

# John Brown

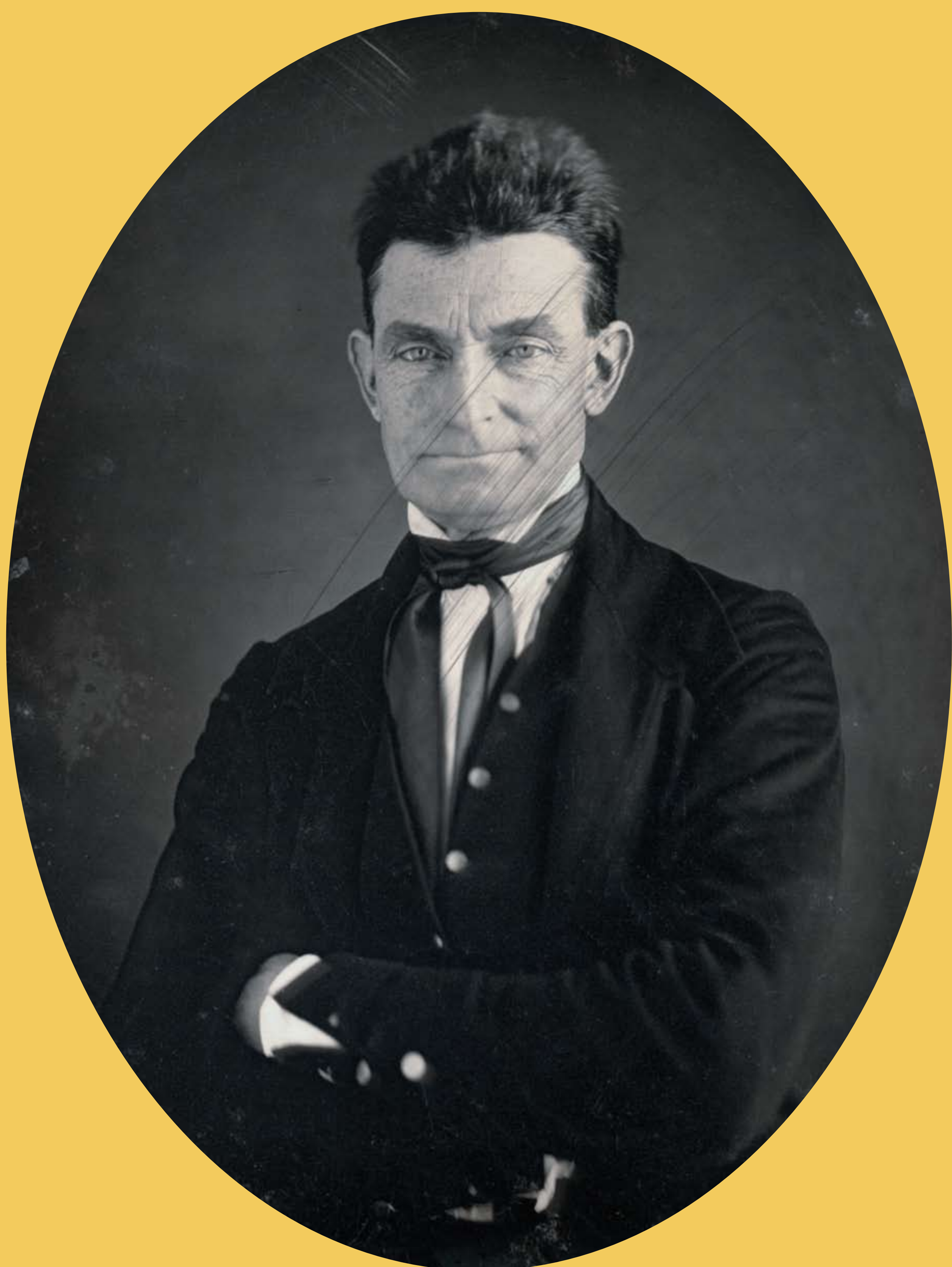


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John Brown led the antislavery militia at the Battle of Black Jack. Brown had come to Kansas Territory in 1855 to work for the Free-State cause. Following his later attempts to incite a slave rebellion in Virginia, Brown was tried and hanged for treason in 1859.

**O**f all the men who fought at Black Jack, none achieved the lasting fame of John Brown. A tireless foe of slavery, Brown had come to Kansas Territory in 1855 to join several of his grown sons in fighting for the Free-State cause.

Born in 1800 in Torrington, Connecticut, Brown came from a family that was deeply religious and fervently against slavery. As an adult, Brown engaged in various unsuccessful business ventures in several eastern states, all the while remaining true to the cause of abolishing slavery.

The opening of Kansas Territory in 1854 brought the opportunity to act on his beliefs. He soon emerged as a leader of antislavery activists in Kansas. On June 2, 1856, he led a Free-State militia in defeating Henry Clay Pate's Pro-Slavery men at the Battle of Black Jack.



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