

HARRIET TUBMAN IN ACTION: DECEMBER 1854



Thomas Garrett to James Miller McKim, Dec. 29, 1854

ESTEEMED FRIEND: We made arrangements last night, and sent away Harriet Tubman, with six men and one woman to Allen Agnew's, to be forwarded across the country to the city. Harriet, and one of the men had worn their shoes off their feet, and I gave them two dollars to help fit them out, and directed a carriage to be hired at my expense, to take them out, but do not yet know the expense. I now have two more from the lowest county in Maryland, on the Peninsula, upwards of one hundred miles. I will try to get one of our trusty colored men to take them to-morrow morning to the Anti-slavery office. You can then pass them on. // THOMAS GARRETT [WILMINGTON, DE]

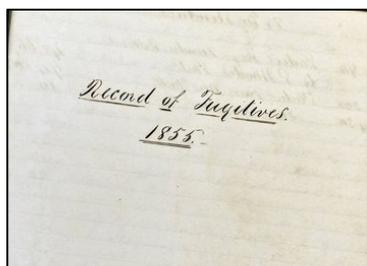
William Still's vigilance journal, December 29, 1854

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Sydney Howard Gay's Record of Fugitives (1855-56)



[NEW YORK CITY, May 1856] Harriett Tubman seven years ago was [the] slave of Edward Brodhurst [BRODESS] of Bucktown, Md. Her master dying, [the] estate to be settled, + two of her sisters having been sold into a 'chain-gang,' she determined to run away. She did so, + made her way to Canada.... At Christmas [1854] she returned again for her brothers. Their term of service with [the] lumberman had expired. At Christmas they were to have been sold. On Christmas eve. 1854. she + they left for Canada, where they soon after arrived safely.