

The image shows the front cover of a book, bound in dark brown leather. The cover is highly decorative, featuring a wide, ornate border of blind-tooled floral and foliate motifs. This border is set within a larger, rectangular frame that has a decorative, slightly irregular inner edge. In the center of the cover, there is a rectangular label with a dark, textured background. The text on the label is printed in a gold-colored, serif font. The overall appearance is that of a well-used, antique volume.

"MAG"
PALM

MARGARET "MAG" PALM

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD CONDUCTOR

Margaret "Mag" Palm, was known as Maggie Bluecoat for the old 1812 army coat that she wore while serving as a conductor on the Underground Railroad. Word spread of the work she was doing and there were several attempts by Maryland slave-owners to put an end to it, kidnap her and sell her into slavery. She, along with her husband and son, fled town when news spread of Confederate soldiers heading north during the summer of 1863.

Stand in Mag's footsteps near Power's Hill, on the north side of Granite School House Lane.

Look east across the Baltimore Pike to the former site of McAllister's Mill – part of the Gettysburg line of the Underground Railroad, and imagine Mag rushing fugitives over the hill to the safety of the Mill.

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