

Re: The Source of Property?

Carl Watner responds:

Basically, I agree with you. Really, property is only secure as long as others respect it. There is a nice quote in Rose Wilder Lane's The Discovery of Freedom. She writes "The only safeguards of property seem to [be] possession of the property, individual honesty, and public opinion. Cabins were never locked on the American frontier where there was no law. The real protection of life and property, always and everywhere, is the general recognition of the brotherhood of man. How much time is any American within sight of a policeman? Our lives and property are protected by the way nearly everyone feels about another person's life and property." pp 109-110