

## Iowa Freedom Trail Project: Inventory of Places

The following is a list of places that have been identified as significant in Underground Railroad activity in Iowa. Iowa Freedom Trail place files are available for research purposes at the State Historical Research Center in Des Moines.

### Adams County

- New England House
- Noah Odell House (non-extant)  
National Register of Historic Places #00000917

### Appanoose County

- John H. B. Armstrong Farmstead  
Iowa Site Inventory 04-00008  
[National Network to Freedom](#)

### Cass County

- Grove City Townsite (non-extant)
- Nishnabotna Ferry House  
National Register of Historic Places #00001676  
Iowa Site Inventory #15-00092  
[National Network to Freedom](#)
- Rev. George A. Hitchcock House  
National Register of Historic Places #77000500  
Iowa Site Inventory #15-0002  
[National Network to Freedom](#)

### Cedar County

- African Methodist Church at Tipton
- Congregational Church at Tipton
- Gray's Ford
- Gower's Ford
- John Peet's Mill
- Mechanicsville Railroad Depot
- North Liberty Cemetery
- Springdale
- Tipton Union School
- William Maxson House (non-extant)

### Clarke County

- Hopeville
- Osceola

## Clinton County

- Buena Vista
- Buena Vista Ferry on Wapsipinicon River
- Bethel AME, Clinton
- Horace Anthony House  
National Register of Historic Places #91000533
- Old Stone House

## Dallas County

- Bear Creek Meeting-Quaker Divide
- Dayton House – Seth Dayton (Beaver Township)
- Huston Cemetery  
Iowa Site Inventory #13DA174, #25-00043
- Oakland Meeting-Quaker Divide (Redfield Vicinity)
- North Branch Meeting (Dallas & Madison Counties)
- John Wilson House (Adams Township)
- Redfield

## Davis County

- Drakesville

## Delaware County

- The Exodus Colony (Sand Spring)

## Des Moines County

- Aspen Grove Cemetery (Burlington)  
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- Danville Township
- Edwin James House (ruins)
- First Congregational Church (Burlington)
- Hinson House/Kingston Old Stone House (Kingston)
- Marion Hall (non-extant) (Burlington)  
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- Rock Springs Cemetery – Edwin James Burial Site  
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- William Salter House (Burlington)  
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- Yellow Springs Township

## Dickinson County

- Spirit Lake

## Fayette County

- Albany Settlement or the "Colored" Settlement

## Floyd County

- Cook Farm (Charles City)

## Fremont County

- Civil Bend
  - Blanchard Cemetery Photos I
  - Blanchard Cemetery Photos II
- Iowa Township Lines
- Ira Blanchard House and Cemetery (Percival)  
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- Licksillet/Knox
- Patton Place (Benton Township)
- Tabor
- Tabor Antislavery Historic District  
National Register of Historic Places #07001117
- Tabor Cemetery  
[National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Nomination](#)
- Tabor Congregational Church  
National Register of Historic Places #11000720
- Tabor Old Chapel
- Tabor Properties
- Tabor Public Square (City Park) I
- Tabor Public Square (City Park) II
- John Todd House  
National Register of Historic Places #75000689  
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## Guthrie County

- Dalmanutha Townsite
- Pearson's Mill (West Milton)
- Spring Valley Meeting House (Casey vicinity)
- Summitt Grove Meeting House (Stuart vicinity)

## Hardin County

- Honey Creek Friends Meeting House  
National Register of Historic Places #80001452

## Henry County

- Anti-Slavery Meeting Hall (Salem)
- "Bee Hive" (Salem)
- Collins-Bond House (Salem)  
National Register of Historic Places #10000869  
Iowa Site Inventory #44-01561
- Finley Chapel (Jefferson Township)
- Frazier-Hiatt Farm (Jackson Township)
- Henderson Lewelling House (Salem)  
National Register of Historic Places #82002620  
[National Network to Freedom](#)
- Henry County Salem General
- Joel C. Garretson Property
- Photos of Salem People and Places at Lewelling Quaker Museum
- Ruel Daggs Case
  - Land transfers, participants, articles by George Frazee, miscellaneous
- Second Baptist Church (Mount Pleasant)  
Iowa Site Inventory #44-00400
- Union Block Building (Mount Pleasant)  
National Register of Historic Places #91001110  
Iowa Site Inventory #44-00368

## Iowa County

- Reynolds, Draper B. Farmstead

## Jasper County

- College Farm (four miles north of Newton)
- Lynn Grove Maps
- Newton
- Wittemberg Cemetery (Newton Township)  
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- Wittemberg Church (Newton Township)  
[National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom](#)
- Wittemberg College (Newton Township)

## Jefferson County

- Fairfield
- Pleasant Plain

## Johnson County

- Hugh Downey House
- Iowa City
- Jesse Bowen House
- Lewis Englert House
- Plum Grove (Iowa City)  
National Register of Historic Places #73000731
- Rose Hill (Iowa City)

## Jones County

- Anamosa
- Fairview, Iowa
- Hale Township

## Lee County

- Denmark
- Denmark Academy
- Denmark Antislavery Society Constitution
- Denmark Congregational Church (Denmark)  
National Register of Historic Places #77000534  
Iowa Site Inventory #56-00109  
[National Network to Freedom](#)
- Harrison & Franklin Township
- New Garden
- Trowbridge House (Denmark)  
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## Linn County

- Hopewell Meeting
- Whittier & Vicinity

## Louisa County

- Judge Francis Springer House (non-extant)  
Iowa Site Inventory #58-00059

## Madison County

- Madison County Cemeteries
- North Branch Meeting- Quaker Divide Vicinity Earlham
- St. Charles
- Underground Railroad Locations in Madison County

- Winterset Jail (Old Log Jail)(non-extant) (Winterset)  
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## **Marshall County**

- Bangor Township-Marietta
- Bangor Liberty Friends Church

## **Mills County**

- Charles Tolles Cabin (northwest of Malvern)

## **Monona County**

- Jordan Cemetery  
Iowa Site Inventory #13MN36

## **Montgomery County**

- Evergreen Cemetery – William Wallace Merritt, Sr. Burial Site  
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## **Muscatine County**

- Alexander Clark House (Muscatine)  
National Register of Historic Places #76000796
- Atalissa
- 403 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. (Muscatine)
- Octagon House (Muscatine)
- Keith's Mill (West Liberty)
- Meeting House-Congregational Church (Muscatine)
- Tenement House (West Liberty)
- West Liberty

## **Page County**

- Amity/College Springs

## Polk County

- Brian Hawley House (Des Moines, near Yellow Banks Park)
- Jordan House (West Des Moines)  
National Register of Historic Places #73000738  
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- Shattering Silence Monument (Ralph Supreme Court Case of Iowa)  
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## Poweshiek County

- S. N. Bartlett House
- Brooklyn
- Congregational Church (Grinnell)
- Cornwall Dickinson Farm
- Grinnell College (Grinnell)
- Hazelwood Cemetery – Josiah B. Grinnell Burial Site (Grinnell)  
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- The Reed House (Grinnell)

## Ringgold County

- Eugene (ghost town)
- Lesanville
- Mount Ayr

## Scott County

- Antoine Le Claire House (Davenport)  
National Register of Historic Places #74000809
- Burr & Swift (Davenport)
- Iowa College (Davenport)
- The Le Claire House (Davenport)
- Oakdale Cemetery Historic District (Davenport)  
National Register of Historic Places  
[National Network to Freedom](#)
- Town of Le Claire

## Story County

- Farm House/Knapp-Wilson House (Iowa State University Campus, Ames)  
National Register of Historic Places #66000339

## Taylor County

- Bedford City Cemetery – John “Jack” Howe Burial Site (Bedford)  
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## Union County

- Mount Pisgah

## Van Buren County

- Bentonsport  
National Register of Historic Places #72000482
- Birmingham
- Bonaparte
- Des Moines River Primitive Baptist Church (See also Wapello County)
- Farmington
- First Congregational Church of Farmington
- Franklin Pearson House (Keosauqua)  
National Register of Historic Places #780001267
- Keosauqua
- Lewis Mason House (Bentonsport)
- Mount Zion
- Negro Churches of Keosauqua, Baptist, Methodist, others?
- “Nigger Hill” – post-Civil War Black community, including Afro-Masonic Lodge (Keosauqua)
- Selma
- Winchester

## Wapello County

- Des Moines River Primitive Baptist Church (See also Van Buren County)
- Eddyville
- Blakesburg
- Mars Hill Church  
National Register of Historic Places #74000814

## Warren County

- Ackworth Friends Church
- Middle River Friends Meeting House
- White Swan



## **Washington County**

- Crawfordsville
- House of All Nations/Jackson House (Crawfordsville)
- Washington County (General)
- Washington Township
- Wassonville

## **Winneshiek County**

- Grier-Green House (Decorah)