
Guide to the John Brown Letter

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Title: John Brown Letter

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Abstract: John Brown was an abolitionist who moved with his family to Kansas Territory in 1855 so he could participate in the fight to keep Kansas from becoming a slave state. In this letter, he discusses his move to Kansas with his family and second wife, Mary Anne Day, providing a description of life in mid-19th century Kansas.

Language of Material: English

Biographical Information:

John Brown was an abolitionist who moved with his family to Kansas Territory in 1855 so he could participate in the fight to keep Kansas from becoming a slave state. He had twenty children, seven by his first wife, Dianthe Lusk, and thirteen by his second wife, Mary Anne Day. He was executed in 1859 after his capture by Union troops for seizing the armory at Harper's Ferry, Virginia.

Scope and Contents

In this letter, he discusses his move to Kansas with his family and second wife, Mary Anne Day, providing a description of life in mid-19th century Kansas.

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