

Nov. 20th- Doug Jones: Recent Research on the Underground Railroad in Cedar County, Iowa.

Abolitionist activities, Underground Railroad conductors, and Underground Railroad routes have historically been well-known and documented in Cedar, Johnson, and Clinton counties. This situation distinctly contrasts with the lack of information about these types of activities occurring in other surrounding counties. This presentation will primarily focus on further exploring and examining the Cedar County underground railroad activities and abolitionists. This presentation will also include a brief discussion of the archaeological research conducted in 2008 at the North Liberty Cemetery by the State Historical Society of Iowa, the Cedar County Historical Society, and the Midwest Archeological Center, National Park Service in support of the Iowa Freedom Trail Project.

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