

# 19TH CE. ABOLITION & UNDERGROUND RAILROAD WEBINAR SERIES



## *The Rise & Fall of the Florence Settlement*

The Florence Settlement, part of 17,000 acres deeded to Irish and black settlers by abolitionist Gerrit Smith, was located in what is now the Florence Hill State Forest in the town of Florence, NY. Research from archaeological digs, archival searches, and more will be presented along with video clips of the site as it is today. The Florence Settlement is a part of Black history on Tug Hill, and the panelists have been involved in efforts to uncover that history and elevate its stories.

PRESENTED BY:  
**Jessica Harney**  
*Camden Central School District*  
**Matthew Kirk**  
*Principal Investigator/VP*  
*Hartgen Archeological Associates, Inc.*  
**Charles E. Vandrei**  
*Agency Historic Preservation Officer,*  
*Archaeologist, Division of Lands and*  
*Forests, NYS DEC*

DATE & TIME:  
**Thursday, May 20, 2021**  
**7:00 p.m.**

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## **CAUTION!!**

### **COLORED PEOPLE**

**OF BOSTON, ONE & ALL,**

You are hereby respectfully CAUTIONED and advised, to avoid conversing with the **Watchmen and Police Officers of Boston,**

For since the recent ORDER OF THE MAYOR & ALDERMEN, they are empowered to act as

### **KIDNAPPERS**

AND

### **Slave Catchers,**

And they have already been actually employed in KIDNAPPING, CATCHING, AND KEEPING SLAVES. Therefore, if you value your LIBERTY, and the Welfare of the Fugitives among you, Shun them in every possible manner, as so many HOUNDS on the track of the most unfortunate of your race.

Keep a Sharp Look Out for KIDNAPPERS, and have TOP EYE open.

APRIL 24, 1851.

## *The Underground Railroad: Routes Through the North Country*



The North Country Underground Historical Association has a wealth of knowledge about routes taken through the North Country to freedom in the 19th and 20th centuries. Jackie will discuss these, the reality and laws that consequently created them, and the people who both made it and used it to find freedom.

PRESENTED BY:  
**Jacqueline Madison**  
*President*  
*North Country Underground Historical Association*

DATE & TIME:  
**Thursday, June 10, 2021**  
**7:00 p.m.**

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## *A Well-Perfected Organization: the Underground Railroad in Oneida County, N.Y.*

The panelists will provide an overview of their current survey of UGRR sites, abolition, and life in Oneida County while tying in their current work to answer key questions in their research: Did the UGRR have tunnels? Was the UGRR a secret movement? Did everyone who left slavery on the UGRR go to Canada? Did only people of European descent keep stations on the UGRR? Did only men travel and work on the UGRR? The panelists will also highlight important women on the UGRR.

PRESENTED BY:  
**Judith Wellman**, *Historian*  
**Jan DeAmicis**, *Member*  
**Mary Hayes Gordon**, *Member*  
**Deirdre Sinnott**, *Member*  
*Oneida County*  
*Freedom Trail Commission*

DATE & TIME:  
**Thursday, June 24, 2021**  
**7:00 p.m.**

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