



**THE ILLINOIS
FREEDOM
PROJECT**

The Illinois Freedom Project Exhibition is at the Wood River Museum and Visitor Center from July 17-August 22. This free exhibition can be viewed Friday-Sunday from 1-4 pm, or by special arrangement, made by calling the Museum at 618-254-1993 and leaving a proposed date, time and contact information.

This traveling exhibit is the third element of the Illinois Freedom Project, a multimedia initiative begun in 2011 by the Lincoln Home National Historic Site, along with community partners, to investigate places that best represent the inspiring stories of the journey from slavery to freedom in Illinois. The Illinois Freedom Project teaches about that journey, tracing Black Illinoisans' struggles for freedom from the French Colonial era to early-20th century Chicago. A website (<https://lookingforlincoln.org/education/freedom>), videos, printed materials, curriculum, field trips, and this traveling exhibit share the stories of freedom through the lens of the people, places, and events in Illinois history.

This exhibit was made possible through the cooperation of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site, the Illinois Freedom Project, and the Museum on Main Street program, a partnership between the Smithsonian Institution and Illinois Humanities. It complements the newest Museum on Main Street exhibition, *Voices and Votes: Democracy in America*, which will be hosted by the Madison County Historical Society at the Madison County Administration Building in Edwardsville, IL, July 19-August 20, weekdays from 1pm -4 pm.

