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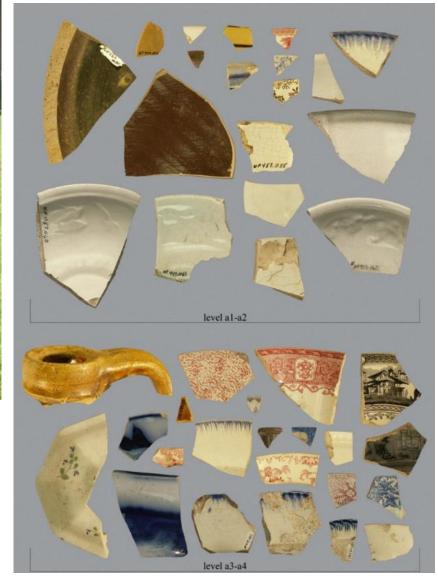


Jennifer Edginton,

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The Illinois State Museum houses and cares for artifacts from the New Philadelphia archaeology dig. They are not currently on display.





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Tonight: Kathryn Harris, Board Member

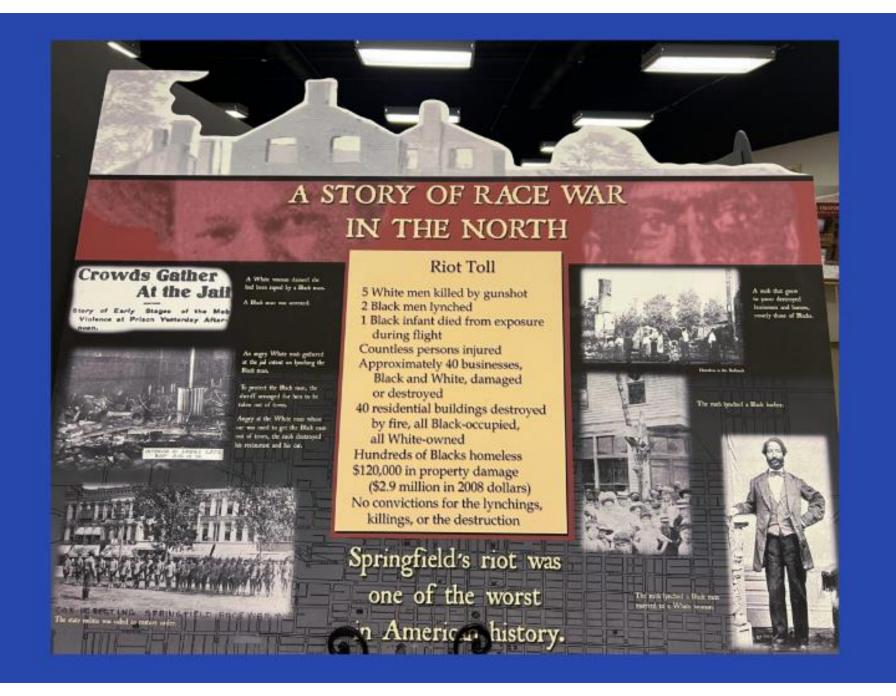
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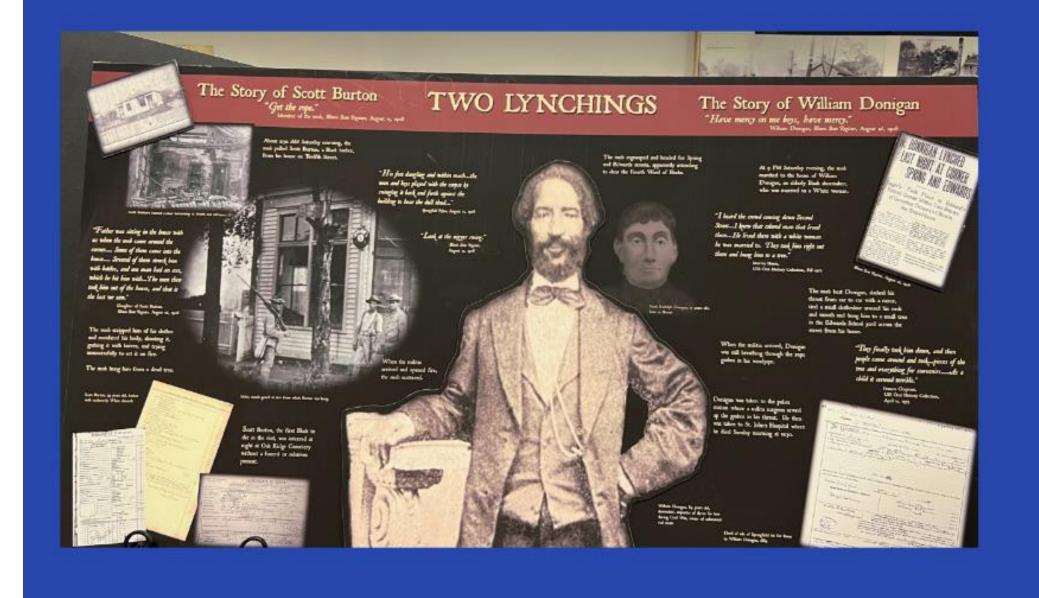




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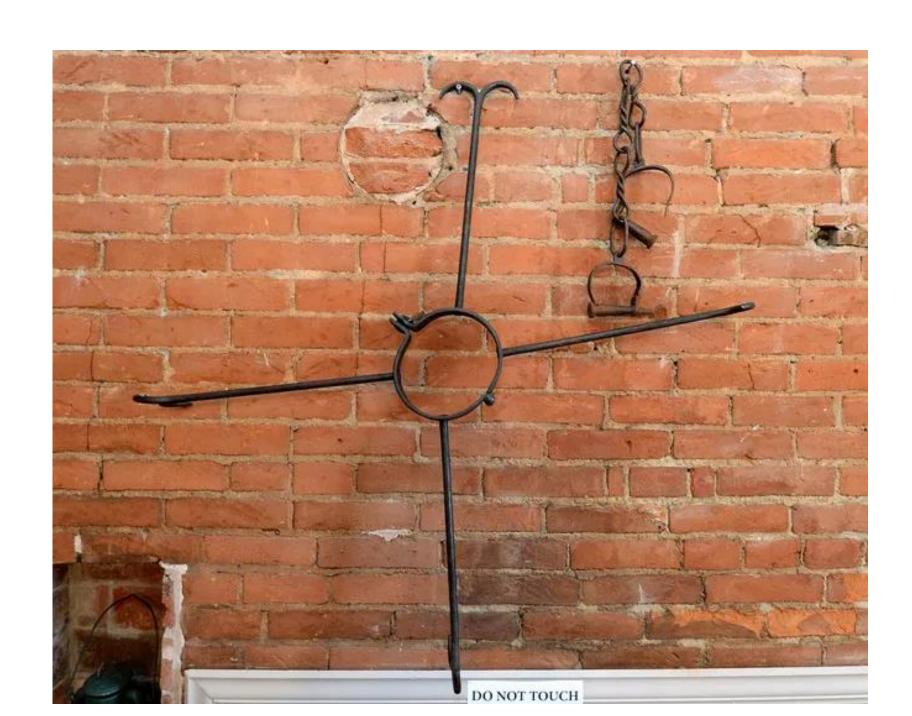
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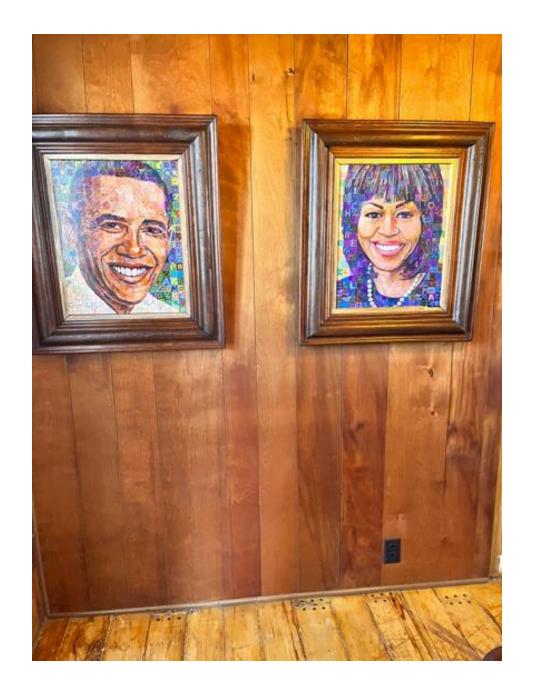


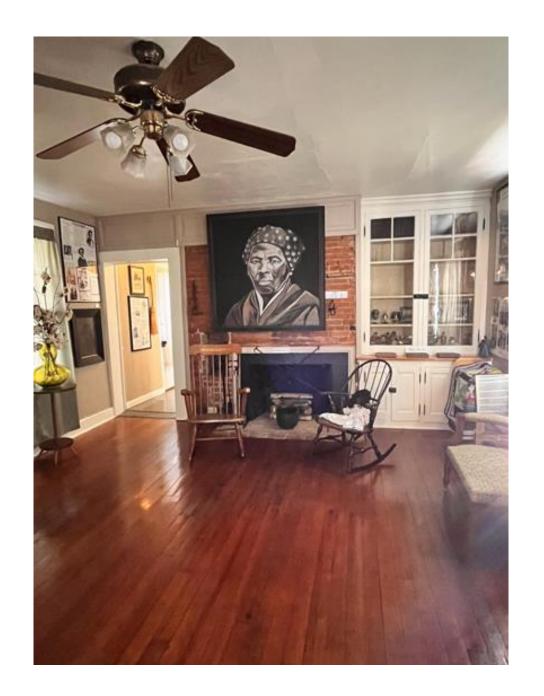












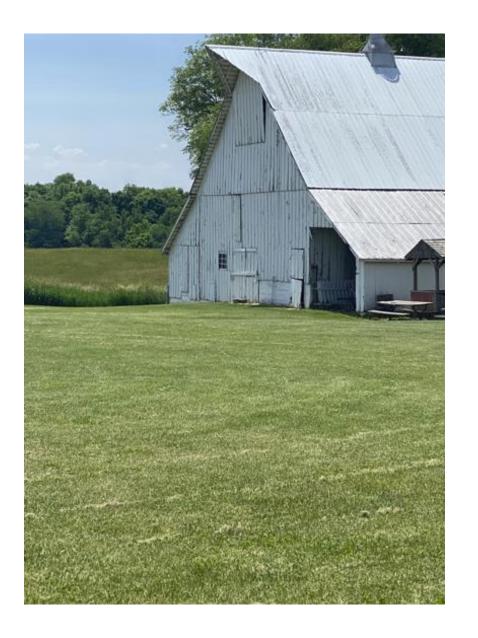




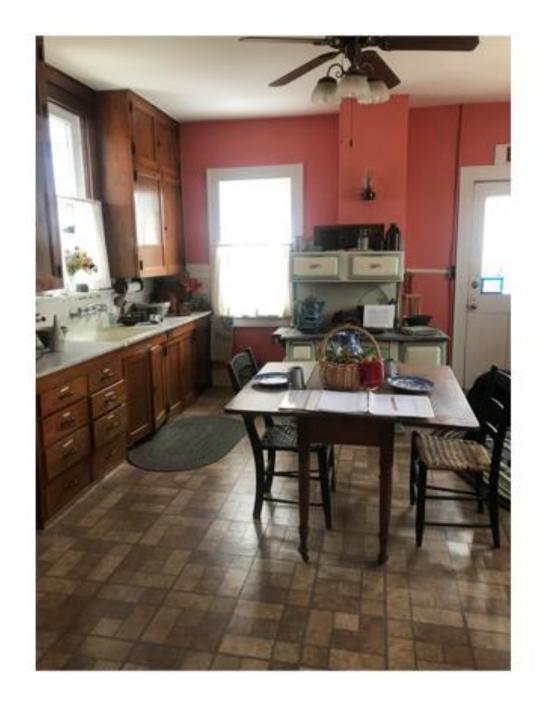


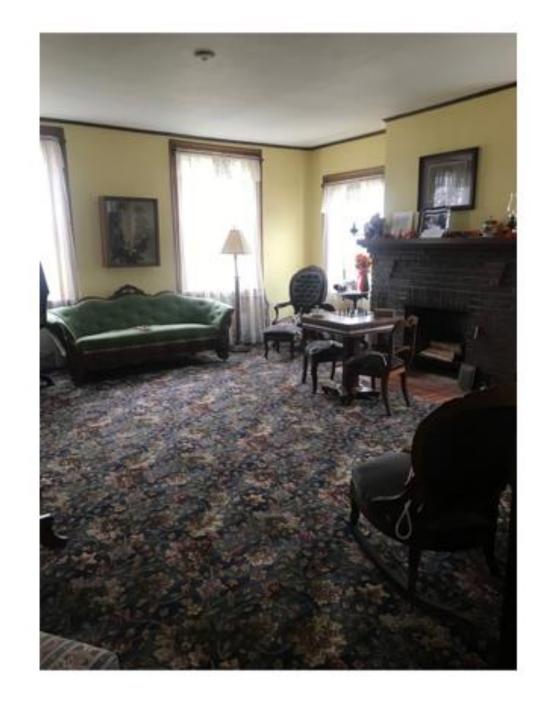
















Earl Pursley

President and Museum Curator

Pike County Historical Society

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One hundred eighty-seven years ago, specifically in the year 1777 a Negro baby named "Frank" was born in slavery in South Carolina. This baby, born 44 years before Pike county, as such, came into existence, was destined to play an important part in the history of what was later to become Hadley township in Pike County, Illinois.

His name has gone down in the history of Pike county; his life story is recorded in the annals of the Illinois State Historical Library in Springfield, Illinois, and in the Bbony Museum of History in Chicago, Illinois; and his descendents are proud to claim "Free Frank" McWorter as their ancestor.

When Frank was 18 years of age, his master, to whom he was closely related, sent him to Pulaski county, Kentucky, where he became the property of a slave owner by name of George McWorter.

Apparently this slave owner was good to his slaves; at least, if we are to believe the stories of brutalities practiced by many owners and overseers of slaves of those days, Frank had privileges that most others did not have.

Frank was permitted to earn wages in his spare time. With the money he earned, Frank purchased a small farm and entered into the business of manufacturing saltpeter.

While in slavery, Frank married and became the father of four children: Judy, Sallie, Frank and Solomon. By 1817 he had saved enough money to free his wife Lucy, and in 1819 he beight his own freedom. After he and his wife were free, they had three additional children: Squire, Commodore and Lucy Ann.

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Their Ancestor Founded a Pike County Town



SPECIAL GUESTS at the Pike County Historical Society meeting April 13 were some of the descendants of "Free Frank" McWorter whose history was the subject for the evening's program. In this group are, left to right, top row: Cordell McWorter of Maywood and his daughter Patricia, great-grandson and great-great-granddaughter of Free Frank; Mrs Alberta McWorter Ewing of Chicago, great-granddaughter of Free Frank; Mrs Elizabeth Reeves of Jacksonville, granddaughter of Wm. Butler, early settler of New Philadelphia the town lold out 1

Jacksonville, a friend; Bottom row: Mrs Nellie Lewis of Pittsfield, a friend; Mrs Irene Butler Brown of Jacksonville, mother of Mrs Reeves and daughter of Wm. Butler; Thelma McWorter Kirkpatrick of Chicago, great-granddaughter of Free Frank. The women are displaying some of the family documents and an etching of Free Frank's wife, Lucy. Lemoyne Washington of Barry, grandson of James Washington whose second wife was the granddaughter of Free Frank, had left for home when this photo was taken. (See

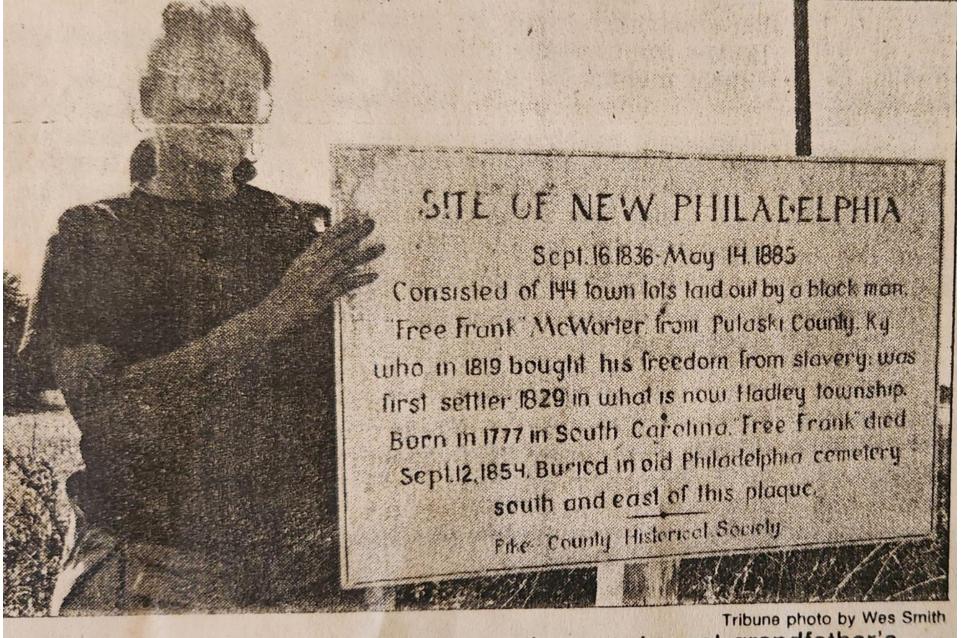
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"Free Frank" McWorter and The "Ghost Town"

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New Philadelphia Pike County, Illinois

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Juliet E.K. Walker is working to put her great-great-grandfather's gravesite on the state's map and into public consciousness.

Road to Revival

The Rise of New Philadelphia
Our display will feature Frank and Lucy and the founding of
New Philadelphia as the centerpiece

A second display will follow the rebirth highlighting Pike County citizens who have been a part of the revival.





Marynel Corton

Curator

Executive
Director, New
Philadelphia
Association



Entrance to the museum



New Philadelphia Descendants in 1960s



Likes Land Surveyors Sign

Yes, it's the same Likes
For whom the
Lecture
Series is named.



Barry Civil War Flag



Barry sesquicentennial quilt







This Looking for Lincoln sign is the first one to be placed outside of the Pittsfield area in Pike County. It tells about the New Philadelphia residents including Free Frank and Free Lucy being members of the church from the early years and that another member of the church, Calvin Jackson of Barry took a famous picture of Abraham Lincoln in 1858 at Pittsfield.

The sign also tells the story of Free Frank acquiring a legal last name in 1837 when he petitioned the Illinois State Legislature. Abraham Lincoln was a member when it was voted to secure the name of Frank McWorter for Free Frank. He needed a legal last name in order to protect himself and the town he created. Dedicated May 26, 2022

New Philadelphia **Historic Site** 3 mi. east of Barry

Ad placed in

2023 Looking For Lincoln **Visitors** Guide

iscover New Philadelphia

Founded in 1836 by Frank McWorter, a freedman, New Philadelphia is the first town in our nation founded and legally registered by an African American. In addition to founding this racially diverse community where African Americans and European Americans lived together in one of the most racially turbulent eras and regions of our country's history, Frank McWorter purchased freedom for himself and at least fifteen additional family members-all through his own enterprises.

This National Historic Site was recently designated the country's 424th National Park. Located three miles east of Barry, Illinois, visitors will find:

- A pavilion with six interpretive wayside signs
- A self-guided augmented reality walking tour using a free downloadable app
- · A butterfly garden and pollinator plot

You may also validate your Passport to Your National Parks booklet with the official NPS Underground Railroad Network to Freedom stamp at Barry City Hall or the Barry Museum.

Explore this historically significant site and learn about the perseverance of Frank McWorter!

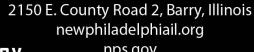


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Lynn Snyder

Board Member of HHSQAC

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Exhibit
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Seven ways to freedom: **New Philadelphia** and the McWorters



Frank McWorter & New Philadelphia



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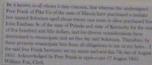


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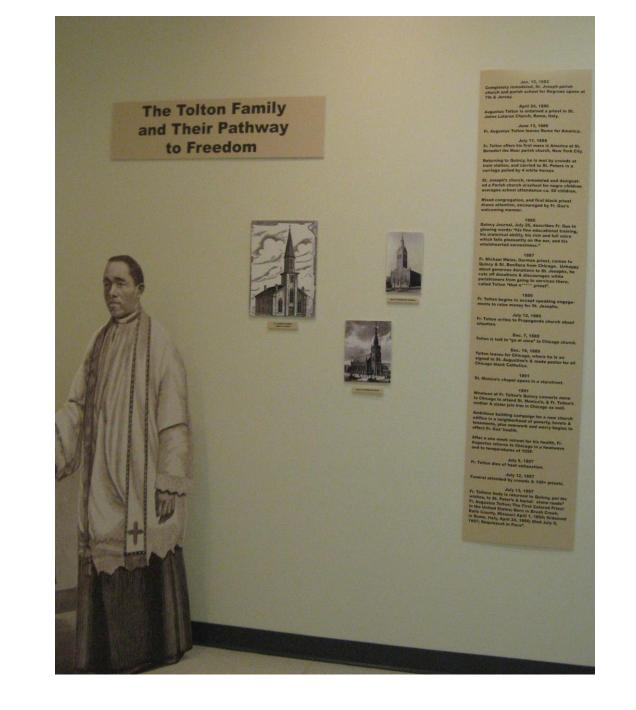












DR. RICHARD EELLS

Born Feb. 23, 1800 at Litchfield, Connecticut, to Ozias and Phoebe Ely, Richard Eells goes on to earn his medical degree from Yale Medical School.

Dr. Eelis and Jane Bester of Nartford marry on Oct. 4, 1828. The couple will have two daughters, both of whom die in childhood. In later years, they adopt two children a son and a daughter, born to reletives.

The Enils move to Quincy, Illinois, where they build a home at 415 Jersey Street, and to: Easis opens a medical practice. In Quincy, he joins a growing community of dedicates, he joins a growing community of addicates, and individuals including John Van Doorn, and individuals including John Van Doorn, and including John Van Doorn, and becoming increasingly active in aiding nunreage from allower you their flight to freedom.

1836
Rev. Dr. David Naison flees to Illinois after being forced to leave his school, Marian College, in Missouri because of abolitionist sympathies. Near Guincy, he establishes Mission Institute, a manual labor college at which Ealis teaches medical courses, while continuing to be active in the UGRR.

Dr. Eelfs is caught assisting a runaway.
Anown only as Charlie, and is arrested.
Tried by circuit courf judge Steven Douglas,
he is found quitty of harboring and secreting a
fugitive slave under the Illinois Criminal Code.

Oespite his conviction, Sells continues to fight for universal freedom, becoming president of the Illinois Anti-Stavery Party. Sells' conviction is appealed to the Illinois Supreme Court, where it is upheld.

1844
Sells is nominated by the Liberty Party for U.S. president, and for Illinois governor in 1846.

in October 1846, primarily due to the stress of the sppeaks of his case and personal and financiat were, Richard Eelis dies while travelling east by Olio River steamhorf. He is buried in Cannecticut. Following his death first. Ealth smores to the Chicage area to he with familty, in Quincy, their familty home is sold, ementually becoming an apartment and hearding house.

Senators Salmon Chase and William Seward carry the appeal of the Eells case to the U.S. Supreme Court, which also upholds the decision.

To honor Dr. Richard Ealls and his role in the establishment and operation of the USRR in Western Illinois, a group of Quincy citizens form the Friends of the Richard Ealth House. They purchase and reators the family home at 415 Jersey, and open it to the public as house museum and center for leaching short the UGRR is Western Illinois.

Dr. Richard Eells Dedicated Abolitionist, Exonerated at Last



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John Larkin Williams

John Larkin Williams appeared before the clark of the Adams County Circuit Count on April 25th, 1853, with proof of his free status in the form of a declaration by John Tillson, Sc.

Tillson, well known to the citizens of Quincy, illinois, had been one of the richest men in Illinois, having made a fortune in speculating on tend sales in the flourity Lands between the Illinois and Mississippl rivers.

In his statement before clerk C.M. Wood, Tilton certified that he had known John Larkin Williams since said Williams as 10 of 2 years oil, when he had been "bond out" to Tilton from the House of Industry in Boatson Massinchesetts. Since that time, Williams had fixed with Tilton in the state of Illinois, as a free person.

The House of Industry, bonded in Bosten in 1822, was a facility bousing "rogues, vagabonds, common beggars..." which functioned as a workhouse for the poor.

Tilison ended his statement by noting that Williams, what by then around 38 years of age, "being now destroys of immigration to California or to come place South or West."

was then and had always been a "tree coloured man."

By this action on April 28th, 1653, Tillion ours providing Williams with concrete documentation of his freedom - his "Freedom Papers. - John Tilliam did this less than two weeks before he (Tillion) died suddenly on a hunkness trip to







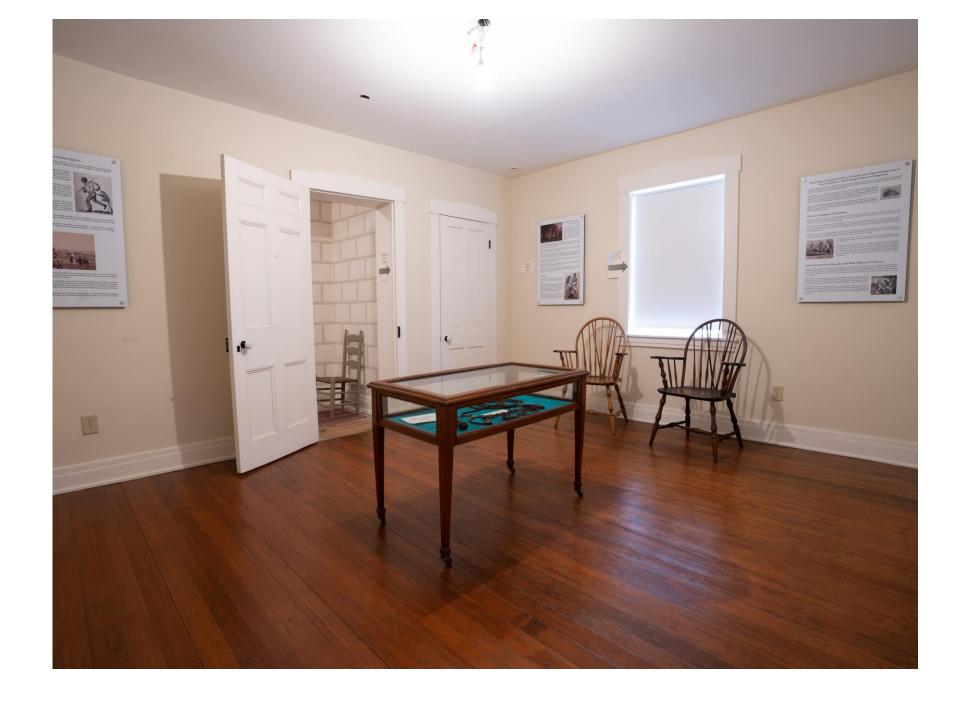


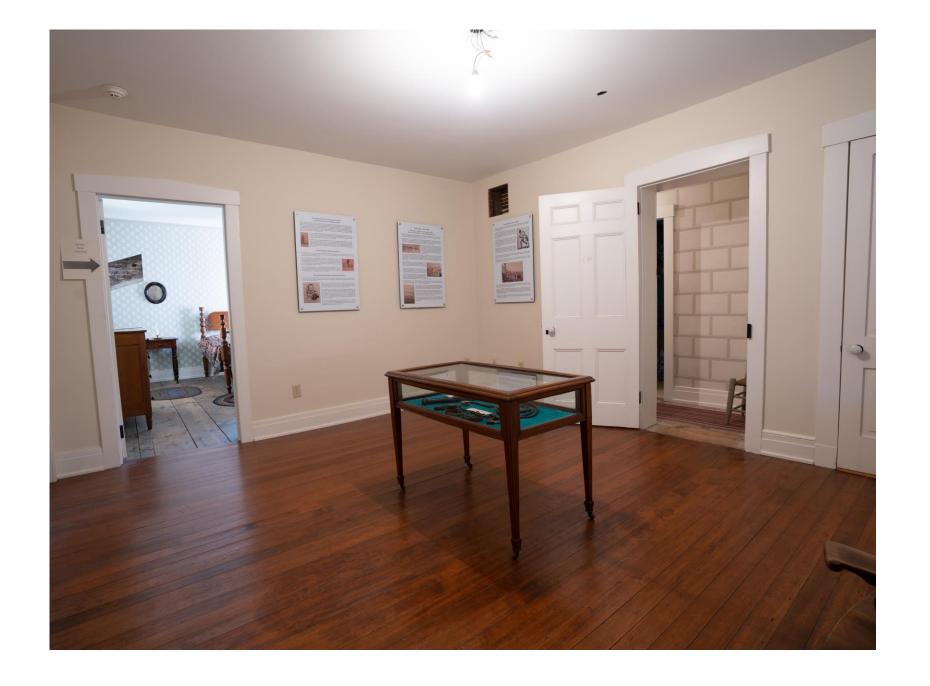
Terrell Dempsey

Vice president, Co-curator

The Quincy
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Railroad at the
Richard Eells
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Faye Dant Executive Director

Jim's Journey: The Huck Finn Freedom Center

Hannibal, Mo

Faye was unable to join us on June 13. We encourage you to visit the museum!

