

Friends of Freedom Society Mission Statement

To raise and maintain public awareness about the lives of enslaved African Americans as it relates to the Underground Railroad Movement. To preserve and commemorate the cultural landscapes, and its connections to the lives of the people associated with the Underground Railroad story. To document the past events of the Underground Railroad as being one of the first civil rights movements in America.

The Friends of Freedom Society is headquartered and maintained in Columbus, Ohio, Franklin County.

The Ohio Underground Railroad Association is the 'research arm' of the Friends of Freedom Society Inc. (FOFS) Its sole purpose is to provide research, document, and preserve the people, places and events associated with the Underground Railroad movement in Ohio. FOFS has divided Ohio's eighty-eight counties into twelve regions. Each region is headed by a regional coordinator, whose responsibility is to identify and work with local historians, researchers, activists, etc. within the counties of their region to gather the data, record and photograph those area sites. The research is then entered into the FOFS data base to be used in a production of FOFS handbooks, markers and heritage programs. This operation is under the direction of the State Coordinator. To date, over 700 sites have been entered into the data base.

CENTRAL REGION -

The Central Region is comprised of nine counties: Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Knox, Licking, Madison, Morrow, Pickaway and Union. This region is headed by State Coordinator, Cathy Nelson.



The Kelton House Museum and Gardens
Columbus, Ohio

NORTH EAST REGION -

The North East Region is comprised of five counties: Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake and Lorain. This region is headed by local historian, Debbie Laveck.



The Hubbard House Museum
Ashtabula, Ohio

NORTH CENTRAL REGION -

The North Central Region is comprised of nine counties: Crawford, Erie, Huron, Marion, Ottawa, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca and Wyandot. This region is headed by local historian & researcher, I. Elaine Lawson.



Second Baptist Church
Sandusky, Ohio

NORTH WEST REGION -

The North West Region is comprised of six counties: Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Williams and Wood. This region is headed by local historian & researcher, Genevieve Eicher.



First Congregational Church
Ridgeville, Ohio

FAR EAST REGION -

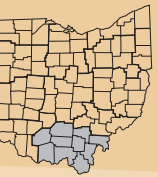
The Far East Region is comprised of three counties: Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull. This region is headed by Terri & Rueben Blake, local historians.



The Hise House
Salem, Ohio

SOUTH REGION -

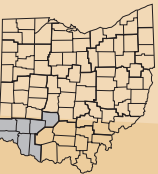
The South Region is comprised of ten counties: Adams, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton. This region is headed by, educator & local historian, Beverly J. Gray.



John Gee Black Historical Center
Gallipolis, Ohio

SOUTH WEST REGION -

The South West Region is comprised of seven counties: Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Fayette, Hamilton and Warren. This region is headed by local historian and retired educator, Don Ross.



Jonathan T. Wright House
Springboro, Ohio

SOUTH EAST REGION -

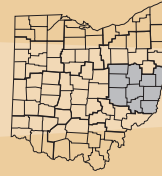
The South East Region is comprised of five counties: Athens, Hocking, Morgan, Perry and Washington. This region is headed by local historian & writer, Henry R. Burke.



The Smith House
Cutler, Ohio

SALT FORK REGION -

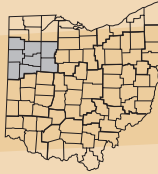
The Salt Fork Region is comprised of ten counties: Belmont, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Monroe, Muskingum, Noble and Tuscarawas. This region is headed by local historian and grants officer, Connie Quarles, and UGRR Museum Curator, John Mattox.



Stone Academy
Zanesville, Ohio

WEST CENTRAL REGION -

The West Central Region is comprised of eight counties: Allen, Auglaize, Hancock, Hardin, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert. This region is headed by artist and local historian Evangeline Bealer.



EAST REGION -

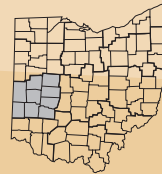
The East Region is comprised of seven counties: Ashland, Carroll, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit and Wayne. This region is headed by local historian and archivist, James Caccamo.



David Hudson House
Hudson, Ohio

WEST REGION -

The West Region is comprised of nine counties: Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Logan, Miami, Montgomery, Preble and Shelby. The region is headed by local historian and genealogist, Madalene Norris.



Pioneer House at Mac-O-Cheek
West Liberty, Ohio

Coming Soon:

Freedom Seekers: Ohio and the Underground Railroad

a publication by the
Friends of Freedom Society, Inc.



Freedom Seekers: Ohio and the Underground Railroad is an in-depth look at the pivotal role Ohioans made in the effort to aid runaway slaves in their quest for freedom. This important story is told through the people who opened their hearts and homes to those seeking shelter from the oppression of slavery. Representing years of research, Freedom Seekers provides a glimpse of a critical era in the history of our nation and out state.

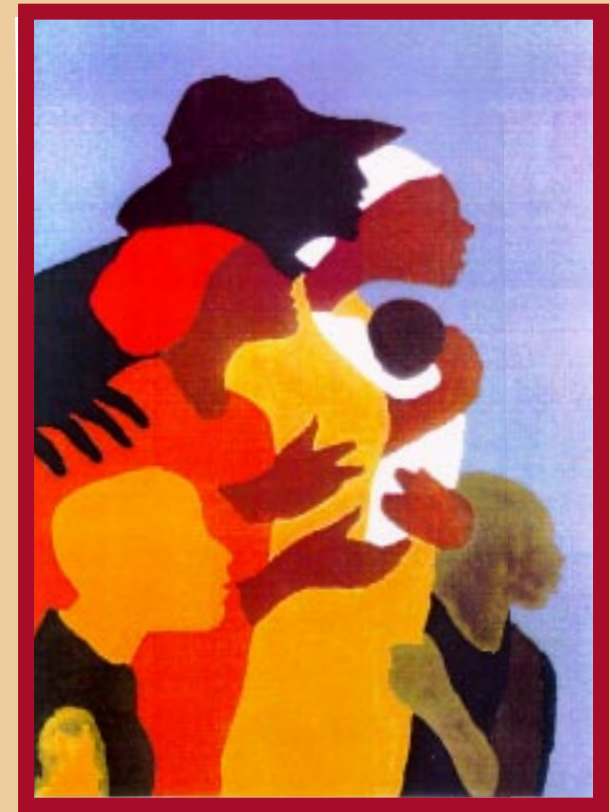
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