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PROCLAIM LIBERTY... UNTO ALL THE INHABITANTS

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The Liberty Bell became a symbol for the abolition of slavery; the Underground Railroad was a means to free the enslaved. There were routes to follow with safe "stations" along the way. "Conductors" led those seeking escape from slavery in the south to freedom in the north or Canada. Philadelphia was a major stop for these travellers. Isaac Hopper, of Philadelphia, is credited by many as being the father of the Underground Railroad in the late 1700's. Thousands risked their lives to gain freedom, while thousands more risked their lives to help them.

"Freedom is never given by the oppressor, it must be demanded by the oppressed."

--Martin Luther King, Jr.