

Historical Marker - S137 - The Underground Railroad (Marker ID#:S137)



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The Underground Railroad

Vandalia, prior to the Civil War, was the junction of two important "lines" of the "Underground Railroad." Slaves fleeing through Indiana and Illinois came to Cass County, where Quakers and others gave them shelter. Fugitives seeking a refuge in Canada were guided to "stations" to the east. Many stayed here and built a unique Negro rural colony. Slave hunting by Kentuckians in 1847 led to legal action and increased North-South tensions.

Significant Date:

Statehood Era (1815-1860)

Registry Year: 1957 **Erected Date:** 1957

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Marker Location

Address: Bonine Elk Park, M-60

City: Vandalia

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Cass

Township: Penn

Lat: 41.91781400 / **Long:** -85.91626100

Web URL: