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White Allies in the American South: Abstract

From the era Chattel Slavery, which marks people as the personal property to their owners, to modern day police brutality, African Americans have fought for equality in American society. Great black leaders have emerged throughout this fight for equality, but there is another group of leaders that aren't so popularly known. These leaders have put their time, resources, and lives on the line for this fight for freedom. These leaders are spies, allies, and secret friends to the African American fight for equality. Many of these leaders were influenced by one another to stand together in solidarity with African Americans. Although many of these leaders are unheard of, their stories speak for themselves. This paper unmasks those hidden leaders in history, specifically the era of Chattel Slavery in the American South and examines how religion, and personal observations influenced personal convictions against the institution of slavery.