Map #1 Sites
From the Lowell Historical Architectural Inventory at University of Massachusetts Lowell

#1 Lowell Carpet Company.
Location: 246 Market Street.
Royal and Direxa Southwick, Superintendents
Freedom Seekers Assistants
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#2 Second Universalist Church (Demolished).
Location: 207 Market Street.
Rev. Abel Thomas, (white)
Anti-Slavery Movement Supporter
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#3 The Ayer Block.
Location: 172 Middle Street.
Initial owner: Ayer (J.C.) Company.
James and Josephine Soutwick Ayer
Abolitionists
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#4 Old City Hall.
Location: 222 Merrimack Street.
Upper Hall: Anti-Slavery Fairs raising money to help Freedom Seekers.
1834 George Thompson, white, Anti-Slavery speaker.
1840s Frederick Douglass, Charles Lennox Remond, black,
Anti-Slavery speakers.
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#5 Church of the First Unitarian Society.
Location: 72 Merrimack Street, 1833-1836
Bookstore: Asa Rand, white,
1st President, Lowell Anti-Slavery Society.

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#6 Old Market House and Police Court.
Location: 40 Market Street.
1840s-1860s. Nathan Crosby, Police Court Judge, white,
Supporter Anti-Slavery Movement (Chairman, Torrey Committee),
President, Lowell Freedman’s Aid Society.

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#7 French Block (Demolished).
Location: 16 Middle Street.

#8 Ithamar Warren Beard Law Office
Location: 101 Central Street
1844-1855 Ithamar Warren Beard, lawyer
Freedom Seeker Assistant
Contributed $25 toward the $700 raised in Lowell to purchase Nathaniel Booth’s freedom.

#9 Washington House (Demolished) c. 1829
Location: 290 Central Street.
1846 Nathaniel Booth, black: Hairdresser Shop, hairdresser, Freedom Seeker, Freedom Seeker Assistant,

#10 Reed and Mansur Building.
Location: 321 Central Street.
1836-1842 John Levy, black, barber,
Freedom Seeker Assistant,
Assisted “Amistad Africans” by helping to raise money to go back to Africa

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#11 First United Baptist Church.
Location: 99 Church Street.
1830s-1840s Abel and Catherine Rugg Freedom Seekers Assistants.

#12 Middlesex Company (Demolished).
Initial owners: Investors.
Location: 50 Warren Street.
One investor in 1851: Benjamin F. Butler, Freedom Seekers Assistant and declared Civil War “1861 Contraband of War.”
#13 St. Paul's Methodist Church. 
35 Warren Street. Rev Thomas Thayer, white, Freedom Seekers Assistant to Amistad Africans (raising money to go back to Africa). 

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#14 Brooks (Artemas) Planing Company (Demolished). 
Location: 19 Hurd Street (Business and Home). 1834-1846 First Planing Mill in Lowell. Artemas Brooks was an abolitionist, member of the Free Soiler Party and the Torrey Committee, and Freedom Seekers Assistant - providing a safe-place at his home. 

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#15 Appleton Block (Demolished) 

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#16 Spaulding Row. 

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#17 **Coburn Block.**
Initial owner: Josiah Colburn.
Location: 24-28 Merrimack Street.
1851-1853 **Peter B. Lew**, black, Hairdresser Shop, hairdresser,
Father’s Home, Mt. Hope Street, safe-place on the Underground Railroad.

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