

John Brown Time Line

1800; John Brown born in Conn.

1833; John Brown married his second wife, who took care of his five children and later bore him thirteen of her own. Money got harder as he attempted to provide for his large family.

1837; Nov. 7: Brown vowed to end slavery when he learned that an abolitionist newspaperman was killed.

1842 Brown went bankrupt, lost almost everything.

1854; Kansas-Nebraska Act: Voters will decide if Nebraska Territory will be slave or free.

1855; Brown followed his sons to Kansas as “Free-Soilers.”

1856; May 24: Brown went to Pottawatomie Creek and directed his men in the murder of five proslavery settlers.

1859; Oct 16: Brown attacked the armory at Harper's Ferry with 21 men (16 white, 5 black). Within 36 hrs. they were almost all captured or killed. Two of Brown's sons were killed.

Nov 2: A Virginia jury found Brown guilty of murder, treason.

Dec 2: Brown is hanged.

1860; Nov: Lincoln elected President

1861; April 12: The South Seceded, and the Civil War began.

1865; Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution abolished slavery.