



ABOLITIONIST

A leading abolitionist, Harriet Tubman embarked on many dangerous journeys along the Underground Railroad to free enslaved individuals, earning her the nickname “Moses of her people.”

CIVIL WAR HERO

Harriet Tubman served in the United States Army during the Civil War, where she was a scout, secret spy, nurse, and the first woman in U.S. history to lead a military expedition. When she died in 1913, she was buried with semi-military honors at Fort Hill Cemetery in Auburn, NY. In 2021, the U.S. Army Military Intelligence Corps inducted her into their Hall of Fame.

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD CONDUCTOR

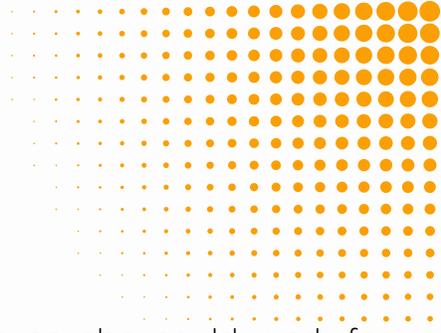
Harriet Tubman led many individuals, including her family, to freedom along the secret network known as the Underground Railroad. The exact number of people is unknown due to the clandestine nature of these rescue missions—but she is credited as being the most successful conductor along the route.

HARRIET TUBMAN

Who was she?

Harriet Tubman’s relatives say she was an **“ordinary woman who did extraordinary things.”**

Auburn, NY, her chosen hometown for over 50 years, helps show us who Harriet Tubman was as a person.



ENTREPRENEUR & BUSINESSWOMAN

Harriet Tubman negotiated with her enslaver to pay him a yearly fee so she could work for whomever she wanted. She hired herself out, earning enough extra money to buy two oxen and dream of buying her freedom. When she settled in Auburn, NY, she raised pigs; sold cream, butter, eggs, and vegetables; and bartered with neighbors for household items she needed.

HUMANITARIAN

Harriet Tubman was always caring for those in need—supplying shelter, food, clothing, and medical attention. During her 50+ years in Auburn, NY, she raised 4-5 local children and worked with the AME Zion Church to create the John Brown Home for the Colored, Indigent, & Aged—among the earliest nursing and assisted living facilities for African Americans in the country.

LANDOWNER

Invited by the Swards to move to Auburn, NY, Harriet Tubman purchased 32 acres of land from the abolitionists for \$1,200. It is on this property that she built the Harriet Tubman Residence and what eventually became known as the Tubman Home for the Aged.

PHILANTHROPIST

Throughout her time in Auburn, NY, Harriet Tubman raised money to support her humanitarian efforts and to help fund the Tubman Home for the Aged. She also pledged \$500 to help build the Thompson Memorial AME Zion Church, where she attended services for 22 years and was eventually buried in 1913. This church is now the base of the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park.

SUFFRAGIST

Believing in the equality of all people made Harriet Tubman a strong supporter of suffrage. In 1896, she was one of the co-founders of the National Association of Colored Women, which focused on voting rights for African American women and men. The mission of the original co-founders and members was to obtain suffrage, anti-lynching laws, education, and equal rights. Tubman was also close friends with suffragist Emily Howland, whose contributions to the women's rights movement are on display at the Howland Stone Store Museum.

TEACHER & EDUCATOR

When Harriet Tubman was young, she learned naturalist and survival skills from her father and mother. She passed this knowledge along to her nieces and nephews, as well as to other children in Auburn who frequently visited her farm.



HARRIET TUBMAN HOME

HARRIET TUBMAN'S RESIDENCE

Visit the property owned and operated by the Harriet Tubman Home, Inc., where you can see the Harriet Tubman Visitor Center; Harriet Tubman's residence and restored barn; and the Tubman Home for the Aged. With the help of her husband and other family members, she rebuilt her residence after it burned in 1880. Many of the bricks were made from the surrounding soil. Tubman spent the final two years of her life in the Tubman Home for the Aged, which she started with the help of the AME Zion Church.

THOMPSON MEMORIAL AME ZION CHURCH

HARRIET TUBMAN'S CHURCH

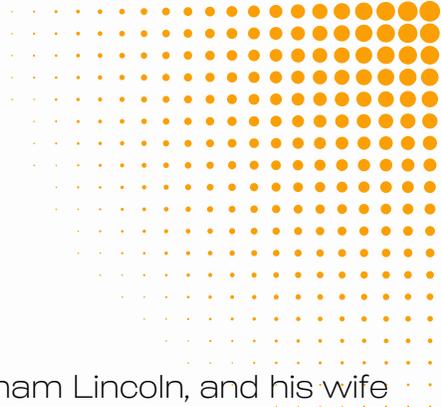
See the exterior of the church Harriet Tubman pledged \$500 to help build. It is here—in the center of the historic Black community of Auburn—where she attended services for 22 years and from where she was buried in 1913. Now owned by the National Park Service, the church has been restored to mimic how it would have looked when Tubman was in attendance.

HARRIET TUBMAN

Her legacy lives on.

In Auburn, NY, you
can follow in the
footsteps of Harriet
Tubman to
**experience her story
in a whole new way.**

Her legacy lives on in
the historical sites, the
residents, the small
businesses, and the
community itself.



SEWARD HOUSE MUSEUM

HOME TO FRIENDS & CONFIDANTS OF HARRIET TUBMAN

Tour the home of William H. Seward, U.S Secretary of State under Abraham Lincoln, and his wife Frances Seward. The Sewards were responsible for inviting Harriet Tubman to move to Auburn, and they sold her the property where she built her home. Avid abolitionists, their basement was used as a stop on the Underground Railroad.

FORT HILL CEMETERY

HARRIET TUBMAN'S FINAL RESTING PLACE

Originally a fortified village occupied by Indigenous people known as the Cayuga, this land was used for burial mounds as early as 1100 A.D. Pay your respects at the burial site of Harriet Tubman-Davis, whose headstone is engraved with the dedication, "Servant of God, Well Done," and is usually adorned with various mementos left by visitors.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WHERE HARRIET TUBMAN WAS MARRIED

Step inside the church where Harriet Tubman professed her love, marrying her second husband Nelson Davis. An abolitionist congregation at the time, the church has even wider doors today—welcoming all races, ages, genders, sexual orientations, and more.

NYS EQUAL RIGHTS HERITAGE CENTER

TELLS THE STORIES OF NEW YORK ABOLITIONISTS

Pose for a picture in the outdoor courtyard with a bronze statue depicting Harriet Tubman. Inside, learn about the New Yorkers who fought for the abolition of slavery, including Tubman herself, as part of the "Seeing Equal Rights in NYS" interactive exhibit.

HOWLAND STONE STORE MUSEUM

DISPLAYS ITEMS OF EMILY HOWLAND, FRIEND OF HARRIET TUBMAN

Explore the museum, formerly a cobblestone store built in 1837 by the family of suffragist Emily Howland, with ties to the Underground Railroad. A friend of Harriet Tubman, Emily once provided refuge to her from an attacker. Recently, a young photograph of Tubman was found in a photo album of Emily's, further demonstrating their friendship.

SHERWOOD EQUAL RIGHTS DISTRICT

DESIGNATED HISTORIC EQUAL RIGHTS AREA

See the collection of 28 homes and properties where previously enslaved individuals sought refuge and lived, now a designated Equal Rights District.