

## S 3 Challenges to Slavery

### A New Political Party

- In 1854 antislavery Whigs and Democrats joined with the Free-Soilers to create the Republican Party.
- Election of 1856
  - a. The Republicans chose John C. Frémont
  - b. The Democrats chose James Buchanan.
  - c. The Know-Nothings, former president Millard Fillmore.
- Buchanan won with 174 electoral votes.

## The *Dred Scott* Case

- In 1846 Scott sued for his freedom, Scott said he should be free because he had lived in places where slavery was illegal.
- Reached the U.S. Supreme Court in 1857, Roger B. Taney was Chief Justice .
- The Court ruled that Scott was not free, even though he had lived on free soil.
- Taney ruled that slaves were property.

## Lincoln and Douglas

- In 1858 the Senate election in Illinois drew national attention, Stephen A. Douglas, (“the Little Giant.”) a Democrat, was running against Abraham Lincoln, a Republican.
- Douglas believed in popular sovereignty, slavery should be decided by the voters.
- Douglas won the election, but people liked Lincoln’s clear thinking.