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## 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.

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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](#).

1841-1868 “Vox Populi” Office, editor **Harriot F. Curtis** (1844) Founded  
1841 by **Benjamin F. Butler** and others, “embarked in a sensational  
enterprise combining journalism, politics and reform.”

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Inventory [Report](#), and  
[Twirling Jennies: A  
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Dance in the City of  
Spindles. A Tale of  
Two Ballrooms](#)

### #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.

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### #9 **Washington House (Demolished) c.1829**

Location: [290 Central Street](#).

1846 **Nathaniel Booth, black: Hairdresser Shop, hairdresser,  
Freedom Seeker, Freedom Seeker Assistant,**

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### #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.**

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### **#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.”

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### #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)**

Location: [174 Central Street](#).

1842 "**True Wesleyan**" (**anti-slavery**) **Office**, publisher Rev. Orange Scott  
1844-1851.

"**Lowell Offering**" and "**New England Offering**" **Office**, editor Harriet  
Farley (Torrey Committee) 1849-1853.

"**Lowell American**" **Office**, editor **William Stevens Robinson** (wife:  
Harriet Hanson), one of the most **radical anti-slavery journalists in**  
**Massachusetts.** .

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### #16 **Spaulding Row.**

Initial owner: Sidney Spaulding.

Location: Central Street opposite Market Street.

1834 **Sidney Spaulding**, supporter of the Abolitionist Movement, organizer  
Free Soiler Party.

**Lowell Female Anti-Slavery Society Office**, founder **Direxa (Claflin)**  
**Southwick** and Secretary **Sarah Clay**.

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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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