LEADERS of the nderground Railroad

The Underground Railroad was a movement to help slaves escaping from the South find their way to freedom in the North before the Civil War. This series of routes and safe places was a secret organization, since the laws of the time made it a crime to help a slave escape.

The Underground Railroad used codes to keep the activities secret. A conductor was a person who helped guide those escaping. A station master hid escaping slaves in a "depot," or safe house.



William Still

1821-1902

William Still is often called the "Father of the Underground Railroad." Born a free man in New Jersey, he later helped as many as 60 escaping slaves a month on the road to freedom.



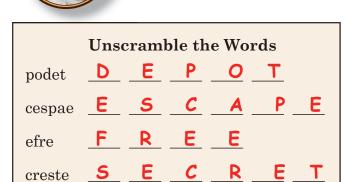
The most famous conductor on the Underground Railroad, Harriet Tubman was called the "Moses" of the movement. A former slave, she made 13 trips South to help others to freedom.



Rev. John Rankin

1793-1886

A conductor in the Underground Railroad, Rev. Rankin hid over 2,000 escaping slaves in his Ohio home.





Levi Coffin

1798-1877

Levi Coffin was called the "President of the Underground Railroad." His home in Indiana was a major depot.



1813-1872

Born a slave in Tennessee, Rev. Loguen escaped through the Underground Railroad. Later, his home in New York would be a major depot for the Railroad.



Laura Smith Haviland

1808-1898

Laura Haviland hid escaping slaves in her home. She also took trips to the South to help escaped slaves.

Q&A

Who was called the Moses of the Underground Railroad?

Harriet Tubman

Who was called the Father of the Underground Railroad?

William Still

Who escaped through the Underground Railroad and then used his home as a depot?

Rev. Jermain Wesley Loguen