

Patriot



Harriet Tubman

African-American

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1820 - 1913

Harriet Tubman was a runaway slave who became known as the “Moses of her people.” At great personal risk, she led hundreds of slaves to freedom along the Underground Railroad, a secret network of safe houses where runaway slaves could stay on their journey north to freedom.



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There were rewards for the capture of runaway slaves. There was a bounty offered on Harriets capture because she was a fugitive slave herself and she was breaking the law in slave states by helping other slaves to escape.

\$200 Reward.

RANAWAY from the subscriber, on the night of Thursday, the 30th of September,

FIVE NEGRO SLAVES,

To-wit: one Negro man, his wife, and three children.

The man is a black negro, full height, very erect, his face a little thin. He is about forty years of age, and calls himself *Washington Reed*, and is known by the name of Washington. He is probably well dressed, possibly takes with him an ivory headed cane, and is of good address. Several of his teeth are gone.

Mary, his wife, is about thirty years of age, a bright mulatto woman, and quite stout and strong.

The oldest of the children is a boy, of the name of FIELDING, twelve years of age, a dark mulatto, with heavy eyelids. He probably wore a new cloth cap.

MATILDA, the second child, is a girl, six years of age, rather a dark mulatto, but a bright and smart looking child.

MALCOLM, the youngest, is a boy, four years old, a lighter mulatto than the last, and about equally as bright. He probably also wore a cloth cap. If examined, he will be found to have a swelling at the navel.

Washington and Mary have lived at or near St. Louis, with the subscriber, for about 15 years.

It is supposed that they are making their way to Chicago, and that a white man accompanies them, that they will travel chiefly at night, and most probably in a covered wagon.

A reward of \$150 will be paid for their apprehension, so that I can get them, if taken within one hundred miles of St. Louis, and \$200 if taken beyond that, and secured so that I can get them, and other reasonable additional charges, if delivered to the subscriber, or to THOMAS ALLEN, Esq., at St. Louis, Mo. The above negroes, for the last few years, have been in possession of Thomas Allen, Esq., of St. Louis.

WM. RUSSELL.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 1, 1847.

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Tubman became so well known for leading slaves to freedom that she became known as the “Moses of Her People.” Many slaves dreaming of freedom sang the spiritual “Go Down Moses”, hoping to be delivered from slavery just like the Israelites.

E. B. K.
Music
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Go down, Moses

(Let my people go!)

Exodus VIII

Negro Spiritual
Arranged by
H. T. BURLEIGH

Lento

Voice

Piano

When

Is - rael was in E - gypt's lan' Let my peo-ple go. Op -

press'd so hard they could not stand, Let my peo-ple go.

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Tubman made 19 trips south and helped 300 people freedom. At one point rewards for her capture totaled \$40,000. She was never captured and never failed to deliver her passengers to safety.

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During the Civil War, Tubman worked for the Union army as a nurse, a cook, and a spy. She recruited a group of former slaves to hunt for rebel camps and report on the movement of the Confederate troops.



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During the Civil War, she also worked as a nurse. Many people died from dysentery. Tubman used water lily roots and other herbs and made a bitter tasting brew that helped many union soldiers.



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“There was one of the two things I had a right to, liberty or death. If I could not have one, I would have the other. For no man should take me alive, I should fight for my liberty as long as my strength last.”

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