The Underground Railroad was a movement to help slaves escaping from the South find their way to freedom in the North before the Civil War. This series of routes and safe places was a secret organization, since the laws of the time made it a crime to help a slave escape.

The Underground Railroad used codes to keep the activities secret. A conductor was a person who helped guide those escaping. A station master hid escaping slaves in a “depot,” or safe house.

**William Still**  
*1821-1902*  
William Still is often called the “Father of the Underground Railroad.” Born a free man in New Jersey, he later helped as many as 60 escaping slaves a month on the road to freedom.

**Levi Coffin**  
*1798-1877*  
Levi Coffin was called the “President of the Underground Railroad.” His home in Indiana was a major depot.

**Harriet Tubman**  
*1820-1917*  
The most famous conductor on the Underground Railroad, Harriet Tubman was called the “Moses” of the movement. A former slave, she made 13 trips South to help others to freedom.

**Rev. Jermain Wesley Loguen**  
*1813-1872*  
Born a slave in Tennessee, Rev. Loguen escaped through the Underground Railroad. Later, his home in New York would be a major depot for the Railroad.

**Laura Smith Haviland**  
*1808-1898*  
Laura Haviland hid escaping slaves in her home. She also took trips to the South to help escaped slaves.

**Rev. John Rankin**  
*1793-1886*  
A conductor in the Underground Railroad, Rev. Rankin hid over 2,000 escaping slaves in his Ohio home.

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**Unscramble the Words**

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**Q&A**

Who was called the Moses of the Underground Railroad?  
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Who was called the Father of the Underground Railroad?  
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Who escaped through the Underground Railroad and then used his home as a depot?  
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