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MULTIPLE PROPERTY NOMINATION

HISTORIC RESOURCES RELATED TO
THE FREEDOM TRAIL, ABOLITIONISM, AND
AFRICAN AMERICAN LIFE
IN CENTRAL NEW YORK, 1820-1870

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Introduction

This document is the context statement for a Multiple Property Nomination for Historic Resources relating to the Freedom Trail, Abolitionism, and African American life, 1820-1870, in twenty-two counties in central New York. It will be submitted to the New York State Division of Historic Preservation for review and, hopefully, approval for submission to the National Register of Historic Places.

This document provides a justification for the importance of these topics in central New York history. If approved, it will allow people throughout the region to submit individual site nominations under these general themes. This is part of a response to a Congressional mandate to the National Park Service to highlight the underground railroad in its interpretive programs.

We encourage everyone interested to send comments, additions, corrections, and suggestions for improvement for this document to Judith Wellman at wellman@oswego.edu.

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