



# Origins of the Underground Railroad

A Motor Coach Tour of Lancaster County, October 14, 2015  
Presented by LancasterHistory.org & AAA Travel -AAA Central Penn  
Featuring Lancaster historian Randy Harris and notable 19<sup>th</sup> century guests

Heritage travelers will experience a half-day excursion that highlights the rise of abolitionism and anti-slavery activism in Southeastern Pennsylvania, from about 1780 through 1860, focusing on visits to authentic sites and well-documented stories of the Underground Railroad in Eastern York and Lancaster Counties. Covering approximately 15 miles, from the Wrightsville and Columbia area to the City of Lancaster, the tour will feature 6 stops and several related sites will be described from the motor coach.

Among the stops are historic properties recognized by the National Park Service as authentic sites associated with the Underground Railroad where some of the earliest and most nationally significant episodes of resistance occurred against the institution of slavery.

These include: Columbia Riverfront Park where once was located the famous bridge over the Susquehanna River which served as a key pathway to freedom for thousands of travelers on the Underground Railroad;

the towns of Columbia & Wrightsville, featuring stories of the Wright Family, Stephen Smith, William Whipper and General Thomas Boude; the City of Lancaster, featuring the properties of US Congressman Thaddeus Stevens, abolitionist and Underground Railroad activist, and his long-time confidante, Lydia Hamilton Smith. Stevens' grave and memorial will be a featured stop. Also in the City, visitors will learn of the Underground Railroad connections of Saint James Episcopal Church, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church and the Fulton Opera House (site of the Old Lancaster County Jail).

Tour guide Randy Harris is a Partner in the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom, a program of the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service. Since 2003, Harris has been responsible for the designation of 20 of the approximately 50 sites in Pennsylvania included in the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom.

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**Board motorcoach by 8:45 AM at LancasterHistory.org's Campus of History, Marietta & President Avenue, Lancaster, PA.  
Return arrival at approximately 3:00 PM.**

The following features are included on this special tour:

- Custom guided tour of Underground Railroad sites with presentations on-site and on our motorcoach.
- Encounters with historical re-enactors/guides at historic sites.
- Commemorative brochure with tour history and illustrations.
- Transportation aboard chartered, restroom-equipped, motorcoach; driver gratuity is included.
- Luncheon at John Wright Restaurant, Wrightsville, with participants' individual at-table choice of selections from a pre-set menu including soups, salads, sandwiches and beverages; restaurant server gratuity is included.

Price: \$125 per person. Please include payment with your completed registration form and return both to AAA Travel at any AAA Central Penn office, or to the AAA mailing address or fax number shown on the form. All registrations are requested by October 1, after which you may telephone LancasterHistory.org at 717-392-4633 to ask if seats remain available on this trip. Confirmation of your registration will be provided by AAA Travel in the form of a receipt for your payment. If, following your deposit, you need to cancel your registration or participation on this trip, no refund can be made unless you provide a substitute participant to take your place. Price and operation of this tour is based on a minimum of 30 participants.

Please note: participants on this tour will need to be able to walk short distances, including on uneven surfaces, and use stairs to board and exit the motorcoach. Any trip participant who needs assistance is required to have a traveling companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the needed assistance.

**Registration forms available at [www.lancasterhistory.org](http://www.lancasterhistory.org) beginning Tuesday, September 8, 2015**



**Please promptly return this form to:**  
any AAA Central Penn office listed on this form,  
or mail to AAA Travel – AAA Central Penn  
P.O. Box 1354, Harrisburg, PA 17105-1354,  
or fax to: 717-657-3547

**LancasterHistory.org**  
**Underground Railroad Tour**  
**October 14, 2015**  
(Group 15215 / AAA-CP)

**Please use one form for each registrant:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name preferred for name tag: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell-phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address (for purposes related to this trip): \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Disabilities and/or Health Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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Special requirements/requests: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency during this tour, please contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone numbers of emergency contact(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment:** Full payment of \$ 125 per person is due to AAA Travel with return of this registration form.

**Cancellations:** If, following your payment, you need to cancel your registration or participation on this tour, no refund can be made unless you provide a substitute participant to take your place.

**Form of Payment:** AAA Travel can accept a personal check, or a Visa or Mastercard for this tour.

\_\_\_ Personal check enclosed (payable to AAA Travel)      \_\_\_ Visa      \_\_\_ Mastercard

Credit card number \_\_\_\_\_ 3-digit code on reverse side of card: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's name (as shown on credit card): \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the additional information requested on the reverse side of this form.**

**For Reservations or more Information, please contact AAA Travel – AAA Central Penn:**

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**Travel Insurance:** AAA Travel – AAA Central Penn recommends the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which reimburses monetary losses if the registrant's cancellation must be made due to illness or death of the registrant or an immediate family member. Details on this optional coverage will be provided to all registrants in the form of a brochure with application instructions along with the AAA Travel confirmation/payment receipt for this tour and is also available from AAA Travel Agents. Note: Insurance exemptions which are due to pre-existing health conditions may be waived if travel insurance is purchased within 14 days of the payment receipt date; other conditions may apply. AAA Central Penn recommends *Allianz* for travel insurance.

**All Registrants must read and sign the following statements:**

To the best of my knowledge, I am in a good state of health and suffer from no physical condition which might be detrimental to my own safety, comfort and convenience and that of the other participants on this tour. If the participant named on this registration form has a specific physical condition, disability, allergy or dietary requirement that may require special attention or treatment, such details must be reported on this form.

I have read, understand and agree to conditions as set forth in the tour flyer and on this registration form, especially regarding payment, cancellation, refunds and responsibilities of AAA Travel – AAA Central Penn and LancasterHistory.org, acting as agents and tour operators for the tour participants.

Signature of registrant on this form: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parking Waiver:**

I hereby release AAA Central Penn and all of its entities, and LancasterHistory.org from any liabilities while my vehicle is parked or driven on the grounds of LancasterHistory.org's Campus of History during this tour, October 14, 2015.

Vehicle make and model \_\_\_\_\_ License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of registrant as owner of vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

