



AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
of South Central PA

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### About us

The African American Historical Society of South-Central Pennsylvania was organized in 2005 with the wide-ranging mission to collect, analyze and interpret information about the African American experience in the South Central region of the Commonwealth. Originally an affiliate of the Crispus Attucks Center of Lancaster, AAHS-SCPA is an independent organization of community historians who invite interested persons to join our efforts.

### Become a member!

**The African American Historical Society  
of South Central Pennsylvania**

*Annual fees:*

*Individual—\$20   Sustaining friends—\$50+   Sponsors—\$100+*

Join at our meetings—3rd Sunday of the month—Stevens College Annex

1100 E. Orange St., Lancaster, PA 17602. 3 PM.  
Free and open to the public

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# Under Freedom's Sky

Sites and Stories of

## *The* Underground Railroad

In Lancaster County &  
Southeastern Pennsylvania

1780 – 1860

*An Illustrated Presentation  
In 9 Historical Episodes*

Presented by

The African American Historical Society  
Of South-Central Pennsylvania

February 4, 2022

The Ware Center, Lancaster, PA

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This is a reprise of a performance at Phillips Museum of Art,  
Dana Gallery, Franklin & Marshall College, February 6, 2020  
In conjunction with Sonya Clark's art installation: *Finding Freedom*

# Under Freedom's Sky

An original production

Based on the narratives included in *The Tour Conductor Guidebook*, published by African American Historical Society of South-Central Pennsylvania, 2018, by Randolph Harris and Dr. Leroy T. Hopkins, Jr.

With additional research and writing by the producers and speakers for this presentation

Slide design by Randolph Harris

Production support by the Staff & Students of The Ware Center

Episode 1

**FINDING THAT PATHWAY NORTH**

Starleisha Gingrich and Lenwood Sloan

Episode 2

**THADDEUS STEVENS & HIS FREEDOM SPIES—A STORY REVEALED**

Dr. Leroy T. Hopkins, Jr.

Episode 3

**LANCASTER CHURCHES & UNDERGROUND RAILROAD ORIGINS**

Celeste Leslie & Gerald Wilson

Episode 4

**LANCASTER COUNTY JAIL—FULTON HALL  
NORTH PRINCE & WEST KING STREETS**

Presented by Shelia Murray-Hargrove—Written by Betty Hurdle

Episode 5

**SITE OF PHILADELPHIA & COLUMBIA RAILROAD DEPOT  
NORTH QUEEN AT EAST CHESTNUT STREET**

Nelson Polite, Jr.

Episode 6

**THADDEUS STEVENS & LYDIA SMITH HOME  
45 & 47 SOUTH QUEEN STREET**

Denise Ewell

Episode 7

**HOME OF MRS. LYDIA HAMILTON SMITH  
23 EAST VINE STREET**

Zeltha Ellis

Episode 8

**SHREINER-CONCORD CEMETERY  
WEST CHESTNUT & NORTH MULBERRY STREETS**

Dr. Barbara Mobarak

Episode 9

**SAVING THE STEVENS & SMITH HISTORIC SITE -  
PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

Starleisha Gingrich and Lenwood Sloan

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*Sites described in Episodes 4 through 8 are recognized by the Underground Railroad Network to Freedom, a program of the U.S. Department of the Interior/National Park Service*

