

Diggs House
105 Fitch Avenue
Auburn, New York

Significance: Home of freedom seekers



February 2005
Looking North

Many members of the Diggs family came to Auburn from Maryland, as suggested in the 1870 census. Daniel Diggs was listed as living here in the 1887-88 Auburn city directory.

Diggs House-Apostolic Church
101 Fitch Avenue
Auburn, New York

Significance: Home of freedom seekers and current site of African American community church



February 2005
Looking NW

Many members of the Diggs family came to Auburn from Maryland, as suggested in the 1870 census. John T. Diggs was listed as living here in the 1887-88 city directory.

**Roosevelt Memorial Church
 Site of Plymouth Rock Cannon and Alice Cannon's House
 79 Fitch Avenue
 Auburn, New York**

Significance: Site of home of freedom seekers and current site of major African American community institution



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 Looking ENE

Freedom seekers Plymouth and Julia Cannon were freedom seekers who ran away from Nat Horsey in Delaware. Sons William and John and daughter Alice were all born in Canada before the Cannon family moved to Auburn in the late 1860s, where they appeared in the 1870, 1875, and 1880 census records. Their story was told in William Still, *The Underground Railroad*, 463-67.

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**Fort Hill Cemetery
Auburn, New York**

Significance: Graves of Harriet Tubman, Seward family, Logan (the Seneca orator) and many others related to Underground Railroad, Abolitionism, and African American Life.



Opened in 1851, Fort Hill cemetery contains the graves of many of Auburn's citizens, famous and ordinary alike, including those involved in abolitionism and the Underground Railroad. Among the best-known graves are those of Harriet Tubman and her brother William Henry Stewart, Sr.; William Henry Seward and Frances Seward; the Bogart family, and Abijah Fitch.

Harriet Tubman was laid to rest in 1913 at Fort Hill Cemetery with military honors in a section of the cemetery designed with curving roads and paths winding through hilly terrain. The Empire State Women's Federation erected a monument at her gravesite within a year of her death and in 1937, replaced it with the current three-foot granite marker. It is an important site for the annual Harriet Tubman pilgrimage to Auburn as well as for others who visit the Auburn sites which convey her legacy. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places