

JAMES L SMITH'S JOURNEY

through the underground railroad

Before the Civil War,

the Underground Railroad allowed many Americans of African descent to escape from slavery. Men and women, both black and white worked together to assist fugitives to become free of slavery. One of these fugitives was James Lindsey Smith. He was able to flee from Virginia to find a new life in Connecticut.



ABOVE IS THE
ROUTE SMITH
TRAVELED ON.

- 1 Smith was born on a plantation in Northern Neck, Virginia.
 - 2 Smith was sold to an owner in Heathsville, Virginia.
 - 3 Smith rejoined his friends in Newcastle, Delaware.
 - 4 Smith met an abolitionist in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
 - 5 Smith got on a steamboat to New York with a letter addressed to David Ruggles.
 - 6 Smith learned shoe making in Hartford, Connecticut
 - 7 Smith recieved an education in Springfield, Massachussets
- X Smith got married and relocated to Norwich, CT