Slavery, Antislavery and the Underground Railroad

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WEEK THREE

• Runaways and Railroads
THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD IN THE HUDSON VALLEY

PEOPLE

PATHS

PROBLEMS
FREDERICK DOUGLASS AND HIS FLIGHT TO FREEDOM
THE UGRR CHALLENGE IN THE HUDSON VALLEY

- Evidence
- Routes
- Numbers
OPPOSITION IN THE VALLEY

- Anti-slavery meetings broken up
- Harassment of speakers
- Opposition to voting rights for free Black men
- Society for the Apprehending of Slaves
QUITMAN HOUSE, RHINEBECK
STATIONS ON THE HUDSON RIVER FREEDOM TRAIL

- Station well-documented
- Station is probable but not certain
- Station is verified by oral history only
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WEST OF THE HUDSON

The Underground Railroad in Orange County, New York
THE SILENT REBELLION

Roger A. King

Yes, there is an underground railroad in Orange County, and all the doughface patriots in the Union can't make us tear it up!

“The Goshen Democrat” — June 1859
RUNAWAYS TO FREEDOM
THE UNDERGROUND
BEFORE THE RAILROAD

• Colonial America
• New York and the Hudson Valley
• Runaway Slave Advertisements
TYPES OF SKILLED TRADES IN NEW YORK

• Smithing [black, tin]

• Boat piloting

• Managing farms and trade goods, e.g., weighing, measuring, inspecting,

• Shoemaker

• Carpentry
RAN AWAY on the 29th of July, 1802, a Mullatto girl named Mary. (the reason of her being now advertised is that I have heard of her being at the Nine Partners.) Whoever will take up said girl and commit her to New-York jaol, or restore her to the owner, shall receive the sum of Forty-Dollars and all reasonable expenses. All persons are her-by strictly forbad to harbour or employ either of the above runaways, under the most severe penalty the law can inflict.

ANN B. LONG.
Wappings Creek,
August 27, 1806
WHAT CAN WE LEARN?

TWO RUNAWAYS: CUFF AND MOLL
FIVE DOLLARS REWARD.

RAN away from the subscriber, on the 30th ult. a Negro Girl, named MOLL, about 18 years old, middle sized, strong built, and very black. Whoever will take up said girl, and return here to the subscriber, or secure her in any goal, and give information thereof to the subscriber, shall receive the above reward, but no charges. All persons are forbid harbouring or employing her, on penalty of the law. JEREMIAH SHERRELL, Jun. Stanford, June 12, 1811.

The Political Barometer, June 19, 1806
RUN-away on Saturday Night the 23 Inst. From Jurry Emigh, of Beekmans’ Precinct, in Dutchess County, a Negro Man named CUFF, abut 5 feet high, pretty well set, and is middling black, speaks tolerable good English, and generally wore his Hair (or Wool) tied behind: Had with him when he went away, a light coloured Broadcloth Coat, somewhat on the short Fashion, and pretty old; a dark blue figur’d Everlasting Jacket with red Lining, and a light colour’d Thickset Breeches, a Pair of Tow Linen Trowsers, and perhaps some other Cloathing unknown. There is a Supposition that he hath a Pass to travel. Whoever takes up said Negro, and brings him to his said Master, shall have Forty Shillings Reward, and all reasonable Charges paid, by me Jurry Emigh.

The New-York Gazette; and the Weekly Mercury. October 23, 1769
WHITHER THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD?
STEAMBOATS ON THE HUDSON
NEXT WEEK …

• Legacy and Sing-a-long