

Harriet Tubman

1822?-1913



Historical Memory



Tubman Boston & Wilmington DE Monuments

Tubman Myths

- **Birthplace?**
- **Number of rescue missions?**
- **Number brought from South?**
- **How much reward was offered for her capture?**

Underground Railroad



Flight Continuum

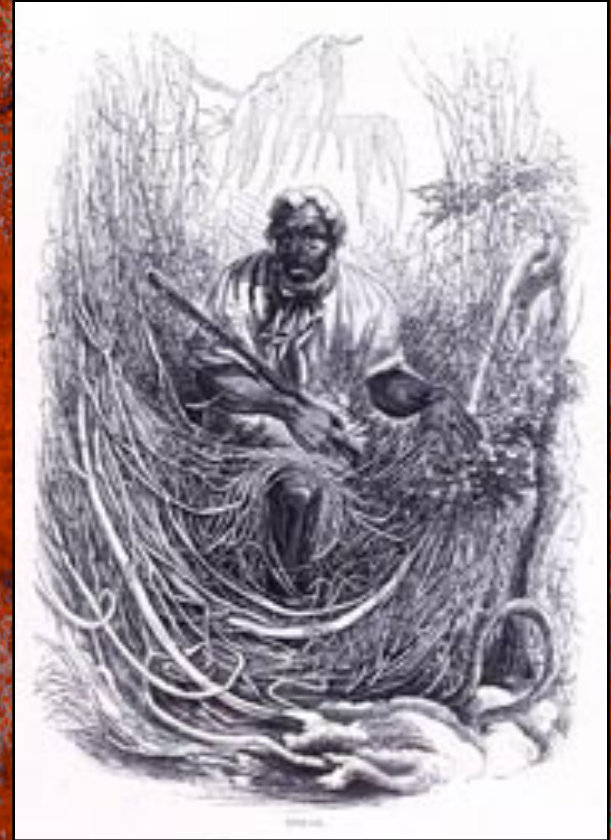
Temporary absence

Long-term absence nearby

Absconding to nearby city

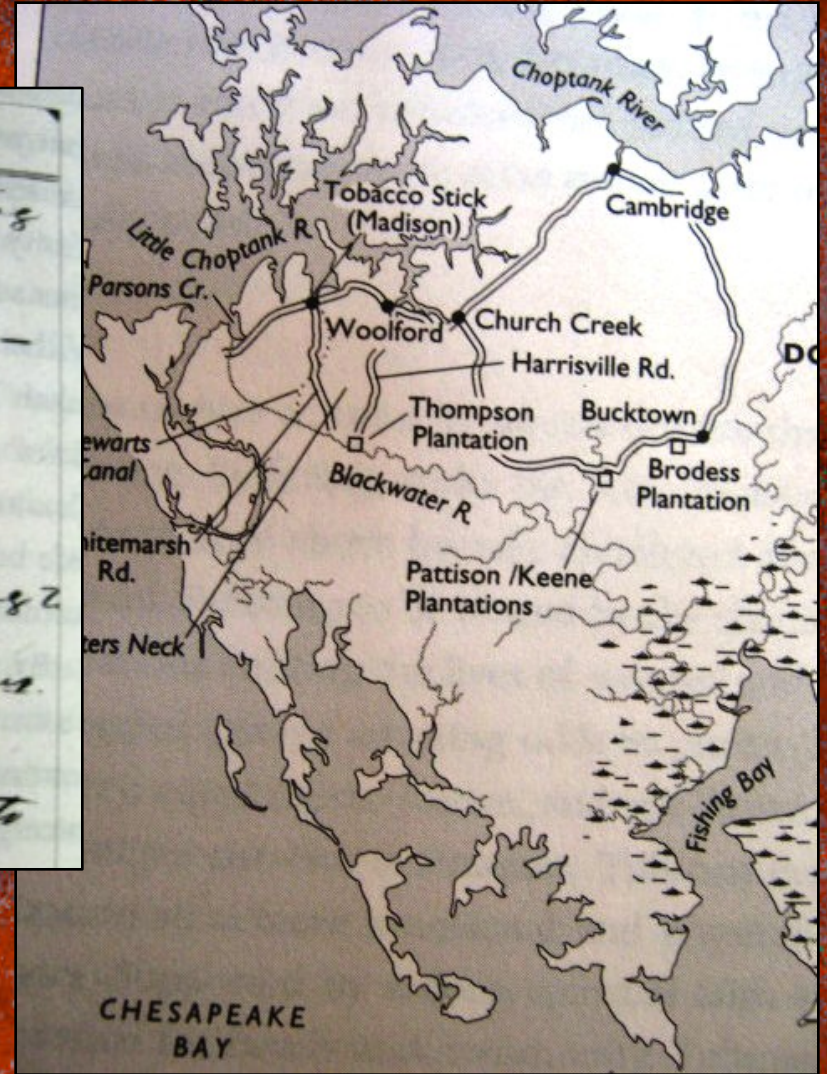
Maroon Colony

Flight North or South



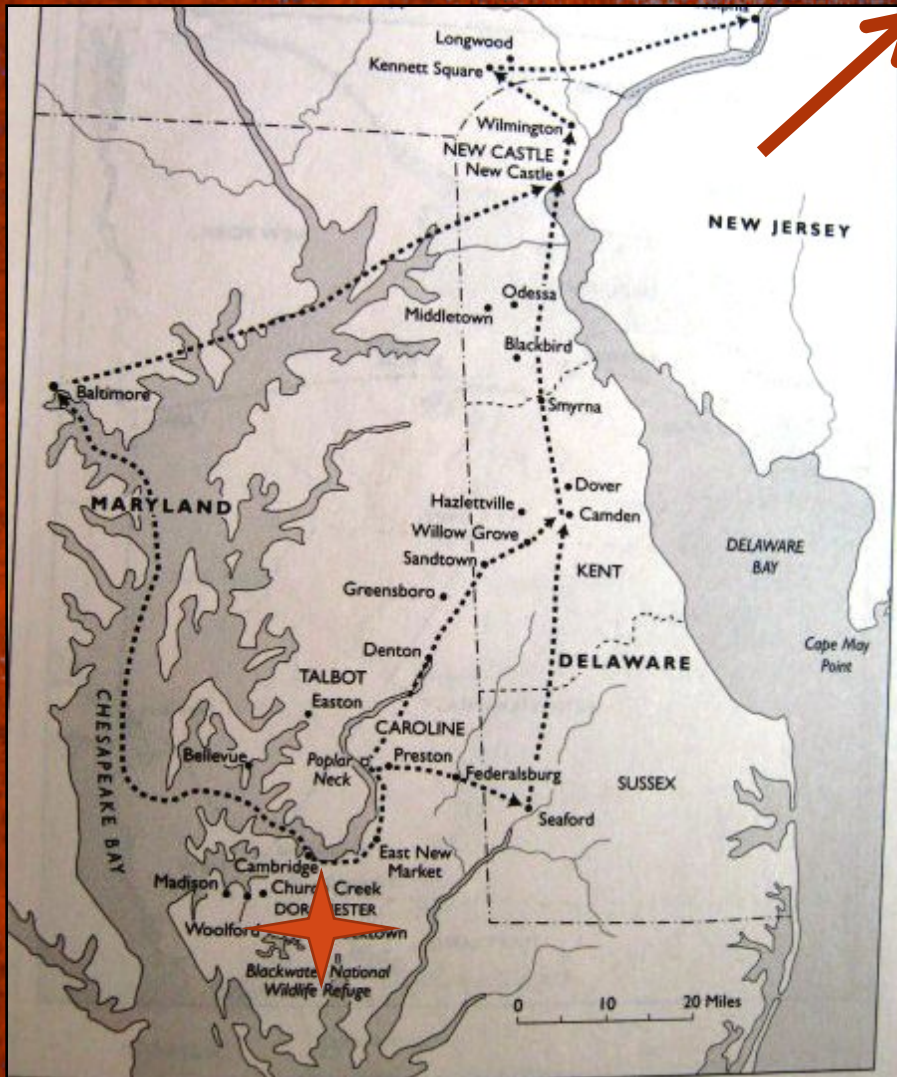
Birthplace

1839	Name	Time to Arr.	Relations
1	Ben	1-4	Wife & Children belonging to Edward Brodys -
2	Jack	14-4	Wife & Children - free
3	Bill	6-4	Wife belonging to Mrs - Stapleford -
4	Aaron	28-4	a Cripple - no wife
5	Allan	22-4	not married
6	Joshua	16-4	not married
7	Erasmus	19-4	not married
8	Mary	17-4	Wife & Child, belonging to Mrs Mary -
9	Isaac	6-4	Wife belonging to Mrs Stapleford -
			Women & Children -
10	Sarah	4-4	Husband belonging to St. Thomas



“1839, Jan, 1, Negroes of Anthony Thompson”

Maryland Birthplace



“Minty’s” Childhood

- “Hired out” at six
- Field hand in teens
- Head injury at 13



Marriage

- 1844:
Married John Tubman
(free black)
- Took name Harriet
- 1849: for sale?



Two Flights

- October 1849:
Flight with brothers;
Then independent flight.
- Quaker assistance
- Directed to PA

**THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS
REWARD.**

RANAWAY from the subscriber on Monday the 17th ult., three negroes, named as follows: HARRY, aged about 19 years, has on one side of his neck a wen, just under the ear, he is of a dark chestnut color, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high; BEN, aged about 25 years, is very quick to speak when spoken to, he is of a chestnut color, about six feet high; MINTY, aged about 27 years, is of a chestnut color, fine looking, and about 5 feet high. One hundred dollars reward will be given for each of the above named negroes, if taken out of the State, and \$50 each if taken in the State. They must be lodged in Baltimore, Easton or Cambridge Jail, in Maryland.

ELIZA ANN BRODESS,
Near Bucktown, Dorchester county, Md.
Oct. 3d, 1849.

The Delaware Gazette will please copy and charge this office.

Crossing the Line

“When I found out I had crossed the line, I looked at my hands to see if I was the same person. There was such a glory over everything; the sun came like gold through the trees, and over the fields, and I felt like I was in Heaven.”

Harriet Tubman

Following the North Star



Jacob Lawrence,

1940

Liberator

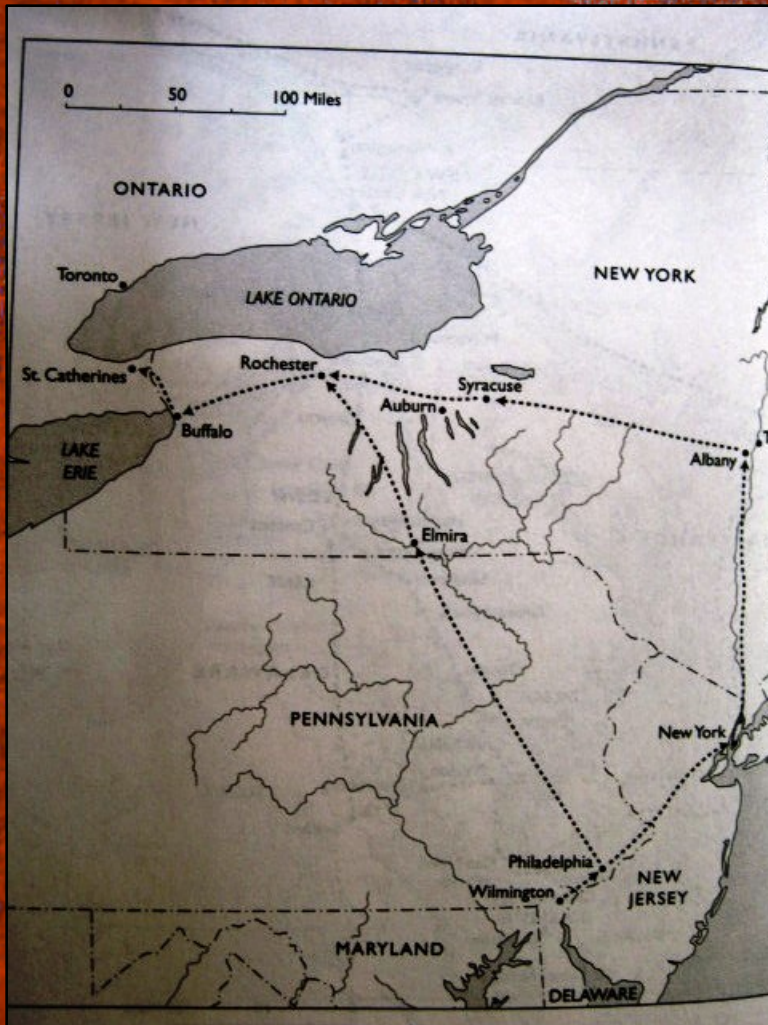
“I was a stranger in a
strange land ...

[M]y brothers, and
sisters, and friends
were [in Maryland.]

But I was free, and
they should be free.”



Fugitives



- Continued trips into 1850s
- Many fugitives to Canada
- Involvement with abolitionist network including Frederick Douglass

“Moses” “General”

- Involved with relief efforts
- Meets John Brown, 1858



Auburn, New York

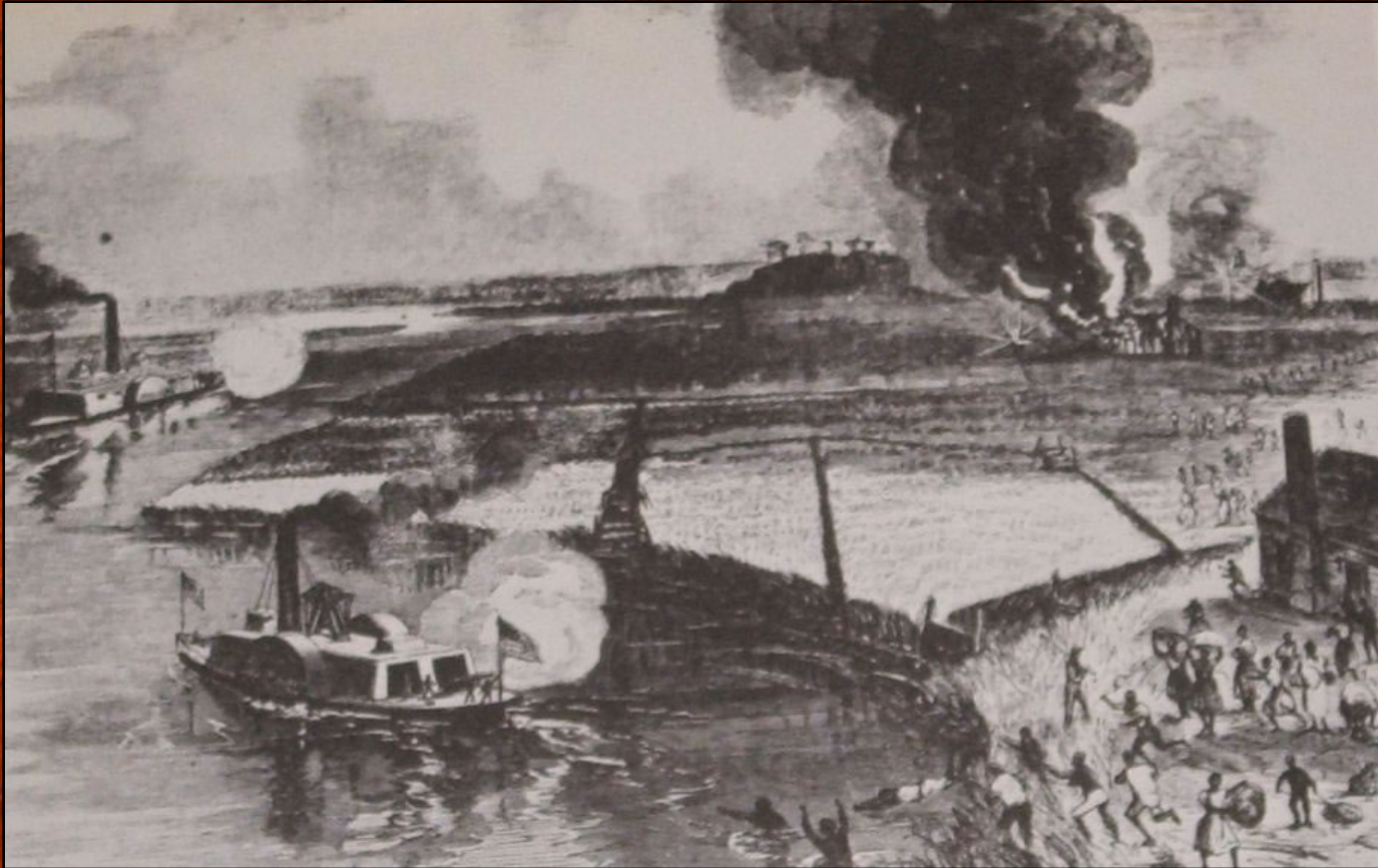


War Spy, Scout

- Sent to Beaufort January 1862
- Band of scouts “the most valued scouts and pilots in the Gov’t employ”



Combahee Raid, 1863



Later Life

- Married Nelson Davis, 1869
- First biography, 1868
- Received back pay, 1899
- “I never lost a passenger.”



In Memoriam



Questions?



Jacob Lawrence, *Harriet Tubman and the Promised Land*