



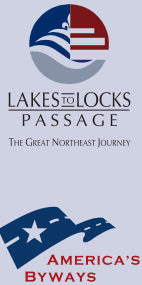
**NORTH STAR UNDERGROUND RAILROAD MUSEUM**  
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A Lakes to Locks Passage site on “The Great Northeast Journey.”

Twelve miles south of Plattsburgh, one mile north of historic Keeseville, and close to Northway (I-87) Exits 34 and 35.

A short drive from the Port Kent-Burlington Ferry.

Off Route 373 on Mace Chasm Road, next to the famous Ausable Chasm.



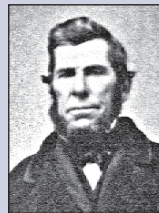
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Robert Peters



Catherine R. Keese



Stephen Keese Smith

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# North Star Underground Railroad Museum



## Lighting Freedom's Road



TOWN OF  
CHESTERFIELD  
HERITAGE CENTER  
AUSABLE CHASM  
NEW YORK



*Steamer R.W. Sherman*, unsigned painting ca. 1860-1870. Courtesy, Collection of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum.

The North Star Underground Railroad Museum reveals the hidden history of the Champlain Line of the Underground Railroad. Poignant exhibits portray compelling stories of fugitives from slavery who passed through Northeastern New York and the Champlain Valley on their way to Quebec and Ontario, Canada.

Among our innovative displays is a multimedia production of the heartrending and triumphant story of John Thomas and his family. Thomas escaped from the cruelties of slavery in Maryland and settled on his own Adirondack mountain farm.

A series of informative displays depicts the debate over slavery and how it divided many of our churches. A leg iron found hidden in a nearby Quaker home is the centerpiece. A regional exhibit identifies Safe-Houses and illuminates the lives of men and women who represented every stage of the anti-slavery struggle—from petitions to war.

The Champlain Line of the Underground Railroad encompassed the Upper Hudson River, the Champlain Canal and Lake Champlain. Runaway slaves who reached these waterways took steamboats, barges and canal boats as part of their northward journey. Stagecoach and railroad lines from New York City and New England provided land routes into the region. Lake Champlain was a Gateway to Freedom.

\* Cover: "Arriving North" sculpture design by Rob Eccleston.

## OPERATION OF MUSEUM AND HERITAGE CENTER

The North Star Underground Railroad Museum is housed in the Town of Chesterfield Heritage Center. Both the Museum and the Center are managed by the North Country Underground Railroad Historical Association (NCUGRHA). NCUGRHA's office and research collection are located in the Heritage Center.

## HOURS AND ADMISSION

Tuesday - Sunday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Open from the third Saturday in May through the second Sunday in October.

Open at other times by appointment.



Parking, museum and restroom are accessible.

Admission is free, but donations are gratefully accepted.

## GROUP TOURS

Group tours may be arranged throughout the year.

## MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

The Museum gift shop offers a selection of items and books about the Underground Railroad.

## BECOME A MEMBER

NCUGRHA members receive our newsletter and a 10% discount on gift shop purchases, and on admissions to special events and tours.

Visit us online at [www.northcountryundergroundrailroad.com](http://www.northcountryundergroundrailroad.com)

To schedule an educational program or to make an appointment to research our collection, call 518-834-5180.