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1992 HOURS OF OPERATION

Open May 16 to September 27

DAILY HOURS:

May 16 to Sept. 7 (Labour Day)
1 P.M. - 5 P.M. Sun.
11 A.M. - 5 P.M. Mon. through Sat.

Sept. 8 to Sept. 27
1 P.M. - 5 P.M. Sun.
12 noon - 5 P.M. Mon. through Sat.

GROUP TOURS MAY BE ARRANGED
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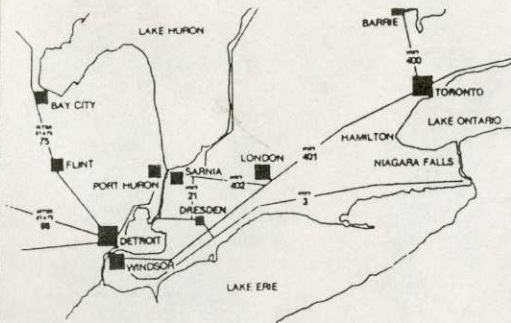
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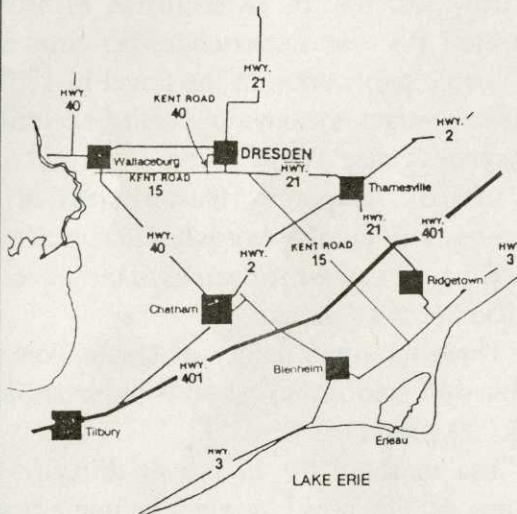
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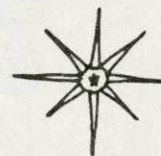
DRESDEN, ONTARIO, CANADA



The museum is located on Kent County Road 40, 1 km southwest of Dresden off Park Street. The town of Dresden is located on highway 21. From the 401 Free-way take Hwy. 21 (exit 109) north to Dresden, or exit at Kent County Road 15 North to Hwy. 21 and turn left to Dresden (24 km).



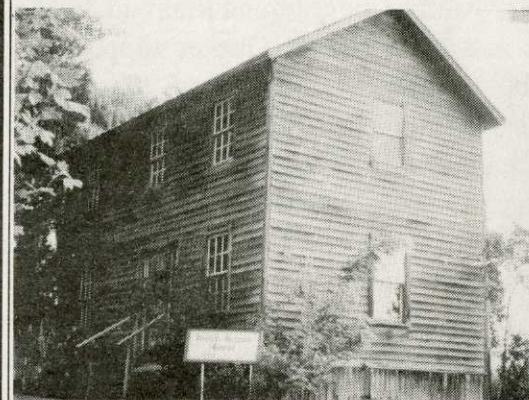
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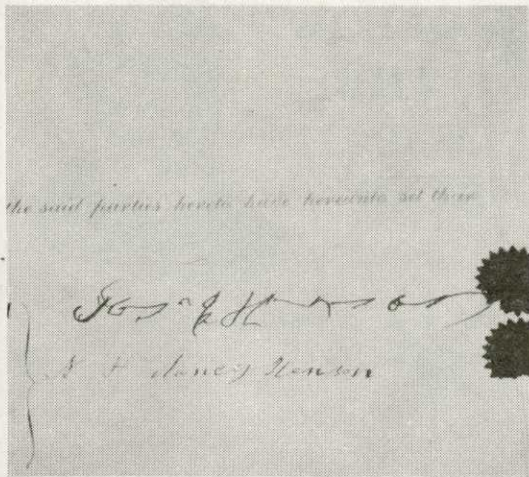
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... THE TERMINUS OF THE
UNDERGROUND RAILROAD



Reverend Josiah Henson 1789-1883

Born in Maryland, Josiah Henson escaped in 1830 to Upper Canada via the invisible tracks of the Underground Railroad. In 1841 he and other slaves, Quaker supports and Abolitionists, purchased over 200 acres in this vicinity and established a vocational school, the British American Institute for fugitive slaves. A sawmill and grist mill were built and a considerable number of former slaves settled here.

After emancipation was proclaimed in 1863, many returned to the United States, but Henson continued to occupy his house until his death and is buried nearby.



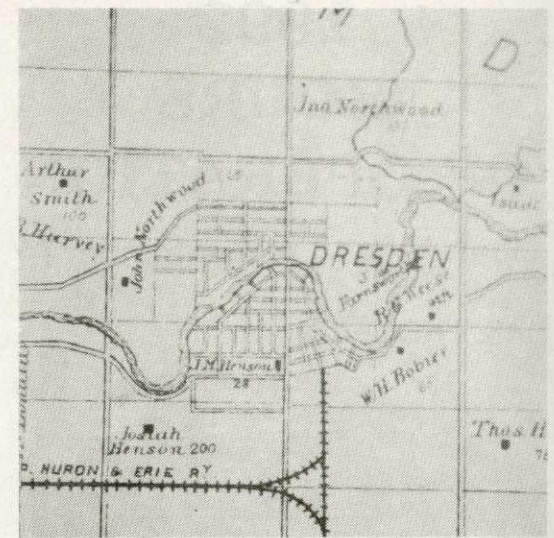
Harriet Beecher Stowe 1811-1896

The author declared her novel a collection of real incidents. In 1849, Josiah Henson narrated his life experiences to Stowe. Following publication of the novel in 1852 his name became synonymous with the central character "Uncle Tom".

In his autobiography Henson notes that if in any way his humble words had inspired her to write a story of the sufferings of the slaves, he had not lived in vain.

Three thousand copies of Uncle Tom's Cabin were sold on the first day of publication; 300,000 within the year.

The museum displays over thirty-five copies of the novel printed in numerous languages from various countries.



1881 Map

The Museum Complex

The facility consists of six buildings on historic property.

Our museum building houses a collection of artifacts, and rare books pertaining to life in this area in the mid to late 19th century.

Three interpretive buildings portray the heritage of Josiah Henson's settlement. Visit the historic Josiah Henson house and church of 19th Century design.

Relax in a quiet, rural setting for a picnic surrounded by heritage buildings, colourful farm lands and peaceful orchards.