

John Sergeant Wise Quotes

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In such a condition of affairs, the practical difference between the abolitionist and the sympathizer, to the man who lost his slave and could not recover it, was very nebulous.

~John Sergeant Wise

In those days, slavery was not looked upon, even in Quaker Philadelphia, with the shudder and abhorrence one feels towards it now.

~John Sergeant Wise

John Brown was tried for treason, murder, and inciting slaves to insurrection.

~John Sergeant Wise

I was a tried seaman when, for the first time, I set foot upon the soil of my country, and took up my residence where my people had lived for over two hundred years.

~John Sergeant Wise

In the year 1857, passing through Washington on our return from the annual visit to Philadelphia, I had the distinguished honor of visiting a President for the first time.

~John Sergeant Wise

However the Southern man may have been master of the negro, there were compensatory processes whereby certain negroes were masters of their masters' children.

~John Sergeant Wise

In all her history, from the formation of the federal government until the hour of secession, no year stands out more prominently than the year 1858 as evidencing the national patriotism of Virginia.

~John Sergeant Wise

The first American ancestor of our name was a younger son of these old Devonshire people, and came to the Virginia colony in the reign of Charles the First.

~John Sergeant Wise

THE autumn of 1850 brought an event freighted with deep significance to me. My mother died.

~John Sergeant Wise

As early as the autumn of 1862, I was made very happy by being sent to school.

~John Sergeant Wise

My mother was a Northern woman, daughter of Hon. John Sergeant, a distinguished lawyer, and for many years representative in Congress from Philadelphia.

~John Sergeant Wise

Of private differences personal to himself, my brother had none.

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