



Brian Turnbull
Mayor of Northville

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THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD NORTHVILLE CONNECTIONS

In the early 1800s, until 1865, the Underground Railroad provided passage for enslaved people to travel north to escape slavery. However, simply fleeing the South did not eliminate threats to their freedom. The passage of the Fugitive Slave Act (1850) encouraged many enslaved persons to seek residence in Canada. As such, Detroit became a major destination for those seeking freedom. A critical part of the Railroad network involved the “Depots” (houses, businesses, and churches) found along the route and were located within

Detroit and its surrounding communities, including Northville.

Brian Turnbull, Mayor of the City of Northville, a noted local historian and featured lecturer, will speak on these Underground Railroad stations in Northville. Mayor Turnbull is a life-long Northville resident, part of a five-generation family in the city. His weekly newsletter, the Northvillian, features the community’s current and historical events.



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