

“Abolitionism in the Adirondacks: A search for the Truth”

By Don Papson

Adirondack Concert & Lecture Series

5:30 pm, Monday, March 4, 2013

Nott Memorial, Union College, Schenectady, New York



A power point presentation by Don Papson, Outreach Ambassador and Past President of the North Country Underground Railroad Historical Association, a nonprofit dedicated to celebrating the importance of freedom to the survival of the human spirit and the Champlain Line of the Underground Railroad.

What roles did North Country residents play in the antislavery movement? Who were the main players?

How did the Underground Railroad operate in the North Country? What were the main routes through our region?

Mr. Papson will share the results of his research over the last dozen years.

Don Papson is a retired teacher turned public historian. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in history from San Francisco State University and a Master of Arts in education from Northwestern University.

He combines his training as an educator and his interests in history to compose essays, dramatic readings and lectures. His interests include slavery in New York and its abolition, African Americans in the Battle of Plattsburgh and the American Revolution, Mohawks in the Civil War, and the Underground Railroad. A contributor to two national Underground Railroad encyclopedias, Don is currently co-authoring a book on the Underground Railroad in New York City. Don curated the displays for the North Star Underground Museum at Ausable Chasm which opened in May 2011. During its first year of operation, the North Star Museum welcomed 4,000 visitors from 23 countries.