



That first generation of people removed from slavery joined together to build and support this school, in 1861. It served the community for over a century and prepared several generations of students for all of the possibilities that their ancestors could only dream about.

Bringing history alive can be a daunting task, particularly when dealing with the emotional topic of slavery which was demoralizing for both slave and master.

Slavery can be a very sensitive issue for both the descendants of the enslaved and the enslavers, and thus it is necessary to be aware of, and sensitive to the feelings of students. Our goal is for students of all ethnicities to emerge from our programs with pride in their heritage and the role played by Canadians of all races. As well, for students to gain a better understanding of the roots of racial prejudices still evident today, along with pride in the progress which has been made since the era of the underground railroad, in eradicating those prejudices from our society.

HOURS OF OPERATION

May - September
Wednesday thru Sunday
1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

July & August
daily
10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

October - April
Monday thru Friday
1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

To avoid disappointment, tour
groups should book in advance.
Arrangements can be made to
schedule visits for other times.

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Freedom to Learn

"I LEFT THE STATES FOR
CANADA FOR RIGHTS;
FREEDOM AND LIBERTY.
I CAME TO BUXTON
TO EDUCATE MY CHILDREN."

HENRY JOHNSON, 1854

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THE LEGACY OF BUXTON LIVES ON...



In Buxton, you'll find the only school built by fugitives from slavery that remains in Canada and still exists as a school. Also on the site is an original log cabin, along with the barn that belonged to Abraham Shadd. These buildings in this setting, provide a unique opportunity to experience history.



The Buxton Museum created educational programs to enhance student visits and make their experience more meaningful. As a community built by fugitive slaves, it is important for students to be exposed to the historical climate of slavery and the underground railroad, which were major factors in the founding of the settlement.



Education for the settlers who came to Buxton was an honor and privilege. We examine the obstacles that settlers encountered and overcame; then compare the opportunities we have today.



Buxton Museum educational packages are self-contained study units.

Lesson activities were created and developed to address the Ontario curriculum disciplines:

- Language
- Social Studies
- World & Canadian History
- The Arts

Buxton educational kits contain all resources required to teach them including:

- Teacher's Guides
- Student worksheets
- Books
- DVD's
- Interactive DVD (smart board friendly) with audio stories, music, genealogy tools, presentations, charts, games, literature, and more!

IN THE LONG-STANDING TRADITION OF BUXTON ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, THE BUXTON MUSEUM IS PLEASED TO OFFER THESE EXCITING EDUCATIONAL KITS!

PRIMARY

Follow the Underground Railroad Day in an Early African/Canadian Settlement

JUNIOR

Follow the Underground Railroad Digging For Roots Drama in the Buxton School House

**INTERMEDIATE
Digging For Roots
Voice of Freedom**



Anderson Abbott, himself one of Buxton's distinguished students, wrote "among those who received their early education at Buxton may be enumerated five doctors of medicine and divinity, two state senators, one member of congress, two surgeons U.S. Army, one speaker of a state legislature, two judges, six lawyers, one president of a University, twelve principals of public schools, three editors of race papers." Many Buxton scholars returned to the south, becoming school teachers in the newly opened schools for the freedmen.



Visitors to the Buxton Site have access to playground equipment, basketball court, ball diamond, picnic area, as well as the historic school, church, barn, log cabin, cemeteries, and museum with hands-on artifacts.



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