

Map of the Life of Sojourner Truth: A Northern Slave

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SOJOURNER TRUTH,

Who has been a slave in the State of New York, and who has been a Lecturer for the last twenty-three years, whose characteristics have been so vividly portrayed by Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, as the African Sybil, will deliver a lecture upon the present issues of the day.

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And will give her experience as a Slave mother and religious woman. She comes highly recommended as a public speaker, having the approval of many thousands who have heard her earnest appeals, among whom are Wendell Phillips, Wm. Lloyd Garrison, and other distinguished men of the nation.

At the close of her discourse she will offer for sale her photograph and a few of her choice songs.

★ Battle Creek: Truth died in her home on November 26, 1883 and is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Akron: In May of 1851, Truth addressed the Ohio Women's Rights Convention, the best known speech during her career as an orator.

Northampton: Truth joined the Northampton Association of Education and Industry, a community founded by William Lloyd Garrison, Frederick Douglass, and other leading abolitionists.

Ulster County: Truth was owned by four different families in the area until 1827.

New York City: Truth moved here in 1829 and worked as a domestic.

Sojourner Truth was born Isabella Baumfree around 1797 in Swartekill, Ulster County, New York. She was born into slavery and sold three times. In spite of the New York State Emancipation Act of 1827, she escaped from slavery and later successfully sued her owner to return her son from slavery in the south—a rare victory in U.S. court for a Black woman. On June 1, 1843, Isabella Baumfree changed her name to Sojourner Truth and devoted her life to the abolition of slavery and women's equality. Truth attempted to vote before women were granted that right, rode streetcars in Washington, D.C. to promote desegregation, recruited soldiers for the Union during the Civil War, fought to acquire land grants for former slaves, and met President Lincoln and Grant. Truth toured the country as a popular speaker. She is listed in Smithsonian magazine as one of the top 100 influential persons in American history and was the first Black woman honored on a U.S. postage stamp.

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