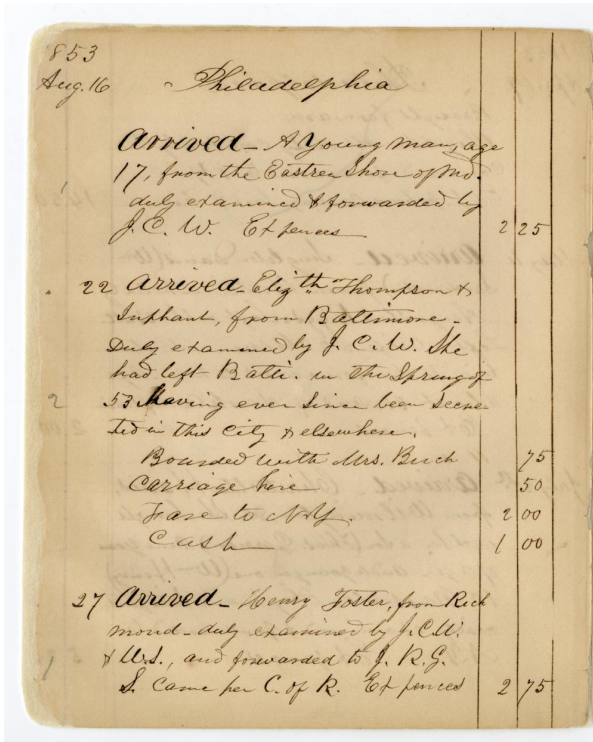


William Still

- Free-born black, abolitionist and writer
- Major contributor to the success of the underground railroad in Philadelphia
- Provided room and board for fugitive slaves.
- Raised funds for escaped slaves and financed several of Harriet Tubman's trips
- Wrote a book documenting stories of formerly enslaved Africans who gained freedom

Primary Sources



Journal C of the Underground Railroad in Philadelphia kept by William Still: containing notices of arrivals of fugitive slaves in Philadelphia with descriptions of their flight, 1852-1857

Chairman of the Vigilance Committee (part of the Pennsylvania Abolition Society), William Still assisted fugitive slaves as they were secretly shuttled into Philadelphia in the mid-1800s. From 1852 to 1857, Still kept a journal describing his encounters with the slaves in painstaking detail, recording their names, physical characteristics, personalities, and other details. Still's meticulous entries offer unique insight into the secretive network known as the Underground Railroad.

by William Still

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William Still letters, 1855-1902

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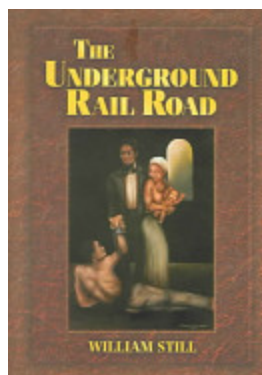
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Pennsylvania Anti-Slavery Society Executive meeting minutes, 1856-1870

Executive meeting minutes of the Pennsylvania Anti-Slavery Society, from the prelude to Civil War years through the Reconstruction period. Minutes include meeting places, members present, treasurer's report, as well as topics discussed. Only pages 47-137 are digitized, which includes September 1860 through May 1870, which marks the dismemberment of the society and the end of the volume.

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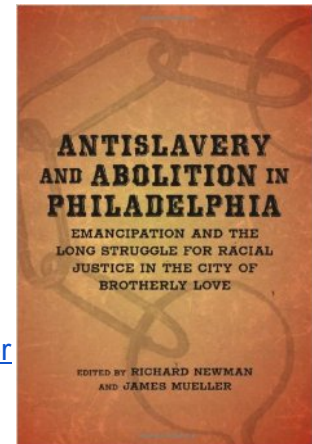
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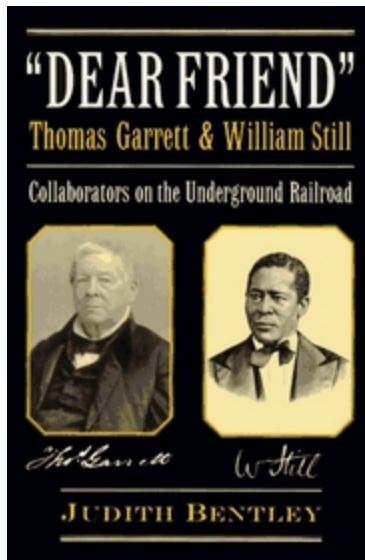
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