

HARRIET TUBMAN

Harriet Tubman (1822-1913)

Visited Ithaca multiple times during her life to speak at the St. James AME Zion Church.

Learning about Harriet Tubman (who lived until 1913) means learning about humanity.

Harriet Tubman escaped slavery to become a leading abolitionist. She led hundreds of enslaved people to freedom along the route of the Underground Railroad.

Born into slavery in Maryland, Harriet Tubman escaped to freedom in the North in 1849 to become the most famous "conductor" on the Underground Railroad.

A leading abolitionist before the American Civil War, Tubman also helped the Union Army during the war, working as a spy among other roles.

In early 1859, abolitionist Senator William H. Seward sold Tubman a small piece of land on the outskirts of Auburn, New York. The land in Auburn became a haven for Tubman's family and friends. Tubman spent the years following the war on this property, tending to her family and others who had taken up residence there.

QUOTES

"Don't ever stop. Keep going. If you want a taste of freedom, keep going."

"I was the conductor of the Underground Railroad for eight years, and I can say what most conductors can't say; I never ran my train off the track and I never lost a passenger."

"I freed a thousand slaves I could have freed a thousand more if only they knew they were slaves."

"I go to prepare a place for you."

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