



PETER & PHYLLIS WEBB

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(est. 1790's-ca. 1868 & 1881)

Enslaved in the Town of Caroline and later lived as a free Black family in Ithaca during the 19th century.

Learning about Peter & Phyllis Webb means learning about true determination.

In 1833 Peter Webb and his wife Phyllis Webb purchased property on Wheat St. (now Cleveland Avenue), joining the newly formed denomination of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (1796).

The Webb family founded and built a house of worship, where African Americans would feel welcome and empowered. St. James AME Zion Church established in 1836, was a stop on the Underground Railroad aiding self-emancipated African to find a life of freedom in the Northern States (NYS abolished slavery in 1827).

After the Fugitive Slave Act of 1851 the Church became a transfer station on the Underground Railroad and hosted freedom fighters, abolitionists and women's rights advocates as well as being a place of education for African Americans.

Peter and Phyllis Webb were an integral part of the fight for freedom.

**Learn more about the Webb Family at:
thehistorycenter.net/Webb-Family**

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