



Underground Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania  
430 Walnut Street  
Columbia, PA 17512

Dear Friends,

I am writing to endorse the mission of the Underground Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania and the important role your organization seeks to play in elevating and connecting the stories of the Underground Railroad across the Commonwealth.

For the last decade, LancasterHistory's efforts have focused on the creation of an interpretive center in Lancaster dedicated to the lives and legacies of Thaddeus Stevens and Lydia Hamilton Smith and their enduring impact on the pursuit of freedom, justice, and equality. At the Thaddeus Stevens & Lydia Hamilton Smith Center for History and Democracy, we will highlight their contributions within the broader context of anti-slavery efforts, while deepening public understanding of how their actions and influence continue to resonate in our community and beyond. Central to this work is a commitment to deepening public understanding of the Underground Railroad and Lancaster's role within that wider network of courage and resistance.

We recognize the value of thoughtful partnerships that can help broaden interpretation, share knowledge, and connect local narratives to a larger statewide and national context. The collaborative framework outlined by the Underground Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania reflects many of the same principles we are keen to uphold, especially the emphasis on storytelling and the amplification of diverse voices among our sites.

We are keen to explore opportunities for collaboration that could help elevate awareness of the Underground Railroad. There is meaningful potential in aligning our work, especially in ways that strengthen interpretation, public engagement, and educational outreach.

We appreciate your commitment to building a network that highlights the significance of these stories, and we look forward to continued dialogue as both of our organizations advance this important work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robin Sarratt'.

Robin E. Sarratt  
President & CEO  
LancasterHistory