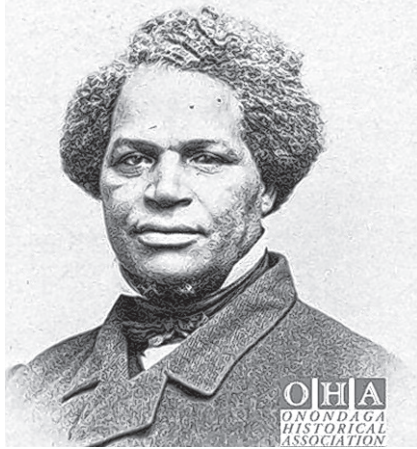


LOCAL HISTORY

From slave to abolitionist in Syracuse

Each week, the Onondaga Historical Association looks back at important events:



Jermain Loguen was an active abolitionist in Syracuse during the mid 1800s. (OHA photo)

143 Years Ago: On Sept. 30, 1872, the Rev. Jermain Wesley Loguen died. Born into slavery in Tennessee in 1814, he escaped in 1834 by stealing a horse and traveling north. Loguen eventually settled in Syracuse, where he became a school teacher and a clergyman. He married Caroline Storum and they had six children. Their daughter Amelia would marry Lewis Douglass, son of famed orator and abolitionist Frederick Douglass, and another daughter, Sarah, would be one of the first African-American women to become a licensed medical practitioner. As active abolitionists, the Loguen home became a busy station on the Underground Railroad. Jermain played a prominent role in organizing the rescue of William "Jerry" Henry in 1850. Loguen is buried in Oakwood Cemetery.

— Dan Connors



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