

The Friends of Hopewell Furnace



The African-American Settlement of Six Penny Creek: Charcoal, Iron, and the Underground Railroad

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When: Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 2pm

Where: Hopewell Furnace Visitor Center Theatre
2 Mark Bird Lane, Elverson, PA 19520

Free

The small, rural Black community, now known as Six Penny Creek, located near Hopewell Furnace, Berks County, Pennsylvania was an important location on the Underground Railroad. The community worked the surrounding land for the production of charcoal to fuel the iron furnace, to aid and abet the movement and hiding of people escaping slavery in the south and to ensure the survival of their community. Come hear and see how recent archaeological research adds to our understanding of the role of the Underground Railroad and the charcoal lands at Six Penny Creek.



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