

Advance Publicity for “Joshua Glover – Escaped Slave and Etobicoke Pioneer”

Joshua Glover was born a slave in the American South. Sold in St. Louis, Missouri in 1850, he escaped and lived as a free man in Wisconsin for two years. When his former owner tried to reclaim him, a riot ensued as Abolitionists partially demolished a jail to free him. Joshua Glover then rode the Underground Railroad to a new life in Canada, establishing himself in the Township of Etobicoke. He worked for farmer Thomas Montgomery at Montgomery’s Inn and would marry twice. This is an account of slavery and the Abolitionist movement in the United States, the Underground Railroad and the life of a Black man in Etobicoke in the 1800s. Finally, we’ll look at how Joshua Glover has been remembered both in the United States and in Canada.

Richard Jordan is a former President of the Etobicoke Historical Society and a former **Toronto Star** local history columnist. His feature articles on historical subjects have also appeared in the **Saturday Star** and the **Sunday Star**. He says, “Joshua Glover lived a remarkable life that was full of adversity and adventure. It makes an exciting story, but it also informs us about ourselves, our society and how the past has shaped our present.”

The photos below show Joshua Glover and a new statue by Rexdale artist Quentin VerCetty erected in Joshua Glover Park in Lambton Mills by the Etobicoke Historical Society, honouring a true Etobicoke pioneer.

