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John Tubman

Blended Families

Harriet Ross married John Tubman, a free African American, around 1844. On the Eastern Shore, about half of the black population was free. “Blended” marriages between enslaved and free people were common. These couples faced excruciating choices about their children, because a mother’s status—enslaved or free—determined the status of their children.

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