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About the Author

Alvin F. Oickle was an editor and writer for daily newspapers and The Associated Press, and taught writing at the University of Massachusetts/Amherst and the State University of New York/Stony Brook over a 35-year career. He spent seven years researching slavery, abolitionists' activities, and the nation's growth in the 19th century to provide exciting national scenes for this biography.

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