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# The Kansas Nebraska Act of 1854: Setting Spark to Tinder

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#### **Resources**

#### If you can read only one book

Author	Title. City: Publisher, Year.
McArthur, Debra L.	The Kansas Nebraska Act and "Bleeding
	Kansas" In American History. Berkeley
	Heights, NJ: Enslow Publishers, 2003.

#### **Books and Articles**

Author	Title. City: Publisher, Year.
Fehrenbacher, Don E.	The Slaveholding Republic. New York:
	Oxford University Press, 2001.
Etcheson, Nicole	Bleeding Kansas: Contested Liberty in the
	Civil War Era. Lawrence: University of
	Kansas Press, 2004.
Russell, Robert R.	"The Issues in the Congressional Struggle
	Over the Kansas-Nebraska Bill, 1854."
	Journal of Southern American History 29,
	no. 2 (May 1963).

## **Organizations**

Organization Name	Description, Contact information including
	address, email
Kansas State Historical Society	The Society has an extensive collection of
	documents, newspapers, images, and
	artifacts from Kansas history. 6425 SW 6th
	Avenue Topeka, KS 66615-1099, 785-272-
	8681, <u>http://www.kshs.org/</u>

### **Web Resources**

URL	Name and description
http://www.kancoll.org/books/cutler/	This website contains an online accessible version of William G. Cutler's <i>History of the State of Kansas</i> (Chicago: A.T. Andreas, 1883). In particular see the chapters on preterritorial history, as well as extensive accounts of the early years of the territorial period.
http://www.territorialkansasonline.org/	Territorial Kansas Online contains links to many primary documents, images, maps, and other information about the history of the state. The website is co-sponsored by the Kansas State Historical Society and the University of Kansas.

#### **Other Sources**

#### **Scholars**

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