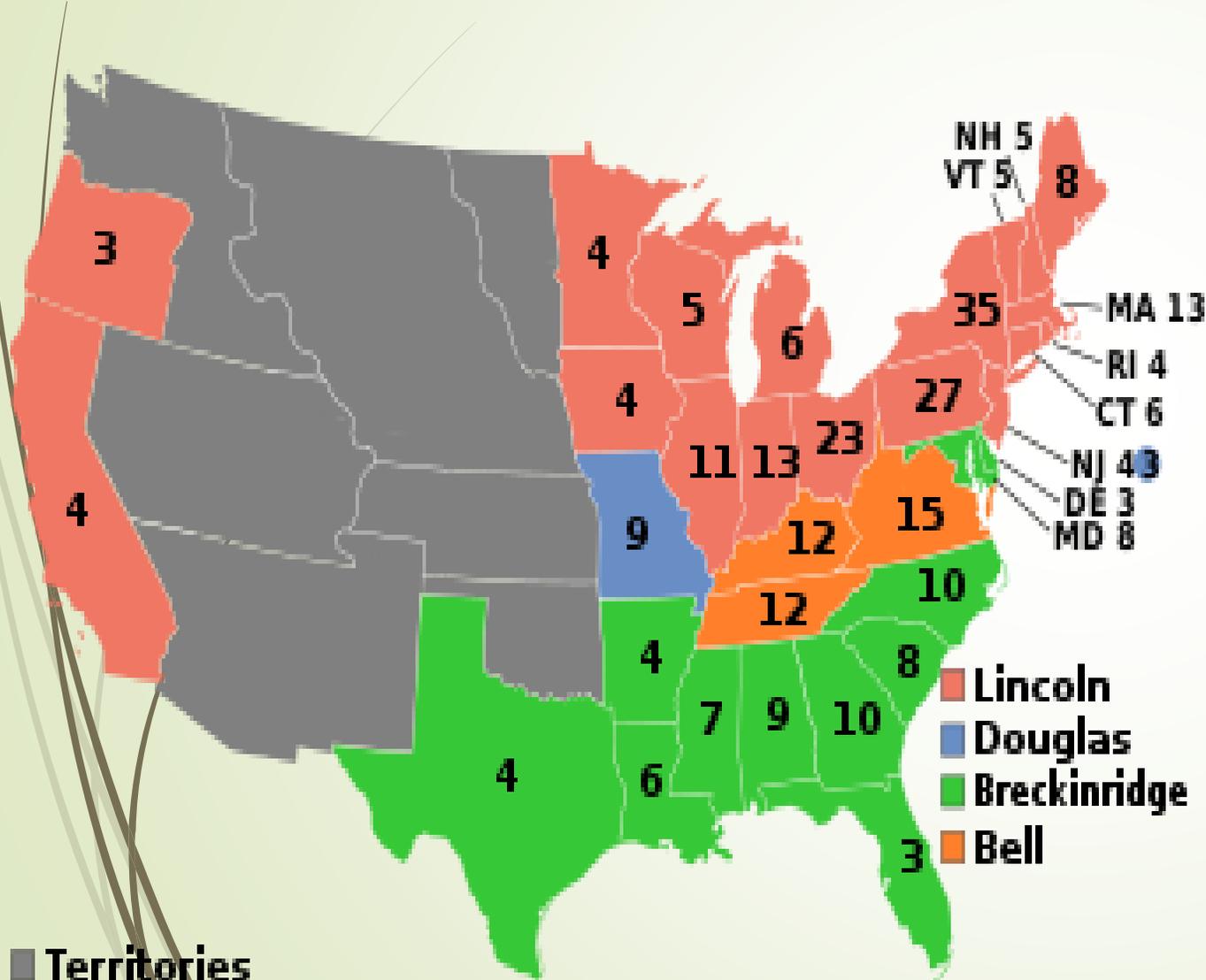
Unionists 39 (12%)

North Democrats 12 (30%)

Lincoln wins with lowest percent of Popular vote in US history

South convinced Lincoln will end slavery, and decide to secede

Lincoln “President Elect”. But Can do nothing... Buchanan In charge till March 1861





Secession

Lincoln Inauguration

➤ States hold assemblies and vote to leave the Union

South Carolina	December 20, 1860
Mississippi	January 9, 1861
Florida	January 10, 1861
Alabama	January 11, 1861
Georgia	January 19, 1861
Louisiana	January 26, 1861
Texas	February 1, 1861

➤ Southern States meet in Montgomery Alabama to form the “Confederacy of America”

King Cotton

Southern Senator:

“Without firing a gun, without drawing a sword, should they make war on us, we could bring the whole world to our feet ... What would happen if no cotton was furnished for three years? ... England would topple headlong and carry the whole civilized world with her, save the South.

No, you dare not to make war on cotton.
No power on the earth dares to make war upon it.
Cotton is king.”

The Confederacy is born

Jefferson Davis inauguration



Delegates from 7 States
Meet February 1861 (before
Lincoln Inaugurated)

Vote to leave Union, create an
Army of 100,000 men, elect
Jefferson Davis President

Southern extremists send
Assassins to kill Lincoln

Buchanan response



OLD MOTHER BUCHANAN AT WHEATLAND.

(Compare Richard III.)

O, coward conscience, how dost thou afflict me!
The lights burn blue. It is now dead midnight:
Cold fearful drops stand on my trembling flesh.
Is there a murderer here? No. Yes: I am.
Then fly—What! from myself.
I am a villain. Yet I lie, I am not.
Fool, of thyself speak well. Fool, do not flatter.
My conscience hath a thousand several tongues

And every tongue condemns me for a villain.
Perjury, perjury, in the highest degree,
Murder, stern murder, in the direst degree,
All several sins, all used in each degree,
Throng to the bar, crying all—guilty! guilty!
I shall despair. There is no creature loves me:
And if I die, no soul will pity me!

(Vide BUCHANAN'S Reply to GENERAL SCOTT.)

Lampooned as “Old Granny”
....suggesting of cross dressing

Sets up Peace Conference with
Border States

Accepts South’s right to secede
Calls up no troops, does not reinforce
Forts along Southern Coast

Supports “Corwin Amendment”.
to guarantee preservation of
Slavery to placate South..
passed by Congress ...sent to
states for 2/3 approval
....No response events moving fast

Lincoln Inauguration

Lincoln at White House (note crowd size)



Policy of silence between election
November 1860 & inauguration
March 4, 1861

Smuggled into Washington at night
on secret train...arrives and surrounded
By cavalry....assassins flee

Massive crowd wait for speech

Tries to reconcile South

- (1) No attempt to end slavery "where it exists"
- (2) No attack on South...unless attacked
- (3) Will hold and occupy US forts
- (4)but does say "secession" is anarchy

Fort Sumter



One of several forts built along Southern and Eastern Coast

Designed 1812 to be most Powerful Fort in world with 650 guns ...enemy the British most guns facing Atlantic.....incomplete 1860 Guarded by one soldier...future Garrison of 100 stationed on land

Fort Sumter



Fort will command Charleston harbour

Commander abandons Moultrie when S Carolina Secedes in December ...situation indefensible

Carolínians seize armoury At Moultrie with 20,000 guns Assemble artillery

Buchanan shocked... S Carolina considers move "act of bad faith" ...Jan 1st demands Fort surrender

Commander refuses.. Sends note ...running Out of food

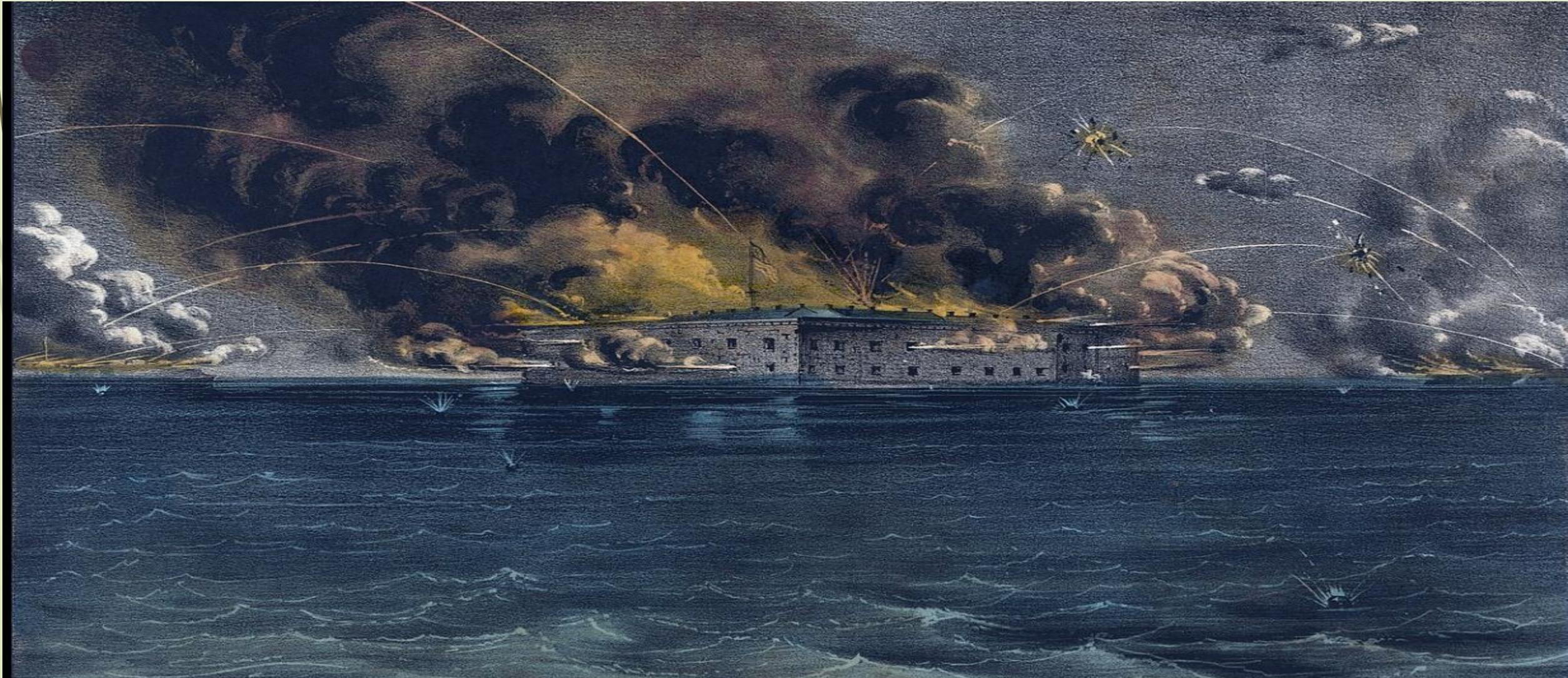
“Stalemate”

- ▶ Buchanan sends ship to supply Sumter with food “Star of the West” in January 9th
 - ▶ Carolina batteries open fire.....relief abandoned
- ▶ January- March ...stalemate.....garrison on short rations. Jefferson Davis does not want be seen as aggressor....fear of alienating Virginia and other border states
- ▶ Lincoln takes office
 - ▶ Offers to hand over fort if Virginia stays in union “a state for a fort is no bad business”
 - ▶ South sends negotiators.. Lincoln refuses to recognize them
 - ▶ Notifies S Carolina’s that he will send expedition to deliver food. Not arms
- ▶ Jefferson Davis orders “fort reduced” before food arrives

“War”

- ▶ Local commander General Beauregard sends negotiators to Fort to secure surrender
- ▶ Anderson refuses
- ▶ Negotiator: “Sir: by authority of Brigadier General Beauregard, commanding the Provisional Forces of the Confederate States, we have the honour to notify you that he will open fire of his batteries on Fort Sumter in one hour from this time.”
- ▶ Anderson escorted the officers back to their boat, shook hands with each one, and said "If we never meet in this world again, God grant that we may meet in the next."

Bombardment...and war start April 13, 1861

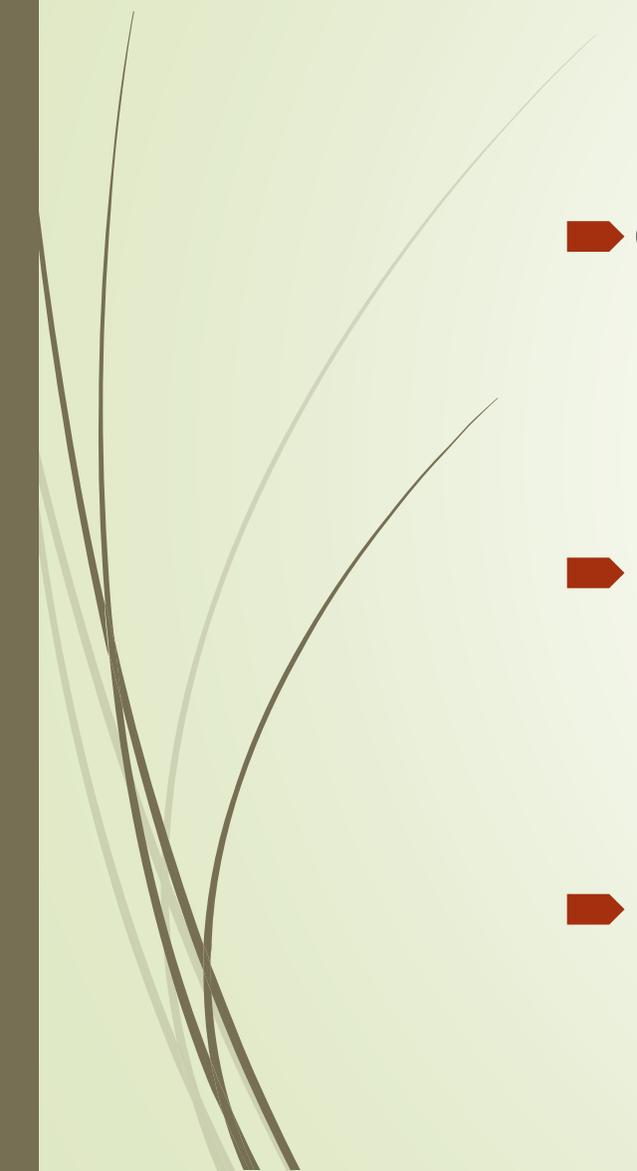


Impact of bombardment

- Fort surrenders April 14th.....none killed....one dies from accidental explosion
- South allows garrison to return north....Anderson a national hero
- Lincoln calls for 75,000 troops for 90 days (to recover forts and restore union)
- Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina and Arkansas secede from the union
- South moves capital to Richmond Virginia (to keep Virginia in Confederacy)
- Northern and Southern armies assemble 100 miles apart ready for War



Dixie

- Composed 1859 by Northern song writer
 - Battle song of Southern Armies
 - Northern version a parody
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Dixie Land.....Southern Version

I wish I was in the land of cotton, old times there are not forgotten,
Look away, look away, look away, Dixie Land.
In Dixie Land where I was born in, early on a frosty mornin',
Look away, look away, look away, Dixie Land.

Then I wish I was in Dixie, hooray! hooray!
In Dixie Land I'll take my stand to live and die in Dixie,
Away, away, away down South in Dixie,
Away, away, away down South in Dixie. [25]

Dar is buckwheat cakes in Injun batter, makes your fat a little fatter
Look way! Look away! Look away! Dixie Land
Then hoe it down and scratch your gravel,
To Dixie's Land I'm bound to travel
Look away! Look away! Look Away! Dixie Land

Then I wish I was in Dixie, hooray! hooray!
In Dixie Land I'll take my stand to live and die in Dixie,
Away, away, away down South in Dixie,
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Northern Version

Away down South in the land of traitors, Rattlesnakes and alligators,
Right away, come away, right away, come away.
Where cotton's king and men are chattels, Union boys will win the battles,
Right away, come away, right away, come away.

We'll all go down to Dixie, Away, away,
Each Dixie boy must understand
That he must mind his Uncle Sam,
Away, away, We'll all go down to Dixie.
Away, away, We'll all go down to Dixie.

Oh, may our Stars and Stripes still wave, Forever o'er the free and brave,
Right away, come away, right away, come away.
And let our motto ever be —“For Union and for Liberty!”
Right away, come away, right away, come away.

We'll all go down to Dixie, Away, away,
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Next time.....The Civil War