

HARRIET TUBMAN

harriettubman.com/camden.html

**HARRIET
TUBMAN.COM**

» [Home](#)

» [Freedom
Tour](#)

» [Memoriam](#)

» [Photo
Gallery](#)

» [Contact
Us](#)

MAIN MENU

» [HOME](#)

» [GENERAL
TUBMAN](#)

» [FREEDOM
TOUR](#)

» [MEMORIAM](#)

» [HISTORICAL
DOCUMENTS](#)

» [PHOTO
GALLERY](#)

» [HARRIET
TUBMAN DAY](#)

» [Heritage
Production Co.](#)

CAMDEN FRIENDS MEETING

Burial Place of John Hunn

This House of worship, built in 1805, was first a Preparative Meeting under the care of Motherkiln (Murderkill) Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). In 1830, Camden Monthly Meeting was formed by uniting with Motherkiln and Duck Creek Monthly Meeting. It has since absorbed all other Quaker Meetings in Kent and Sussex Counties. Many members were active in the anti-slavery movement. Local Quakers such as the Hunn, Jenkins, and Cowgill families were well known for their efforts in support of abolition. Some served as conductors on the Underground Railroad, providing "safehouses" and passing fugitive slaves northward. Of particular note was John Hunn, the Chief Engineer of the Underground Railroad in Delaware. A resident of the Middletown area during much of his life, Hunn was responsible for the operation of the network that transported thousands of escapees through Delaware to Wilmington, and thence to freedom. A man of great modesty, he declined to take credit for his heroic efforts. He was laid to rest in the adjoining burial ground following his death in 1894.

Camden Friends Meeting was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1973.

- Listed in NPS Underground Railroad Special Resource Study 1995.
- The Harriet Tubman Historical Society's Freedom Tour 1990.

» **HARRIET
TUBMAN'S
COLORING
BOOK CLUB**

» **Senator Hillary
Clinton**

» **Harriet
Tubman's
Civil War
Pension**

» **VISIT THE
HARRIET
TUBMAN HOME**

» **WILMINGTON
FRIENDS
MEETING
HOUSE**

» **THOMAS
GARRETT**

» **THOMAS
GARRETT DAY**

» **ALBANY FREE
SCHOOL**

» **APPOQUINIMINK
MEETING
HOUSE**

» **TUBMAN-
GARRETT
RIVERFRONT
PARK**

» **TUBMAN-
GARRETT
PLAQUE**

» **STAR HILL
A.M.E. CHURCH**

Delaware Public Archives – 2002 KC – 73
Location: 122 E Camden-Wyoming Avenue, Camden,
Delaware (302) 698-3324.

The Delaware Public Archives operates a historical markers program as part of its mandate. Markers are placed at historically significant locations and sites. For more information on this program, please contact Russ McCabe (302) 744-5000.



JOHN HUNN (1814-1894)

Chief Engineer of the Underground Rail Road in the state of Del. and the richest man in Del. He was convicted and fined in 1848 by the U.S. Dist. Court. Later he was fined twice for \$10,000.00 each by Del., but was advised the fines wouldn't be imposed if he would promise not to continue his efforts to aid fugitives in their escape from slavery. Instead, Hunn vowed never to withhold a helping hand from the down-trodden in their hour of distress. His great land holdings and all his possessions were sold at sheriff's sale. His family was left utterly destitute, but he continued his efforts to abolish slavery until the great proclamation by Abraham Lincoln.

"I ask no other reward for my efforts than to feel I have been of service to my fellow-men. No other course would have brought peace to my mind."

His grave is adjacent to this Meeting House and this was his stepping stone and hitching post.

His son "honest" John Hunn Jr. while Gov. of Del. 1901-05 was the first to advocate that women be admitted to the Univ. of Del. and that a paved highway be constructed the entire length of Del. He is also buried here.

» CLEARFIELD FARM

» CHARLES BLOCKSON

» KOSTMAYER - H.R. 3863

» DELAWARE FREEDOM TRAIL SB 186

» CONTACT US

*The Delaware Public Archives
Historical Markers Program
Camden Friends Meeting House
The Harriet Tubman Historical Society*

Proudly Announce

*The Dedication Ceremony of the historical marker for
Camden Friends Meeting – Burial Place of John Hunn
Wednesday, February 27, 2002 - 12:00 Noon
Host: Camden Friends Meeting House*

*The Music of Scott Joplin performed by
The Middletown High School Band Quintet
David Harris - Instrumental Director*

Opening Ceremony by Mike Richards
*Russ McCabe
Historical Markers Program*

Presentations:

*John Hunn Brown, great great grandson of John Hunn
Portrait of John Hunn
Presented for an exhibit/display
Presentation of gifts to Vivian Abdur-Rahim*

Guests:

*Descendants of the Jenkins, Hunn, and Cowgill families
Lt. Governor John Carney
Senator Margaret Rose Henry
SB 186 Freedom Trail Historical Monuments
Recognition of Elected Officials*

Robin Bodo (SHPO)

*Forrest Dixon
Beatrice Patton Dixon
Lucreatia Wilson, Star Hill
Music Selection
Unveiling Ceremony
Community Reception*



Picture courtesy of Cayuga Museum (Click picture to enlarge)



Harriet Tubman "The Conductor" By Carl A. Pierce (click picture to enlarge)





website by [PWTS MultiMedia](#)