JOHN BROWN.

JOHN BROWN, the great opponent of slavery, was born at Torrington, Conn., May 9th, 1800. He moved to Ohio in early youth and there married and worked at his trade, that of a tanner. In 1855 he emigrated to Kansas and located at Osawatomie, and in the Border War he was the most pronounced advocate of the Anti-Slavery Party, and the bitterest enemy of the Pro-Slavery Party. He was the leader of a secret convention at Chatham, Canada, May 8th, 1859, and organized an invasion of Virginia, in order to liberate the slaves. He, with the small force of 20 men, surprised Harpers Ferry Oct. 16th, and captured the U. S, Arsenal and Armory. The Virginia militia captured him the next day, He was tried and convicted by the courts and sentenced to be hanged, which execution took place at Charleston Dec. 2nd. 1859. His remains were laid to rest at North Elba, N. Y

The monument (a photograph of which appears on the other side of this card) was dedicated Aug. 30th, 1877, to the memory of John Brown, the hero-martyr, and Frederick Brown, David R. Garrison, Geo. Partridge, and Theron P. Powers, who were killed at the Battle of Osawatomie. Aug. 30th, 1856. Chas. Robinson was president of the day at the dedication and John. J. Ingalls, orator of the day. In his eulogy on John Brown, the orator said: "In any age or country, or under any system where abuses existed that needed correction, he would have been a reformer in politics and a Puritan in religion. He would have gone with Huss to the stake or Sidney to the scaffold," Many regard him as a martyr, others as a crank who committed cold blooded murders to further his views.

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