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Dreaming of Timbuctoo

An exhibit revealing where voting rights, racial justice and Adirondack history meet

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March 20-24, 2017
New Brunswick Theological Seminary
35 Seminary Place, New Brunswick, NJ
Mon. – Fri. 9:00am – 5:00pm

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March 25-April 1, 2017
Underground Railroad Museum of Burlington Co.
803 Smithville Road, Eastampton, NJ
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In 1846, Gerrit Smith, a land-rich, antislavery reformer from upstate New York, donated 120,000 acres in the Adirondack wilderness to 3,000 poor black men from New York City and allowed them to fulfill the New York state $250 property requirement to exercise equal voting rights. Timbuctoo was Smith's best-known enclave. It was a multi-family neighborhood in the hamlet of North Elba, near today's Lake Placid. In 1849, the militant abolitionist John Brown moved his family close to Timbuctoo to help these black families build their farms. Ten years later Brown launched his bold, but unsuccessful attempt to seize a federal arsenal in Harpers Ferry, Virginia. He planned to lead a slave rebellion, and was executed. His body is buried in Timbuctoo.

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