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NARRATOR: Principle was a primary motivating factor that spurred the Scotts to establish a new life on the frontier. They were representative of those people who migrated west because they found slavery unpalatable. That is, they were abolitionists.

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NARRATOR: Once the Civil War was over and slaves were free, it was no longer necessary for anyone with abolitionist sympathies to escape the stench of slavery by heading into the frontier.

However, the Federal Governments failure to provide land for freed slaves literally created an underclass of "farmers without land." This meant that many of these farmers looked west to find their land. Land to call their own, land on which they would be truly free.

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A town promoter from Indiana named W.R. Hill, who had organized the towns of Wichita and Hutchinson, Kansas, got together with six black ministers to form and promote an all black town in Kansas. They recognized the need of so many southern blacks for land to farm, and a place to live free of prejudice and discrimination.