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# NEWS

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### **“Hannah Toliver” State Historical Marker Will Be Dedicated In Jeffersonville, Indiana**

A public dedication ceremony for an Indiana state historical marker is scheduled for August 15, 2008. The state historical marker recognizing Hannah Toliver will be dedicated at the Jeffersonville Wharf at 4:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

The text follows for the state marker entitled “Hannah Toliver”:

Emancipation Proclamation (1863) did not free slaves in Kentucky. In April 1864, Hannah Toliver, a free black woman living in Jeffersonville, was arrested for aiding a fugitive slave from Kentucky. In May, she was convicted and sentenced to seven years in the Kentucky Penitentiary; she was pardoned January 5, 1865 and returned to Jeffersonville. Toliver and other blacks risked their freedom aiding fugitives. Slavery in U.S. abolished December 1865. The Underground Railroad refers to a widespread network of diverse people in the nineteenth century who aided slaves escaping to freedom from the southern U.S.

Everyone is invited to attend this dedication ceremony for a state historical marker that commemorates Underground Railroad activity in Indiana. A reception/dinner will be held after the ceremony at the Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center in Clarksville where Dr. J. Blaine Hudson will speak about the Underground Railroad. The reception is \$25. For reservations, call (812) 284-4451.

Historical markers commemorate significant Indiana individuals, places, and events, and they help communities throughout Indiana promote, preserve, and present their history for the education and enjoyment of residents and tourists of all ages. Via the Internet, that history reaches a worldwide audience. For more than 90 years the Indiana Historical Bureau, an agency of the State of Indiana, has been marking Indiana history. Since 1947, the marker format has been the large roadside marker, which has the familiar dark blue background with gold lettering and the outline of the state of Indiana at the top. There are approximately 500 of these markers across the state.

For a digital version of this release and further information about this marker, the state Historical Marker Program, and other resources about Indiana, visit the Indiana Historical Bureau’s website at [www.IN.gov/history](http://www.IN.gov/history) or call 317-232-2537.

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