

Variety of religions build the community

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ground Railroad line from Ann Arbor to Farmington. Periodically at night a conductor would arrive at his house and ask the secret code question: "Can you provide lodging for myself and another person?" After he answered affirmatively, blacks hidden in wagons would be taken to the barn and fed.

The next night he would conduct them to various homes between Ann Arbor and Farmington. Two Wesleyan Methodist ministers, Guy Beckley and Marcus Swift of Nankin, would assist him.

A Quaker through and through, he refused to participate in local militia exercises during and after the Mexican War. For this protest, he was imprisoned by Washtenaw County officials. William Lloyd Garrison stayed at the Glasier home while touring the area.

The Livonia Quaker meetinghouse, built in 1846 on land donated by David Lapham, may well have been a depot on the Underground Railroad. It replaced an earlier log structure and had a unique fullstone cellar. Most meeting houses in the east had no basements.

Apparently there were no visible windows and entrance to the large cellar was by trap door. Located on a quiet backroad surrounded by Quaker farms, it may have been an ideal place to conceal blacks on their way to Detroit and Canada.

ROBERT GLASIER worked closely with Nathan Power, an Orthodox

Friend and schoolmaster in Farmington.

Nathan Power, whose wife died of cholera in 1832, opened the first school in Farmington in 1826. He was associated with Quaker anti-slavery enterprises and was the superintendent of the Farmington section of the Underground Railroad. His home was used as a "station."

Nathan Power and his brother, A.L. Power, worked closely with Laura Smith Haviland, the most dynamic Quaker abolitionist in Michigan.

Born in Leeds County, Ontario, she and her family settled near Adrian. She was introduced to abolitionism by Thomas and Elizabeth Chandler, both Adrian Hicksite Friends. She supervised Underground Railroad activities; opened Raisin Valley Institute, a coeducation, inter-racial school in 1837; founded the Adrian Girls Training School; organized the school for retarded children at Coldwater; and established settlements for blacks in Canada and freedmen in Kansas.

She traveled into the south to aid slaves and had a price placed on her head by plantation owners, dead or alive.

IN 1851, Laura Haviland called on Arthur Power of Farmington to help her establish the Refugee Home Society settlement for escaped slaves in Canada.

Together with Henry Bibb, a black

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