

Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Monument



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Public Act of Defiance

Paying a Price

The Bucktown store was the scene of an early public act of defiance by Harriet Tubman. As an adolescent sent on an errand, Tubman refused to help an overseer restrain an enslaved man in the store who had left the fields without permission. Angry, the overseer threw a weight, which missed the man and instead struck Tubman, nearly killing her.

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