

A Brief History of the “Peculiar Institution” of Slavery With A Focus on Illinois and Kane County

Illinois Statehood Granted (with sister Alabama--1819)	1818
Adams-Onis Treaty acquiring Florida	1819
Missouri Compromise	1820
Illinois Black Codes become Law	1820
Black Hawk War	1832
Kane County (with six others) established	1834
Batavia, Illinois settled	1835
Texas wins Independence and becomes own republic	
President Andrew Jackson denies Statehood	1836
Amistad Case in Supreme Court	1839-
1840	

Presidential Election

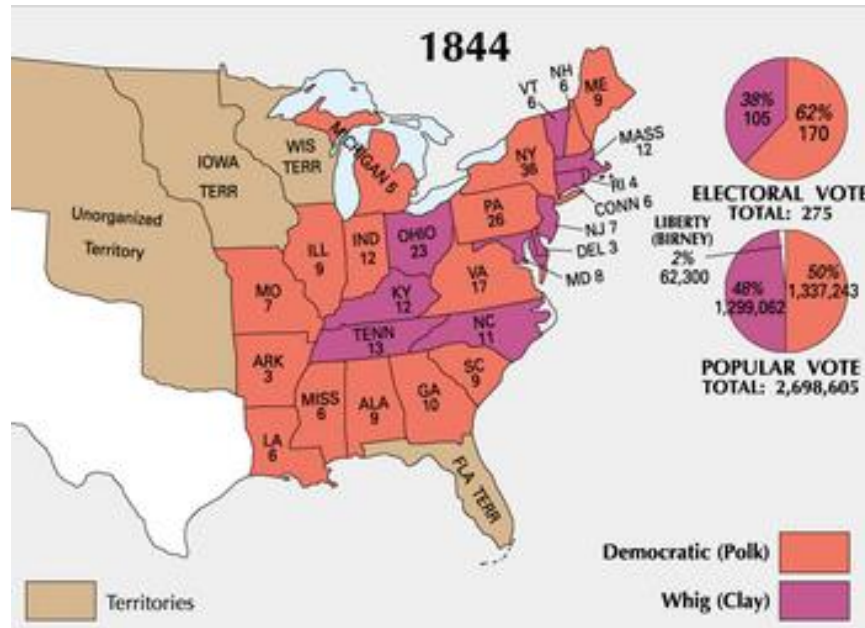
Annexation of Texas, Oregon and Manifest Destiny
Were the main issue

1844

Kane County Voting Record

Liberty Party (Abolitionist): James Bierny	30%
Whig Party : Henry Clay	40%
Democrat (Southern—pro Slavery): James K. Polk	30%

Illinois Electoral Votes went to James K. Polk



Texas becomes Slave State 1845
 Mexican War 1847-1848

Presidential Election 1848

Slavery in former Mexican lands main issue

Kane County Voting Record

Free Soil Party: Martin Van Buren 55% (national 10%)

Whig Party : Zachary Taylor

Democrat (Southern—pro Slavery): Lewis Cass

Illinois Electoral votes went to Lewis Cass

Compromise of 1850 Admits California as State 1850

Compromise provides Fugitive Slave Act

Kane County forms Anti Slavery Society, Issuing Proclamation
 That it is “Free as Canada”

Chicago Black Population (500+) flee to Canada

Kansas-Nebraska Act establishes “Popular Sovereignty” 1854

Written and Promoted by Stephen Douglas

UGRR fully operational in Northern Illinois

Whig Party splits—Republican Party formed under
 free soil cause

“Bleeding Kansas” begins Civil War in Kansas 1854

Dred Scott decision handed down in Supreme Court 1857

Protection Societies formed

Disassociation movement

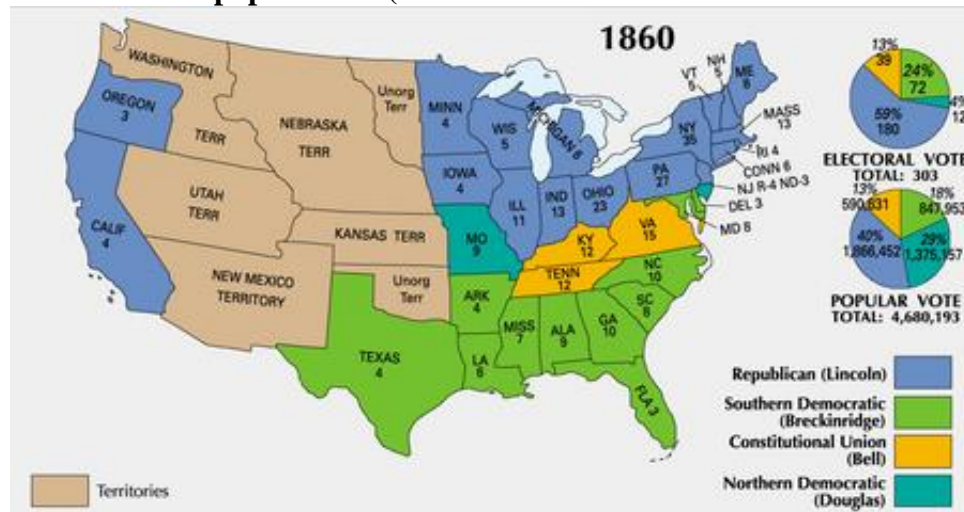
John Brown’s Raid on Harper’s Ferry 1859

Presidential Election 1860

Republican Party “Hijacked” by Lincoln nomination

Democratic Party split by Douglas and Breckinridge Lincoln Wins

40% of popular vote(no electoral votes in south)



South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Georgia,
Louisiana, and Texas secede from United States to
Form Confederate States of America 1860

South Carolina Attacks Federal U.S. Fort Sumter April, 1861
Lincoln Calls up Northern Militias

Virginia, Arkansas, Tennessee, North Carolina join CSA 1861