



Wilmot Proviso



Treaty of
Guadalupe Hidalgo



Free Soil Party
Formed



Seneca Falls
Convention



Gold Discovered at
Sutter's Mill,
California



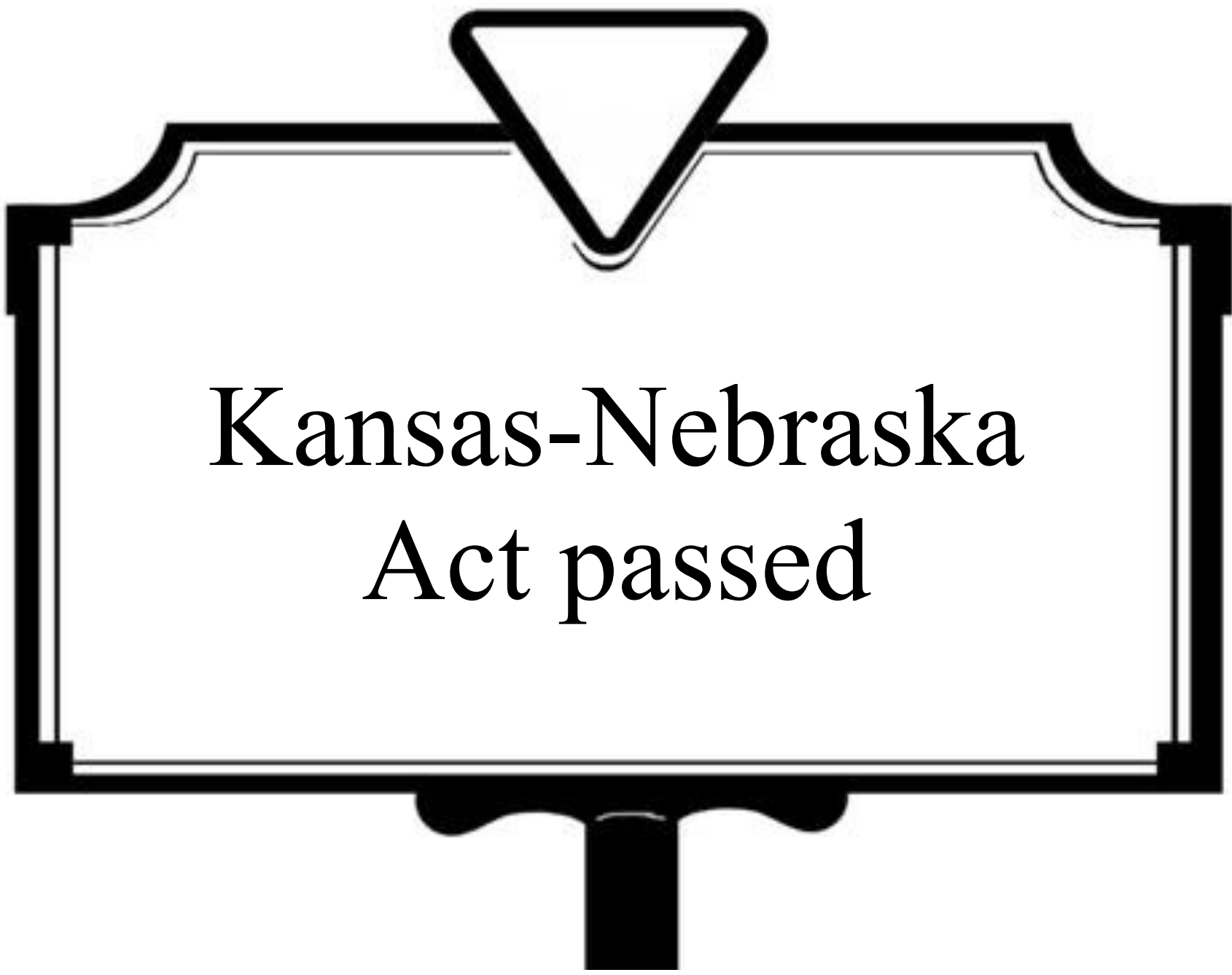
Compromise of 1850



Fugitive Slave Act



Uncle Tom's Cabin
published



Kansas-Nebraska
Act passed



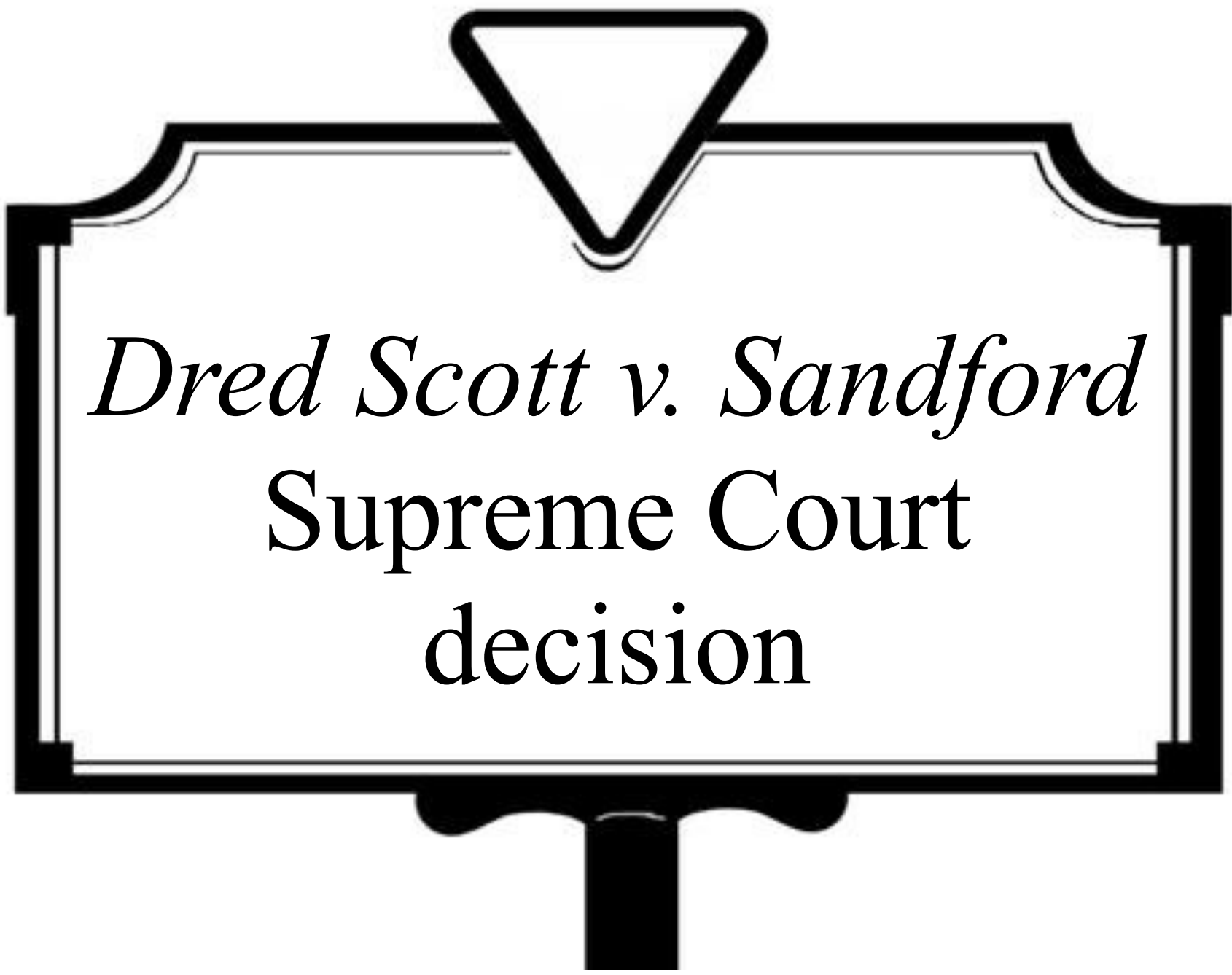
Republican Party
organized



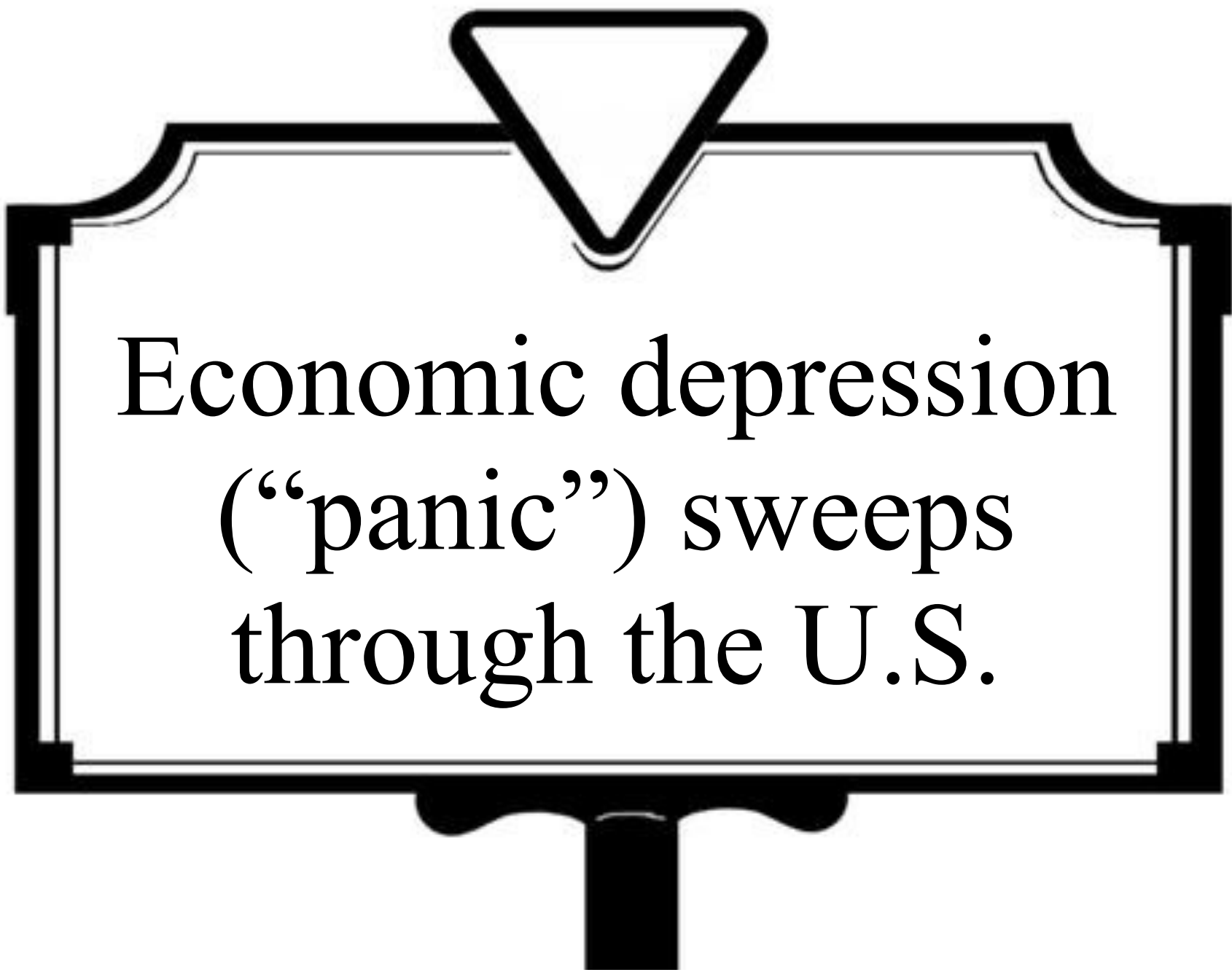
“Bleeding Kansas”—
violence takes
center stage



Charles Sumner
attacked in the
Senate



Dred Scott v. Sandford
Supreme Court
decision



Economic depression
("panic") sweeps
through the U.S.




Lincoln-Douglas
debates



John Brown raids
Harpers Ferry, VA
(now WV)



Abraham Lincoln
wins the presidential
election



South Carolina
secedes from
the Union