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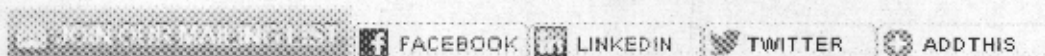
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**Fun Fact about the Syracuse area ...did you know...**

...that the Jerry Rescue (October 1, 1851) was a daring, public rescue of a fugitive slave named William Henry, a 40 year old cooper from Missouri who called himself Jerry. He had been arrested in Syracuse the same day as the anti-slavery Liberty Party held its national convention here. The arrest was considered a message that the locally unpopular law would be seriously enforced by federal authorities. When word spread of his arrest, several hundred abolitionists broke into the city jail and freed Jerry. For several days after the rescue, Jerry was hidden in Syracuse until he was taken to Mexico, NY then onto Oswego where he was able to cross Lake Ontario and make his way to freedom in Canada. Over two dozen of his rescuers were tried for their actions but only one was convicted and several were forced to flee to Canada as well to avoid prosecution. Located in Clinton Square in downtown Syracuse, there is a monument dedicated to the Jerry Rescue. At the Onondaga Historical Association Museum downtown, there is an outstanding exhibit dedicated to the Underground Railroad.

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