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# UNDERGROUND RAILROAD VIRTUAL LECTURE SERIES



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NETWORK TO FREEDOM

In celebration of Fort Negley Park's addition to the National Parks Service's Network To Freedom, please join us for a virtual lecture series highlighting the resistance to enslavement through escape and flight.

Sept  
9  
7 pm



Brigette Jones, Director of Equitable Partnerships  
Belle Meade Historic Site

### Chasing Destiny: An Homage to Them that Said, "No."

This lecture will celebrate the numerous forms of resistance to American chattel slavery by the enslaved through a detailed exploration of Tennessee runaway ads and the stories behind them.

Sept  
14  
7 pm



Dr. Jane Landers, Gertrude Conway Vanderbilt Professor of History  
Vanderbilt University

### The Long Tradition of Black Military Service in the Spanish Southeast

Because much of U.S. history is written from English language sources, several centuries of military service by Africans and their descendants in the Spanish Southeast are relatively unknown. Drawing on Spanish manuscript sources and archaeological discoveries, this lecture will fill in some of that missing history.

Sept  
16  
7 pm



Dr. Learotha Williams Jr., Professor of History  
Tennessee State University

### I Ain't Got Long to Stay Here: Nashville as a Gateway to Freedom

For the many African Americans entering Nashville in chains from well-established slave systems on the eastern seaboard, their arrival often preceded more difficult and violent forms of the institution further South and West. Freedom-seeking African Americans also made their way to Nashville during that period, transforming the city into a site that would become a major point of departure to the North and ultimately freedom.

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