



**Photo #5 — Brownstone Replacement and exterior improvements on Lewis and Harriet Hayden House.**

An educational program enables students to participate in the dramatization of the Shadrach arrest and hearing in Boston during the existence of the Fugitive Slave Law of 1850. Additionally, educators, researchers and social historians attend an annual conference co-sponsored by the Site.

**PLEASE RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF PRIVATE FAMILIES LIVING ALONG THE BLACK HERITAGE TRAIL.**

Through cooperative agreements with the owners of the African Meeting House and the Lewis and Harriet Hayden House, the Site is helping to restore these buildings and preserve their history. Cooperative agreements are being negotiated with other owners of sites that are part of the Black Heritage Trail.

Boston African American National Historic Site is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 5:00 p.m. During the summer months visitor services are expanded to seven days a week. Information can also be obtained by writing or calling the Site office:

Boston African American  
National Historic Site  
46 Joy Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02114  
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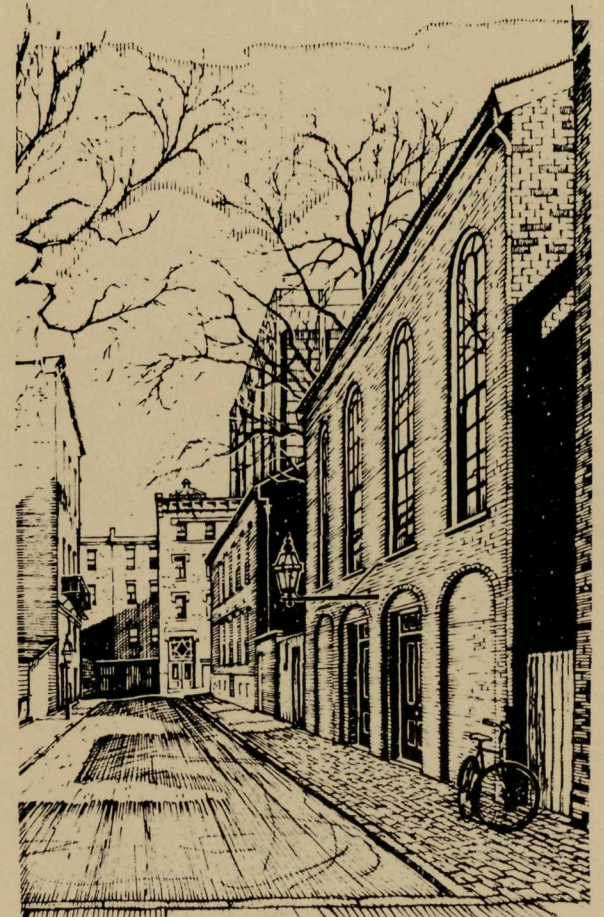
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## BOSTON AFRICAN AMERICAN NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

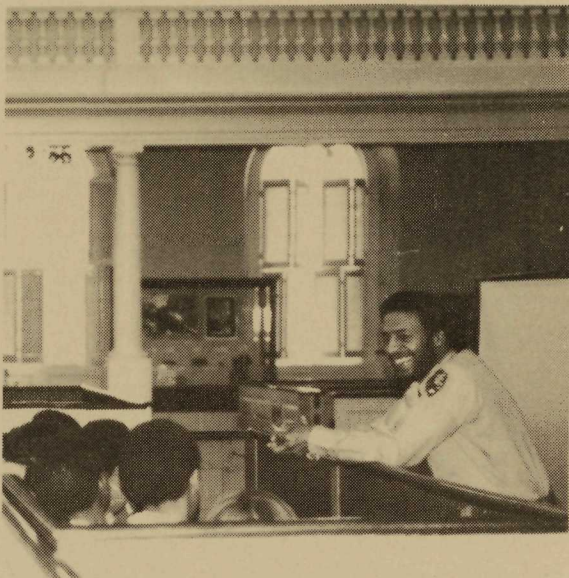


**Photo #1 — African Meeting House in Smith Court.**

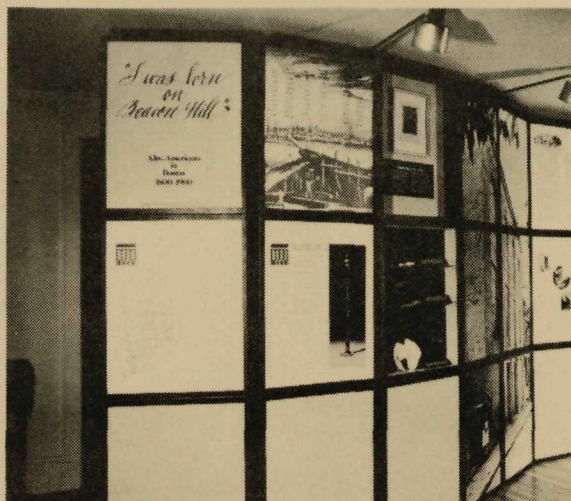
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Boston African American National Historic Site, established by the United States Congress on October 10, 1980, is administered by the National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior. The Site contains original buildings that housed the 19th century free Afro-American community on Beacon Hill in Boston.

A unique aspect of the Site is that it contains the largest concentration of pre-Civil War black history sites anywhere in the United States. It was here that the Afro-American community pressed for civil rights and equality, forced an end to school segregation, strove to exploit the political participation Massachusetts allowed them and helped lead Boston's attack on the Fugitive Slave Law. Blacks extracted meaning from the Abiel Smith School, the African Meeting House, their lives and/or the rhythm of their work world.



**Photo #2 — "Resisting For Justice: The Fugitive Slave Law of 1850" at Old South Meeting House.**



**Photo #3 — "I was Born on Beacon Hill," Traveling Exhibit.**

The Black Heritage Trail, which winds through Beacon Hill, consists of 12 private residences not open to the public, 2 public buildings and 1 public structure. The structure (Shaw/54th Regiment Memorial) and the 14 buildings are still intact and are in the neighborhood of which Boston's Afro-Americans were concentrated. Each structure can be viewed from the outside anytime during the year by following the self-guiding trail markers together with the map in the Black Heritage Trail brochure.

The Black Heritage Trail consists of:

1. African Meeting House
2. Smith Court Residences (5)
3. Abiel Smith School
4. George Middleton House
5. Robert Gould Shaw/54th Regiment Memorial
6. John J. Smith House
7. Charles Street Meeting House
8. Lewis and Harriet Hayden House
9. John P. Coburn House
10. Coburn's Gaming House
11. Phillips School

Due to heavy traffic congestion and severely limited parking, we suggest you utilize public transportation to reach the Site. The Site Manager's Office is located in the Abiel Smith School, 46 Joy Street, Boston Massachusetts. If you get off at Park Street (on the Red line or the Green line), you may want to start the tour at the Shaw/54th Regiment Memorial. While at Boston National Historical Park's Downtown Visitor Center, pick up a Black Heritage Trail Brochure. Before leaving, check the Site's program schedule. You may be in time for a living history presentation, or a film on Afro-American history.

During the summer, while on the Black Heritage Trail, listen to Ranger talks at the Shaw/54th Regiment Memorial on the history of the 54th.



**Photo #4 — Rededication of Shaw/54th Regiment Memorial on Boston Common.**