

Free Frank Freedom Day



PARTICIPATING IN Free Frank Freedom Day ceremonies were l-r Barry Mayor Shawn Rennecker, Clara Nation, Leslie Reynolds and Sandra McWorter. Marynel Corton presided over the ceremony held Friday September 13 at the Barry Baptist Church. “Free” Frank McWorter was a member of the church. The participants gave informative historical presentations on the history of McWorter’s endeavor of freedom for his family and self. *See page 4*

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BARRY MAYOR Shawn Rennecker (l) read the proclamation declaring Free Frank Freedom Day accompanied by Sandra McWorter (c) and Marynel Corton (r) September 13 at the Barry Baptist Church. Frank McWorter, once a slave in Kentucky purchased his wife out of slavery and seventeen other family members including himself in 1819. This was the 205th year commemorating McWorter’s freedom. The family relocated to Pike County, Illinois in 1830 and settled and established New Philadelphia. Sandra McWorter is the great granddaughter of “Free” Frank McWorter and is a resident in the nursing home in Barry. Corton is a Barry City Council member and member of the New Philadelphia Association.

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