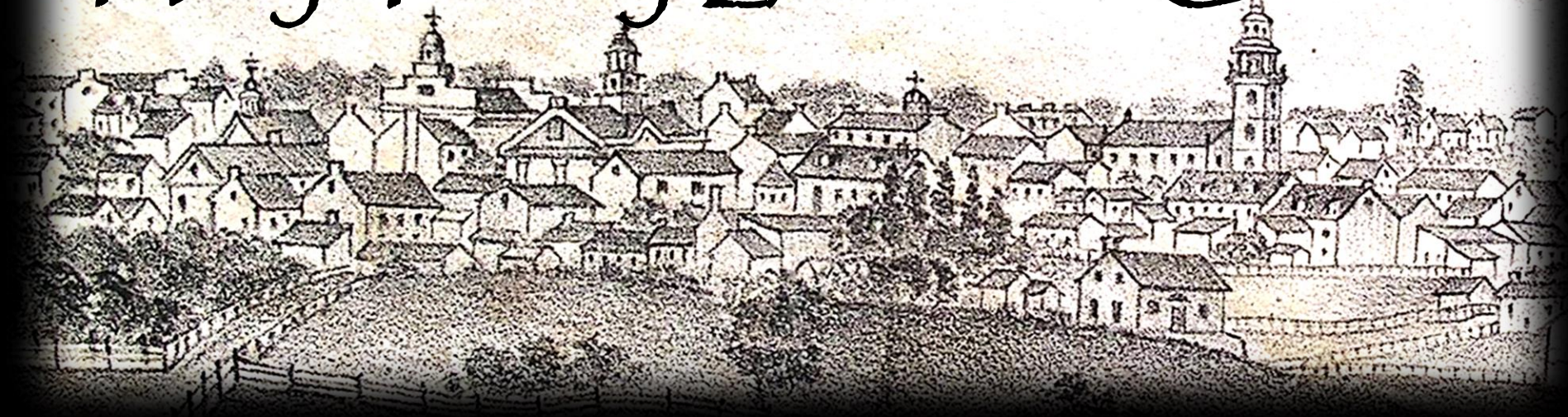
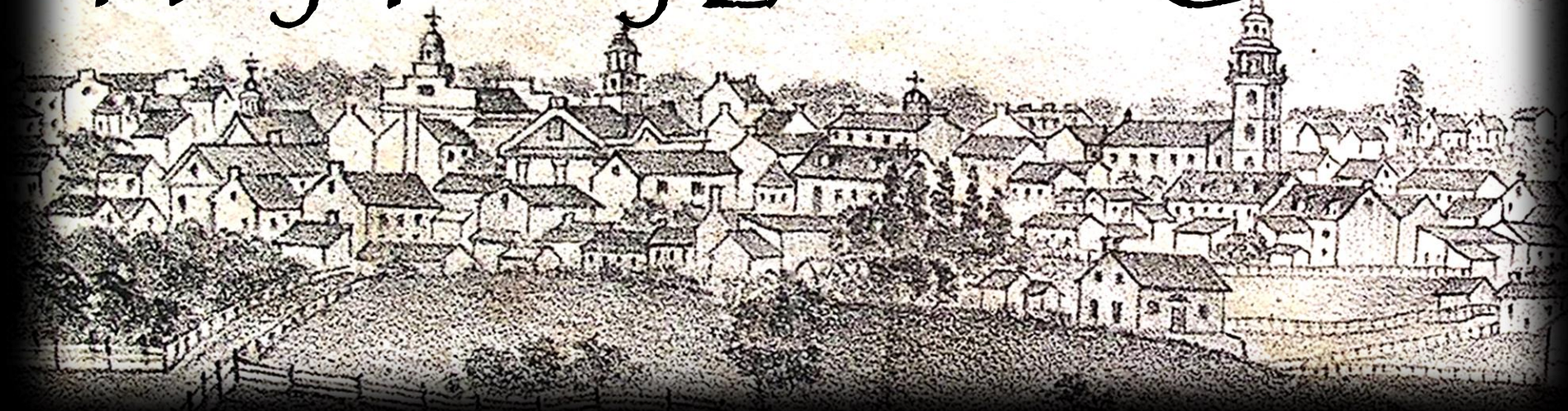


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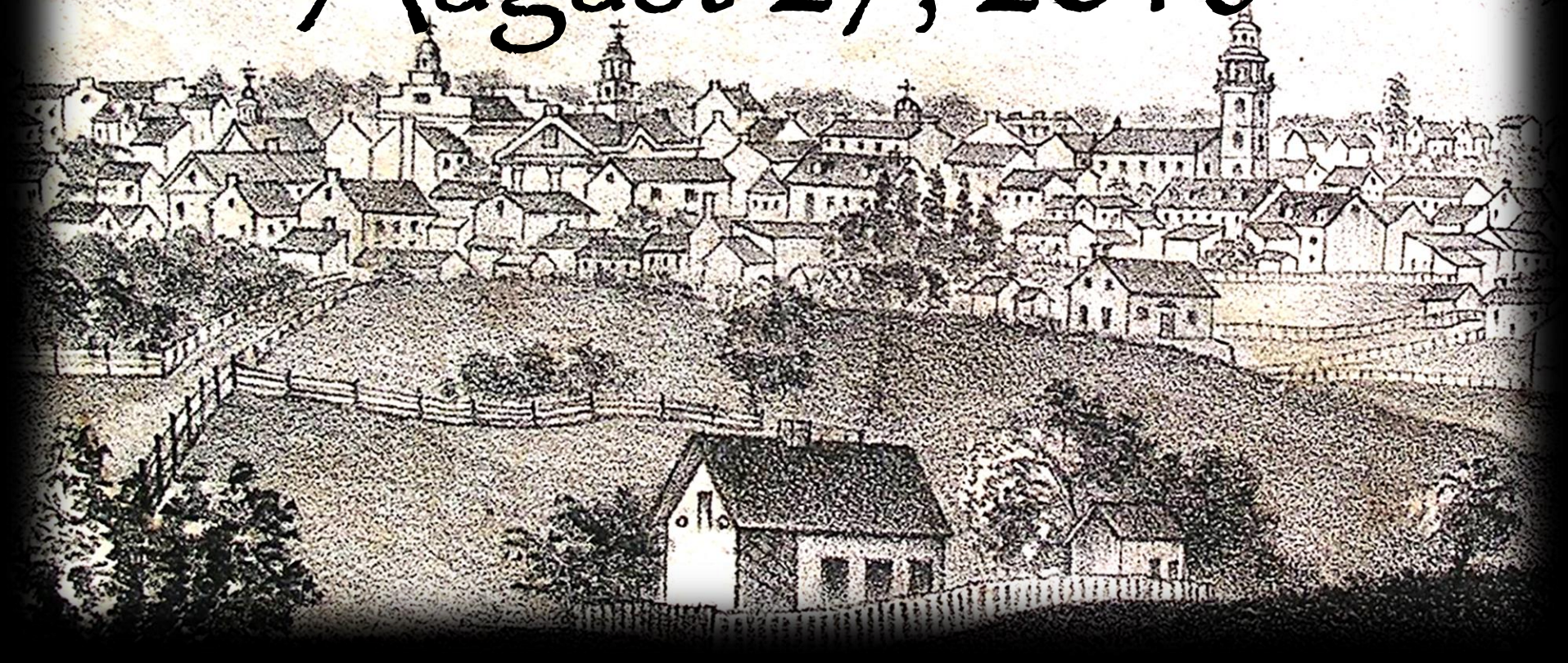
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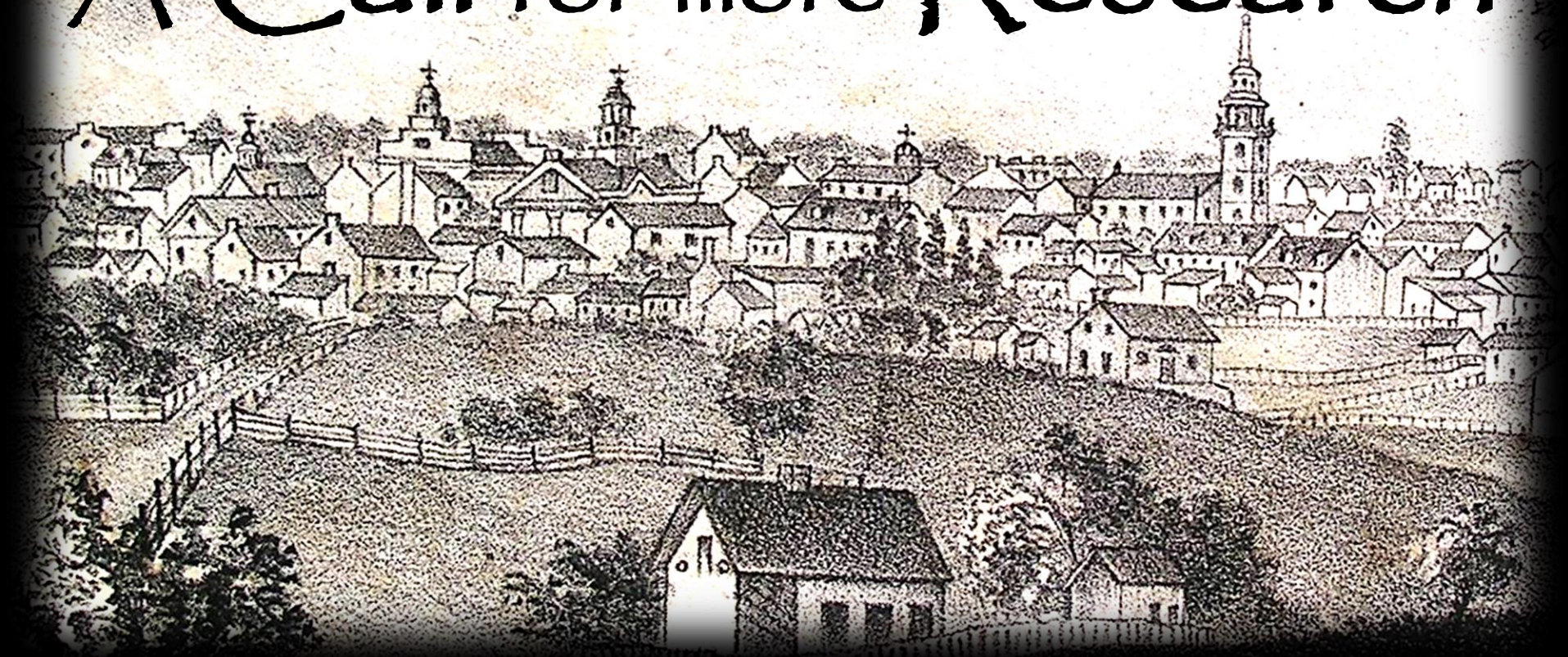
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A Call for more Research



We need to know more about:

- * Colonial era faith communities & slavery**
- * Local origins of Underground Railroad**
- * African entrepreneurs & religious leaders**
- * Civil rights & education advocacy**

Lancaster New Era, June 22, 1929 – County Bicentennial Edition

**RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE
DOMINATED SETTLERS**

But...

LANCASTER JOURNAL.

PRINTED BY WILLIAM HAMILTON, LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA.

"We are all Republicans—we are all Federalists: We have yet gained little, if we countenance a political intolerance, as *despotic* as wicked, and capable of bitter and bloody persecutions."—JEFFERSON.

[No. 565.

May 7, 1819

VOLUME IV.

FOR SALE,

The time of a Mulatto Girl, 14 years of age, who has to serve until she is 28. For further particulars enquire of

WILLIAM HASSAN,
Columbia.

April 80

568-3q



838

Persons enslaved in
Lancaster County, 1780

Total county pop. about 3,600

8-fold increase over previous 20 years

4th largest slave population in state, 1790

Mark C. Ebersole, *Journal of Lancaster County Historical Society*, 2003



If this was ‘tolerant’
Lancaster County,
the horrors of slavery
in the Deep South
remain beyond
our comprehension

Why was Pennsylvania a magnet for freedom seekers?

- 1780-

Pennsylvania
legislature
authorizes
nation's second gradual abolition act.



Why Pennsylvania?



Close free state North,
away from enslavement.

Many hoped for **Canada**,
but found acceptance & help in
some communities in the only
colony in America founded on
religious freedom...

Major Pathways

Underground Railroad 1800-1860

Encyclopedia of African
American Heritage, 1997



Mid-Atlantic Regional Focus



The Underground Railroad represents:

**First mass movement of
civil disobedience in U.S.
since the Revolution**

Analysis from

Bound for Canaan

The Underground Railroad & the War for the Soul of America

By Fergus M. Bordewich, 2005

The Underground Railroad represents:

**First racially-integrated,
religiously-inspired
civil rights movement**

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The Underground Railroad:

**Provides a *lens on our history*
to help find ways to overcome
America's contemporary
racial divide**

Insight & understanding
found in Lancaster's
faith communities,
political leaders &
education advocates

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity

Established 1733



Africans at Trinity



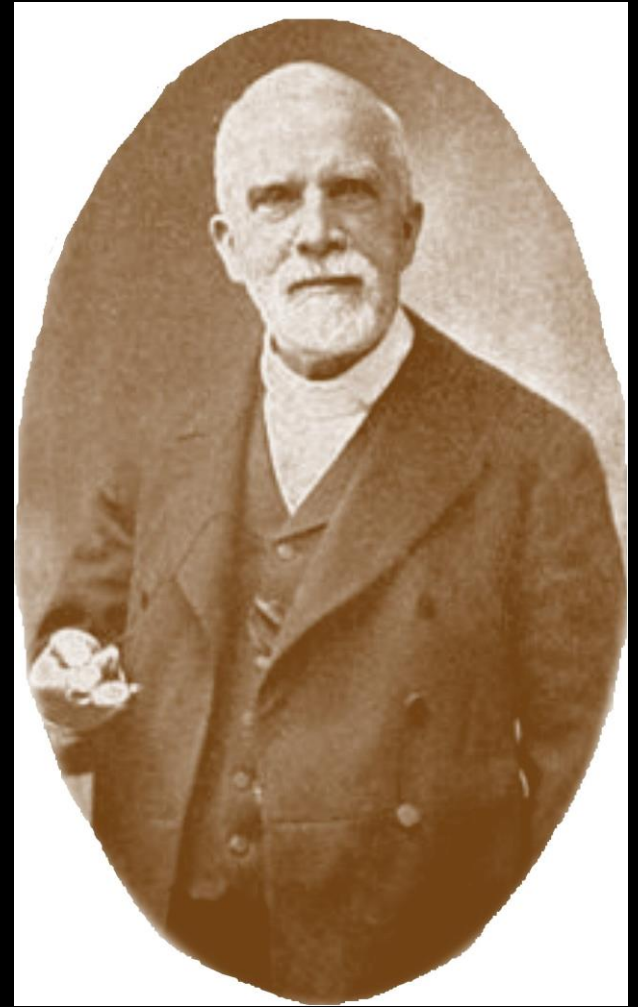
**Baptismal, marriage,
death records document
people of color.**

What was their status?

**Full congregants or just
the recipients of church
largesse?**

Rev. Gottlob Frederick Krotel (b.1826 – d. 1907)

His sermons showed
strong support for
opposition to slavery
in volatile years
leading to Civil War



Pastor: 1853-1861

Rev. Krotel's legacy, May 1862

Lutheran General Synod
meets in Lancaster at
Trinity for the first time.

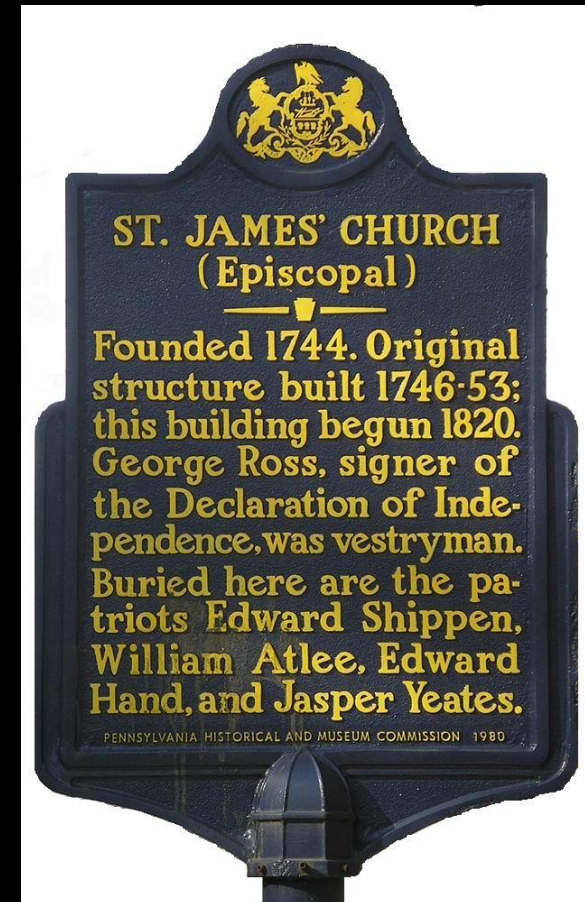
Takes public stance
denouncing "the spread
of domestic slavery in
our land."



Rev. Krotel
Later years

Saint James Episcopal Church

as it appeared in 1844



From Saint James Episcopal Church came...

British loyalists, Sons of Liberty & forgotten war heroes,
slave owners, people enslaved & abolitionists,
civil rights & public education advocates,
2 mission churches & first free Episcopal church

“The Episcopal Church in the United States consistently claimed that slavery was a political and sectional issue, not a religious issue...Episcopalians upheld slavery through a deliberate silence.”

Mark C. Ebersole, 2003

Thos. Beecher Thos. Barton	The Communion Table		Jasper Yeates.
Henry Bennett Thos. Sharp			Edw. Haard
The Pulpit	John Bradley Jacob Reigert Adara Hubley.	George Ross James Ross	Mathias Soudt
John Jordan	John Hine	Paul Zwizinger	Geo. Moore.
Thos. Foster Reed & Gray.	Robert Coleman	Fred ^d Kulan	Not Taken.
Catharine Keny Jno. Jan. Smit	Catharine Ridger Robert Reed John Gillan	Chas. Boyd John Stern Wm. Montgomery Thomas Roud.	The Door.
Thos. Bradley Jonathan Haywood	The Font		The Sexton.
Jacobs Watt Jhn. Bolden.	For Servants and Negroes		



**Saint James -
assigned seating
1791**

The Fort

For Servants and Negroes

1791

There were exceptions...

*The
Pulpit*

John Jordan

Thos Foster

Rich^d Gray,

Catharine Kenry

Jno Jean Souret

*John Bradley.
Jacob Reigert.
Adam Hubley.*

John Hirre Paul Zaninger

Robert Coleman Fred^k Kulm

Catharine Rulger

Chas Boyd

Thomas Roberts.

*Robert Reed
John Gillan*

John Stern

*Wm Montgomery
Thomas Rouse.*



Edw Hall

Matthias Slough

Geo Moore.

Not Taken.



Major Thomas Boude

(1752-1822)

Son of Lancaster Mayor Samuel Boude

Major, Continental Army, Revolutionary War

Pennsylvania House of Representatives, 1794-76

U.S. House of Representatives, Lancaster County, 1801

Moved to Columbia, operated lumber business

Buried in Mount Bethel Cemetery, Columbia

“1804-

The **Underground Railroad** begins
when General Thomas Boude
refuses to return an African
American woman to her owner in
Columbia, Pennsylvania.”

According to the National Park Service,
this account was presented at its Civil Rights Landmark
and related website ...until 2011...when it was removed.

<http://www.nps.gov/brvb/historyculture/exploration.htm>

Was Boude & the community of
Columbia, Lancaster County
involved in one of the first events
that gave rise to the movement
we call The Underground Railroad?

Also...

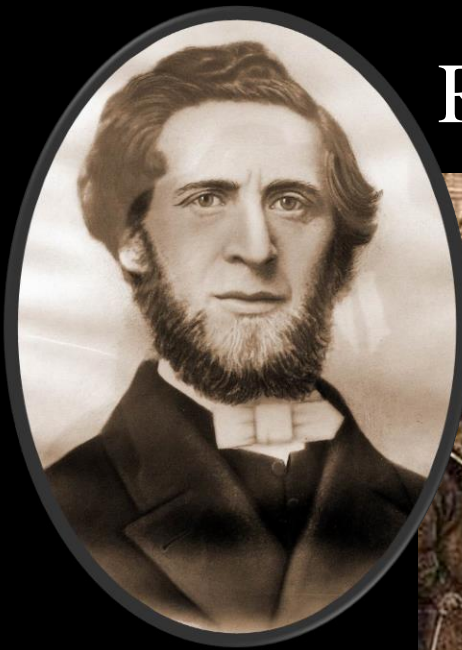
Edward Buchanan (1811-1895)

Episcopal priest

Village of Compass, Chester County

Brother of President James Buchanan

Suspected Underground Railroad agent



Rev. Jacob I. Mombert (Rector 1859-69)



- Jewish convert of German ancestry, delivered powerful eulogy at Congressman Thaddeus Stevens' funeral, 1868.
- * Established Mission Church in Southeast Lancaster.

Revealing insights found in
Saint James' Register of Births,
Baptisms, Marriages & Burials of
African Americans - 1755-1829

Archives reviewed September, 2010 by
Prof. Leroy Hopkins, Ph.D.,
Millersville University

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Historic City of Lancaster

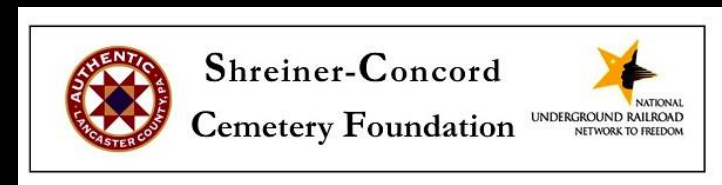
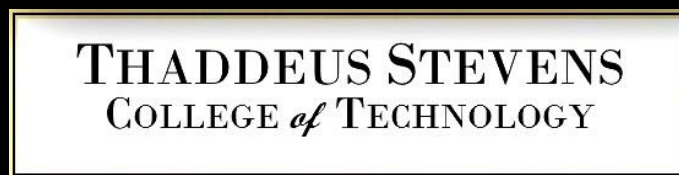
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IS THE SEED THAT BRINGS FORTH
THE HARVEST OF THE FUTURE

From the steps of the National Archives, Washington, D.C.

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