

# Biographical Sketch

A bronze tablet in memory of Harriet Tubman was unveiled on June 12, 1914, under the auspices of the Auburn Business Men's Association and Cayuga County Historical Society, Auburn, New York, and reads as follows:

In Memory of

HARRIET TUBMAN

Born a Slave in Maryland About 1821

Died in Auburn, New York, March 10th 1913

Called the "Moses" of Her People During the Civil War, With Rare Courage She Led Over Three Hundred Negroes Up From Slavery to Freedom and Rendered Invaluable Service as Nurse and Spy.

With Implicit Trust in God She Braved Every Danger and Overcame Every Obstacle Withal She Possessed Extraordinary Foresight and Judgment so That She Truthfully Said—

"On My Underground Railroad I Nebber Run My Train Off De Track and I Nebber Los' a Passenger."

This tablet is Erected by the Citizens of Auburn, 1914.

## Chronology

<b>1820</b>	Born in Bucktown, Dorchester County, Maryland
<b>1844</b>	Married John Tubman, black free man
<b>1849</b>	Escaped from slavery leaving behind her parents, brothers, sisters, and husband
<b>1849–59</b>	Made twenty trips south carrying over three hundred slaves back to freedom
<b>1851</b>	First arrived in Canada (St. Catherine, Ontario)
<b>1854</b>	Rescued three of her brothers from slavery
<b>1857</b>	Rescued her parents from slavery and settled with them in Auburn, New York
<b>1859</b>	Cooperated with John Brown in planning Harper's Ferry Raid but was unable to participate
<b>1860</b>	Began addressing women's rights, antislavery and negro conventions
<b>1860</b>	Battle of Troy, New York (rescue of Charles Nalle) and departure to Canada for safety—last trip for railroad
<b>1861</b>	Return from Canada—involvement in war effort
<b>1862</b>	Joined the Department of the South at Beaufort, South Carolina, as "nurse, scout and spy,"—also served in Florida and Georgia

- June 2, 1863** Combahee Raid, Combahee, South Carolina—saved 756 slaves and rendered millions of dollars damage to plantations
- May 1864** Returned to Auburn after witnessing the aftermath of the siege of Fort Wagner
- 1865** Returned to the war, serving as a nurse
- 1867** John Tubman murdered on road near Cambridge, Maryland
- 1868** William Seward began drive to secure government pension  
Bradford biography published—proceeds turned over to Harriet Tubman
- 1869** Married Nelson Davis, a black veteran who had also served in the Department of the South
- 1888** Nelson Davis Died
- 1890** Began receiving first pension benefits as widow of veteran (\$8.00 per month)
- 1896** Acquired twenty-five acre plot that later was turned over to the A.M.E. Zion Church and made into a home for the aged and indigent (1908)
- 1899** Additional pension awarded (\$20.00 per month)
- 1908** Harriet Tubman Home formally opened
- March 10, 1913** Died
- June 12, 1914** Bronze tablet honoring memory of Harriet Tubman unveiled in Auburn, New York