



This eight-room home was the third home of Levi and Catharine Coffin in Newport, and it was a safe haven for hundreds of fugitive slaves on their journey to Canada. Levi and Catharine Coffin's home became known as "The Grand Central Station of the Underground Railroad." The Coffins and others who worked on this special "railroad" were defying federal laws of the time.

From the outside it looks like a normal, beautifully-restored, Federal-style brick home built in 1839. Being a Quaker home, the Coffin house would not have had many of the era's decorative features such as narrow columns, delicate beading or dentil trim. On the inside, however, it has some unusual features that served an important purpose in American history. Most rooms in the home have at least two ways out, there is a spring-fed well in the basement for easy access to water, plenty of room upstairs allowed for extra visitors, and large attic and storage garrets on the side of the rear room made for convenient hiding places. The location of the house, on Highway 27 at the center of an abolitionist Quaker community, allowed the entire community to act as lookouts for the Coffins and give them plenty of warning when bounty hunters came into town.

Spaces available for use

Interior

- Visitor Center Theater seats 45

Exterior

- Grounds hold 150+

Hours

The Levi Coffin Historic Site is open:

- **June–August** Tuesday–Saturday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- **September–October** Saturday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed on Sundays and Mondays. Closed November through May.

Groups of 10 or more may call to make arrangements for other times. Times subject to change in 2017.



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