

Father of the Underground Railroad, Levi Coffin

Description: Called the Father of the Underground Railroad, Quaker Levi and his wife, Catherine Coffin, moved to Newport, Indiana, where they established a “central station” for fugitives coming from New Albany, Madison, and Cincinnati, ferreting the train north to Canada. As the groundswell of resistance began, the Coffins moved to Cincinnati and became more engaged and organized with anti-slavery friends such as Harriet Beecher Stowe, James Birney, John Parker, John Rankin and others.