



Uncovering the Freedom Trail in Auburn and Cayuga County, New York

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Images on Cover:

“Eastern part of Genesee-street, Auburn.” John W. Barber and Henry Howe, *Historical Collections of the State of New York* (New York: S. Tuttle, 1842), 75.

Selection from Oslek, “Twenty-eight fugitives escaping from the eastern shore of Maryland,” in William Still, *The Underground Railroad* (Philadelphia: Porter & Coates, 1872), 68, reprinted (Medford, New Jersey: Plexus Publishing, Inc., 2005).

Harriet Tubman. Courtesy of Cayuga Museum.

William Henry Stewart, Sr. c. 1860s. Courtesy of Stewart Family Archives.

Slocum Howland. Elliott Storke, *History of Cayuga County* (

Martha Wright. Courtesy of Smith College.



Key to photos, clockwise, beginning at top:

1. Harriet Tubman, freedom seeker who make about thirteen trips back into Maryland, bringing about 70 people into freedom. Bought land on South Street in Auburn in 1857 and brought many of her family and friends from Maryland here. *Courtesy of Cayuga Museum, Auburn, New York.*
2. Martha Wright, of Quaker background, sister of Lucretia Mott, one of the organizers of the woman's rights convention in Seneca Falls. Friend of Frances Seward, Lazette Worden (Seward's sister), and Harriet Tubman. Strong abolitionist. Used her home on Genesee Street as a stop on the Underground Railroad. John Becker, *History of the Village of Waterloo* (Waterloo, 1949).
3. Slocum Howland. Quaker who made his home and store in Sherwood, New York, one of the most important stops on the Underground Railroad in central New York. His daughter, Emily Howland, taught in Freedmen's Schools and became an important supporter of African American and woman's rights. *Courtesy of Friends Historical Library, Swarthmore College.*
4. Abijah Fitch. Abolitionist and Underground Railroad supporter who sold much land on Chapman Avenue and Garrow, Fitch, and Parker Streets to freedom seekers. *Courtesy of Cayuga County Historian 's Office.*
5. Harriet Bogart, who (with her husband Nicholas Bogart) worked for the Seward family all of their adult lives. Lived on Miller Street. *Courtesy of the Seward House, Auburn, New York.*
6. William Henry Seward. He and his wife, Frances Seward, used their house as an Underground Railroad station, while Seward was U.S. Senator from New York. Became Secretary of State under Lincoln. *Courtesy of the Seward House, Auburn, New York.*
7. William Henry Stewart, Sr. Center photo. Freedom seeker who escaped from Maryland on Christmas Eve, 1854. Came to Auburn after the war with his son, William Henry Stewart, Jr., whose house still stands at Garrow and Chapman Avenue. *Courtesy of the Stewart Family Archives.*