

## **Laura Haviland, Underground Railroad Conductor**

**Description:** Born in Lockport, New York, in a Quaker family, Laura Haviland, her husband, Charles and their eight children moved to Michigan where Laura helped to form the Logan Female Anti-Slavery Society. She and her husband formed the Raisin Institute for indigent children regardless of race, creed or sex. After the loss of her husband and two children, Laura continued her work, becoming an Underground Railroad Conductor, often traveling alone to Kentucky and into the deep South to assist fugitives on their journey North. She became good friends with Henry Bibb, George DeBaptiste, the Coffins and many others, often risking her life. During the Civil War she was appointed Inspector of Hospitals for the newly formed Freedman's Bureau. Today a statue of Haviland stands at the Lewanee County Historical Museum in Adrian, Michigan.