



The Underground Railroad in Oakland County

In 1851, there were 2,371 people of color in Michigan - 60 of them resided in Oakland County. Nearly half of them lived in Royal Oak Township – the census recorded 26 people in 1850, 34 in 1860, and 30 in 1870. *What brought these people to the area, and what connections, if any, were there to the Underground Railroad?*

Please join the Royal Oak Historical Society in January and February 2025 to experience the *Underground Railroad in Oakland County* traveling exhibit.

On **January 10, 2025**, our Speaker Series will feature local historian and Birmingham Museum Director, **Leslie Pielack**, who will discuss the exhibit and the ongoing research project that inspired it (space is limited to 50).

In addition, the Society will display its *own exhibit* curated by archivist and historian, **Leslie S. Edwards**. *A Tangled Web: Stories of African Americans in 19th Century Royal Oak* will present new stories - beyond the ones we already know – and will explore the relationship between the Black community in Royal Oak and the Underground Railroad network in Detroit.

Don't miss the grand opening!

Sunday, January 12th, 2 – 4 pm

*Refreshments will be served and
volunteers will be on hand to answer your questions
Exhibit runs through May*



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