

RECOMMENDED VIEWING

North Star Underground Railroad Museum docent Dr. Jack Myers has informed us of the following program, which we highly recommend:

The February 3, 2012 C-SPAN lecture by Dr. Owen Muelder of Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois,

OWEN LOVEJOY AND THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/ADisc>

When Owen Lovejoy's brother, Elijah, was attacked by a mob and murdered in Alton, Illinois, on November 7, 1837, Owen dedicated his life to the anti-slavery movement and the Underground Railroad. Elijah's martyrdom galvanized the Anti-Slavery movement across the north. Members of the Peru Female Anti-Slavery Society met in the Friends Meeting House on December 29th, and President pro tem. Hannah E. Keese, reported that the women,

RESOLVED, That our hearts are affected with sorrow in the behalf of the afflicted widow, and helpless orphan of the fallen E.P. Lovejoy.

RESOLVED, That the work of emancipation is a righteous cause; therefore,
RESOLVED, That we strive to "remember those that are in bonds as bound with them" by making it the subject of our sleeping, and our waking thoughts that we may be able to go on in the way that will bring a blessing on our efforts, else vain will be all our exertions to aid in this most noble work.

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By means of resolutions our principles are largely developed. Be entreated, sister coadjutors, to work and faint not; thoroughly acquaint yourselves with the subject in all its hearings; subject in all its hearins; sentter light and so dispel the gloom that surrounds you.

RESOLVED, That we deprecate the course of Elijah P. Lovejoy, in placing his confidence in carnal weapons, to the neglect of that injunction given by our divine Maker, "If any man smite thee on one cheek turn to him the other also; and in violation of one of the fundamental principles of the Anti-Slavery Society -- That of non-resistance.

RESOLVED, That our hearts are affected with sorrow in the behalf of the afflicted widow, and helpless orphan of the fallen E.P. Lovejoy.

RESOLVED, That while we extend our sympathies to the beloved widow, and helpless orphan of the lamented E.P. Lovejoy, we should as forcibly remember the downtrodden and more oppressed millions of our land to whom it would be a consolation, to see their friends laid a corpse before them, in comparison to what they see them doomed to suffer.

RESOLVED, That we sincerely deplore the sad and awful exit of one of our opponents, who was hurried from the stage of action by the hand, or consent of protested abolitionists at Alton.

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