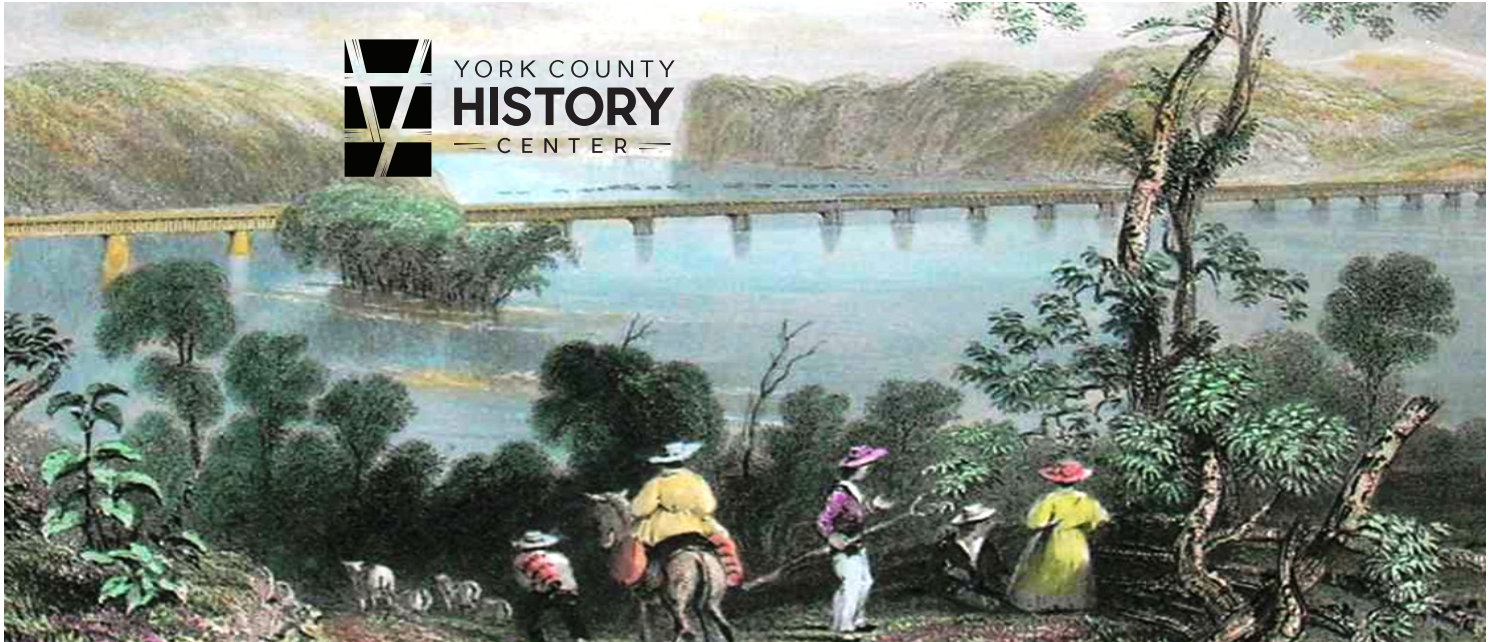


PATHS TO FREEDOM: A REGIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD SYMPOSIUM



View of the Columbia-Wrightsville Bridge, circa 1840 by W. H. Bartlett

The York County History Center is hosting a two-day event to showcase recent scholarship on the Underground Railroad in south central Pennsylvania. It will provide insight into Underground Railroad activities in York County as well as connections throughout the region.

The Mason-Dixon Line, surveyed by Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon in the 1760s, formed a 40-mile line that became the goal of freedom seekers. Assisting runaway slaves in their escape was illegal and punishable by prison time and fines, so much of the history associated with the secretive Underground Railroad movement is based upon oral traditions. Presenters will bring expertise both north and south of the Mason-Dixon Line and east and west of the Susquehanna River.

**Sponsored by: Bob & Donna Pullo and
York College of PA, Department of History & Political Science**

Friday March 31, 2017

*The Ground Swallowed Them Up:
Slavery and the Underground Railroad In York
County* by Scott L. Mingus, Sr.

7-8 p.m.
8:00-8:30 p.m.

Author Talk
Book signing

FREE - pre-registration requested:

www.yorkhistorycenter.org or
kredshaw@yorkhistorycenter.org or (717) 848-1587
Historical Society Museum, Library & Archives
250 E. Market St., York

Saturday April 1, 2017

Underground Railroad Symposium

9 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Full schedule at

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HOW TO REGISTER

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Moderator: Dr. Ted Sickler

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Register at www.yorkhistorycenter.org or
(717) 848-1587 x210.

History Center members	\$15.00
Non-members	\$20.00
Included: Morning refreshments, lunch	

FEATURED SPEAKER

DR. LEROY HOPKINS

Dr. Leroy Hopkins, a Lancaster County native and Millersville graduate, earned his doctorate in Germanic Languages and Literatures from Harvard University. From 1979-2015 he taught German at Millersville University. Dr. Hopkins has served on several boards including LancasterHistory.org, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and the Black History Advisory Committee of PHMC. He is the current president of the African-American Historical Society of South Central Pennsylvania.



MILT DIGGINS

Milt Diggins, a public historian, has presented on the slave catching and kidnapping issues, at Underground Railroad conferences in Cambridge, Maryland, and Troy, New York. His latest work, *Stealing Freedom Along the*

Mason-Dixon Line: Thomas McCreary, the Notorious Slave Catcher from Maryland was officially released by its distributor, Johns Hopkins University Press, in January, 2015.



IRIS LEIGH BARNES

Iris Leigh Barnes is an award-winning curator and interpreter who specializes in African American history and culture in the Upper Chesapeake region. She was successful in getting the birthplace of Margaret Morgan, protagonist in *Prigg v. Pennsylvania*, included on the NPS National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. She is Executive Director of Hosanna School Museum, Harford County, Maryland.



RANDY HARRIS

Randy Harris is a consultant historian/preservation advocate. He developed the concept plan for the preservation of Congressman Thaddeus Stevens and Lydia Hamilton Smith Historic Site in the

city of Lancaster. He has helped secure designations throughout Pennsylvania for 20 heritage sites into the National Park Service's Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program.



SCOTT MINGUS, SR.

Scott Mingus has written 18 Civil War books. His biography of Confederate General William "Extra Billy" Smith won the Dr. James I Robertson, Jr. Literary Prize. He writes a Civil War blog, yorkblog.com/cannonball. His latest work, *The Ground Swallowed Them Up; Slavery and the Underground Railroad In York County, Pennsylvania* was the inspiration for this symposium.



COOPER WINGERT

Cooper Wingert is a student at Dickinson College and author of 10 books including his latest work *The Underground Railroad in South Central Pennsylvania*. He is the

recipient of the J. Howard Wert Award for distinguished scholarship, the Dr. James I. Robertson Literary Award for Confederate History, and Dickinson College's John Montgomery Scholarship.



DEBRA SANDOE MCCAUSLIN

Debra Sandoe McCauslin, historian and author, has made presentations to historical societies and Civil War roundtables throughout the region. Among her publications is *Reconstructing the Past: Puzzle of a Lost Community*, which traces the history of the residents of Yellow Hill, PA. She is also an instructor at Harrisburg Area Community college and For The Cause Productions.



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