

The first years were turbulent. The slavery party was victorious in 1855 and Col. W. A. Phillips, afterwards a congressman from Kansas, wrote a book on the Conquest of Kansas.

The anti-slavery men contested the election of '55 because more ~~votes/were~~ than twice as many votes were cast than there were voters in the territory.

Franklin Pierce was then president and was a northerner with southern opinions and principles. He was a compromiser as was James Buchanan, who followed him as president. The condition of the Yankees in Kansas, was precarious. But they held a convention in October 1855 and adopted a constitution prohibiting slavery. This was accepted by the people, the proslavery men refusing to vote.

An election under the new constitution resulted in a free state governor, but the Federal Troops would not permit the free state legislature to assemble. In 1858 the state rejected a constitution adopted by the proslavery party at Lecompton, and a constitution prohibiting slavery was adopted, and Kansas was admitted as a free state January 29, 1861.

On May 21st 1856 the Free State Hotel in Lawrence was destroyed as were the newspaper plants, and the stores were raided. On August 21st 1863, during the Civil War, Lawrence was destroyed and many citizens murdered in cold blood by Quantrill.

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