

Delia Webster, Woman of Courage

Description: Delia Webster and Calvin Fairbank made national headlines when they were convicted in Lexington, Kentucky, for aiding the Lewis Hayden family to escape from enslavement. After a short prison sentence for Delia (Calvin served almost 5 years) Delia continued her Underground Railroad activities, purchasing a farm in Trimble County, Ky. across the Ohio River from Madison, Indiana, and was eventually jailed for Underground Railroad activities. Upon her release she resumed activities on her farm, where she was once again pursued by slaveholders; but she fled to Madison, Indiana, where she was tried and found not guilty. There are two markers in Trimble County Kentucky, one near Delia's farm site and one at the Trimble County Courthouse that credit her activities.