

FREEDOM

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

Declaration of Independence
July 4, 1776

"In memory of Harriet Tubman...called the "Moses" of her people...with rare courage she led over three hundred Negroes up from Slavery to Freedom and rendered invaluable service as nurse and spy...She braved every danger and overcame every obstacle. Withal she possessed extraordinary foresight and judgement so that she truthfully said, 'On my Underground Railroad, I never ran my train off the track and I never lost a passenger.'"

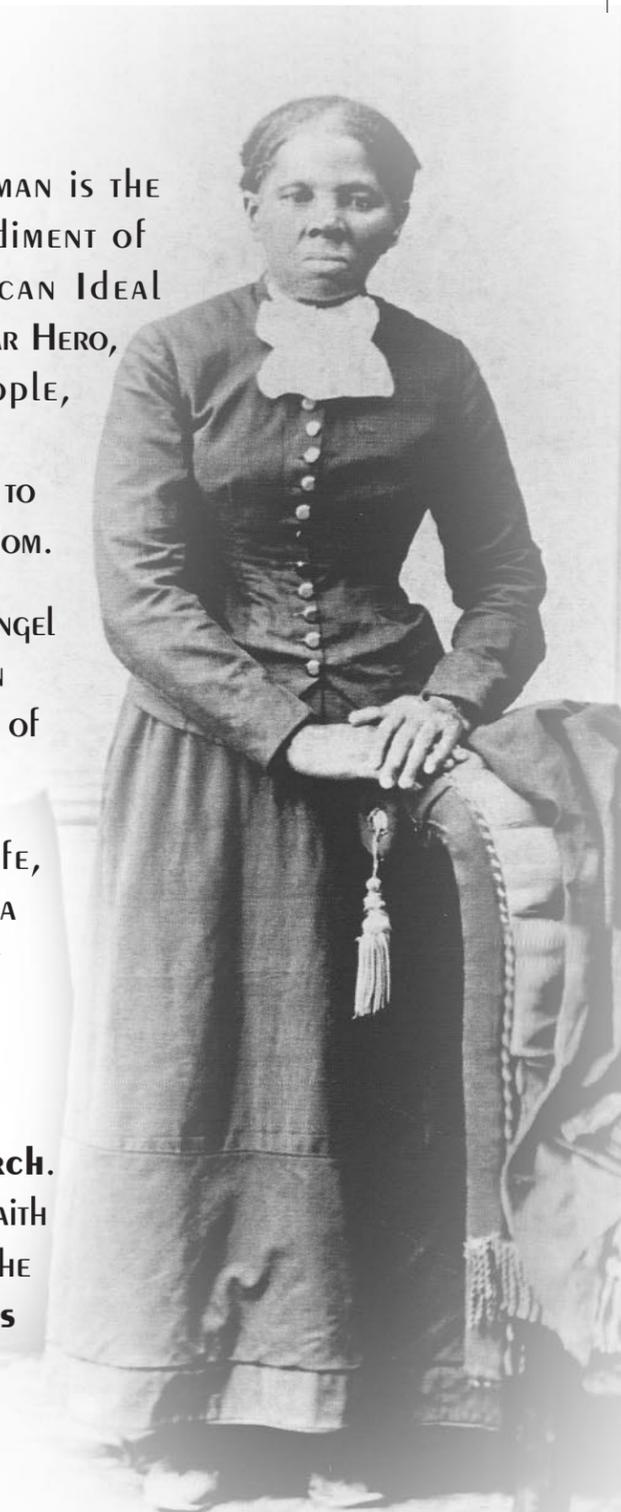
-Booker T. Washington

*H*ARRIET TUBMAN IS THE TRUE EMBODIMENT OF THE AMERICAN IDEAL AND SPIRIT. PATRIOT, WAR HERO, A MOSES OF HER PEOPLE, CONDUCTOR OF THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD TO HUNDREDS SEEKING FREEDOM.

A GUIDING, CARING ANGEL TO THE SICK AND SHUT-IN AND FOREMOST, A PERSON OF GOD.

THROUGHOUT HER LIFE, HARRIET TUBMAN WAS A FAITHFUL AND EARNEST MEMBER OF THE THOMPSON MEMORIAL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH. IT WAS HER EVERLASTING FAITH IN GOD THAT GAVE HER THE STRENGTH TO PERFORM HIS WORK.

**HARRIET TUBMAN.
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Harriet Tubman

"A Road to Freedom"

Go down, Moses, Way down in Egypt Land,
Tell old Pharaoh, Let my people go...

"There was one of two things I had a right to, liberty, or death; if I could not have one, I would have the other; for no man should take me alive; I should fight for my liberty as long as my strength lasted, and when the time came for me to go, the Lord would let them take me."

- Harriet Tubman

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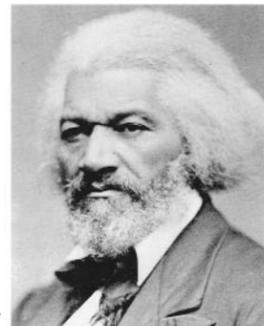
In 1896, Harriet Tubman was able to purchase at an auction 25 acres of land immediately adjacent to her home. There she envisaged that she would be able to see the fruits of her long dream and that was to establish a resting home for the old, poor and homeless blacks. With proceeds from her second biography published in 1886, she had enough money to start. With assistance from the then mayor and first Lady of Auburn and many of its citizenry, she raised additional monies. When the adjacent 25 acres was auctioned, and with the "help of the Good Lord", the bidding stopped at \$1,450.00. The auctioneer shouted, "all done. Who is the Buyer?" "Harriet Tubman, I shouted."

Inherent in the life of Harriet Tubman was the passionate desire and the fervent belief in the right to be free. Although she never read the Bible, she had heard over her life its most salient passages. From hearing the soft words of the old and new testaments from others and by the time she was a young woman, she could easily recite multiple chapter and verse in the Book. She could sing its Psalms and shout her willingness to serve the Almighty and be heard by the multitudes. She was especially mesmerized by the passages that spoke of freedom and the right to be free that were inherent in God's will for every man and woman. It was something magical in the word 'freedom' that had dominated Harriet Tubman all of her living life. It would be her destiny, immortalized by God and one she readily accepted, that would see her life totally consumed in that of bringing her enslaved brothers and sisters to 'freedom'.

Of the many persons that encouraged Harriet Tubman to seek freedom for the masses of blacks toiling in the fields of the south was her dear friend and colleague, Frederick Douglass. He wrote eloquently of her when he stated, "I have had the applause of the crowd and the satisfaction that comes of being approved by the multitude, while the most that you have done has been witnessed by a few trembling, scarred, and foot-sore bondmen and women, whom you have led out of the house of bondage, and whose heartfelt 'God bless you' has been your only reward."



Harriet Ross Tubman at her home in Auburn, New York

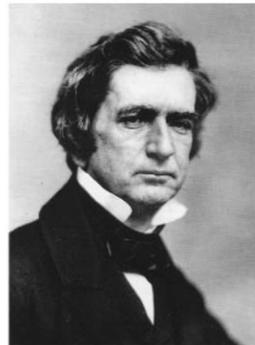


Frederick Douglass, abolitionist, author, publisher and lecturer, was a life long friend of Harriet Tubman

Harriet Tubman Home

The Harriet Tubman home in Auburn, New York lays testimony to her enormous legacy. She lived and died there as a Free American. Located on 26 acres of land, her home remains steadfast as a living tribute to the astonishing 'Road to Freedom' enshrined by Harriet Tubman. The site contains four buildings, of which she utilized two. There was rarely a time that found the sites underutilized by the needy in search of a place to rest their weary bodies and souls.

Although she barely had funding to maintain the sites prior to the generous support of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, she nonetheless, via the Almighty Grace of God, managed to somehow keep the doors opened and food on the table for any that needed it. As remarkable as her



William Seward, former Governor and U.S. Senator from New York, sold Harriet Tubman her first home

life was in bringing over 300 slaves to freedom utilizing the Underground Railroad, equally incredible was her prophetic vision to maintain a home to the truly needy. She never wanted for herself throughout her entire life, but for the good and freedom of others. Her true friend and leading spokesman for the freedom of slaves and President Abraham Lincoln's Secretary of State, William H. Seward observed, "I have known her long, and a nobler, higher spirit, or a truer, seldom dwells in the human form." Indeed, it had been Secretary Seward's direct actions in 1857, a former Governor and U.S. Senator of New York, that had aided his friend, Harriet Tubman, the opportunity to acquire her home in Auburn for herself, as well as her mother and father. In accepting the home and eschewing charity, she utilized her meager savings to initially purchase the property. Utilizing proceeds from the publication of her memorable 1869 biography, 'Scenes in the Life of Harriet Tubman' by Sarah Bradford, she was able to completely pay off her mortgage.

The Harriet Tubman Home for the Aged and Indigent Negroes

After gaining the adjacent 25 acres, Harriet soon realized that to fully operate and staff her dream facility for the aged would take more than her indomitable will. It was at that juncture that she again, and as always, looked to God for her answer. The solution was the generosity and good will of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. Harriet Tubman deeded the 25-acre parcel to the A.M.E. Zion Church in 1903. In 1908, the Harriet Tubman Home was officially opened under its auspices. Again, by the will of God, Harriet's dream had been realized prior to her death at the fulfilling age of 93 in 1913.



Harriet Tubman Multi-Purpose Building at Auburn, New York

How You Can Help

The Harriet Tubman Home receives no outside financial support and is reliant on the generosity of contributions from persons and organizations that support the Harriet Tubman Legacy and mission. Volunteer opportunities exist for persons able to contribute to the Home's many and worthwhile programs.



Harriet Tubman Home in Auburn, New York

Financial contributions are vitally needed to support the cost of adding to the Home's library, and its collection of materials related to Harriet Tubman and her remarkable life. Because the home was abandoned for an extended period prior to its restoration, original artifacts associated with Harriet Tubman are particularly desired. Persons able to contribute to the work of the home can make arrangements for volunteering, or for tax-deductible contributions by contacting the Resident Manager.

The Harriet Tubman Home, Inc. invites you to become a friend of Harriet Tubman today. Your gift will help ensure the preservation of the Harriet Tubman Home site and related properties in Auburn, New York.

Enclosed is my one-year membership of \$ _____ Date: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Company: _____ Telephone (business): _____ (home): _____ E-mail: _____

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Please make check payable to The Harriet Tubman Home, Inc., 180 South Street, Auburn, NY 13021, Email: HTHome@localnet.com

Individual Membership*

- Associate Adult-\$35/Associate Youth-\$10 (\$35 is tax deductible)
- Patron-\$250 (\$190 is tax deductible)
- Friend-\$50 (\$40 is tax-deductible)
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- Conservator-\$1,000 (\$940 is tax deductible)

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"Buy a Brick on the Road to Freedom" \$50 minimum (minimum \$40 is tax deductible)

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