
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. Place names appearing in **bold font** have a completed Iowa Freedom Trail Project place form. Names in normal font are known places for which research has not yet been undertaken.

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
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Cass County

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

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**
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- **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
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- **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)
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- **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
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- **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 (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
- **American House Hotel** (Muscatine)
- **Atalissa**
- **Dr. D. P. Johnson House** (126 W. 3rd St, Muscatine)
- **403 W. 2nd 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
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- **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)