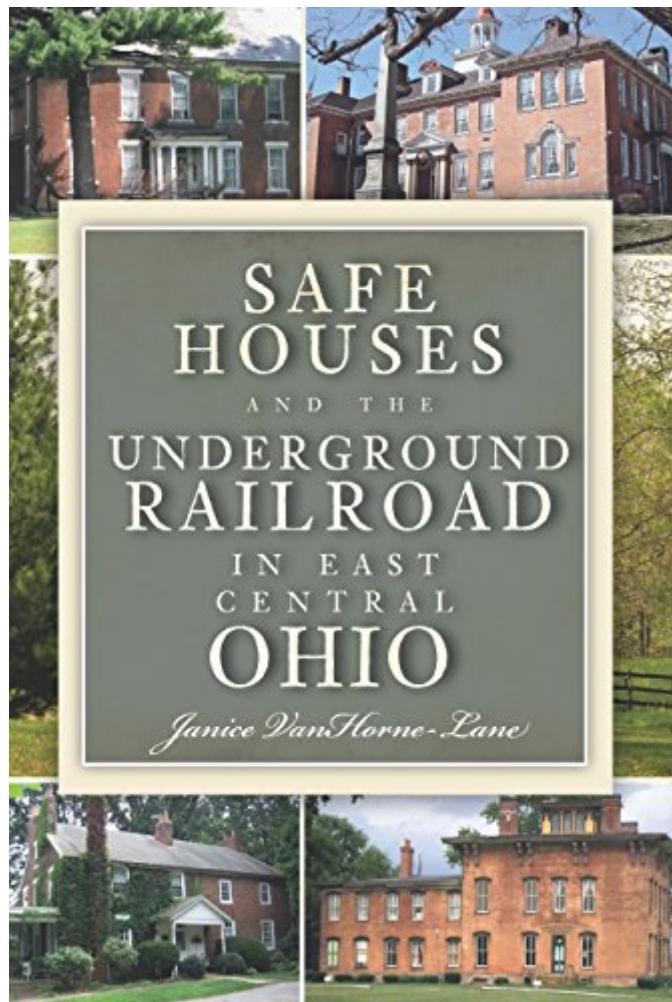


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# Safe Houses And The Underground Railroad In East Central Ohio



## **Synopsis**

For slaves fleeing captivity, the Underground Railroad was the most viable means of escape, and with over three thousand miles of clandestine routes and secret trails, Ohio had the country's most extensive network of safe houses. A great number of these passageways were concentrated throughout the state's east central region, particularly the inland channels of Coshocton, Holmes and Guernsey Counties and the now-famous canal route, a major conduit winding through Tuscarawas and Stark Counties. Similarly, runaways sought refuge in the hills and valleys of Harrison County, as well as in the Quaker stronghold of Columbiana County. Using the letters of Wilbur H. Seibert, along with contemporary photographs of area safe houses, Janice VanHorne-Lane provides an intimate account of east central Ohio's profound contributions to the Underground Railroad and its mission, freedom for all.

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Janice VanHorne Lane takes her readers into the safehouses along the Underground Railroad of east central Ohio. Vanhorne Lane is able to transport the reader through the tunnels, into wells and other hiding places used in the Underground Railroad. The reader can share the fear, anticipation

and hope of those searching for freedom. This is a must read for history buffs.

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