

APPENDIX G:

JOSIAH HENSON AND DAWN, ONTARIO, IMAGES/MAPS/INFORMATION

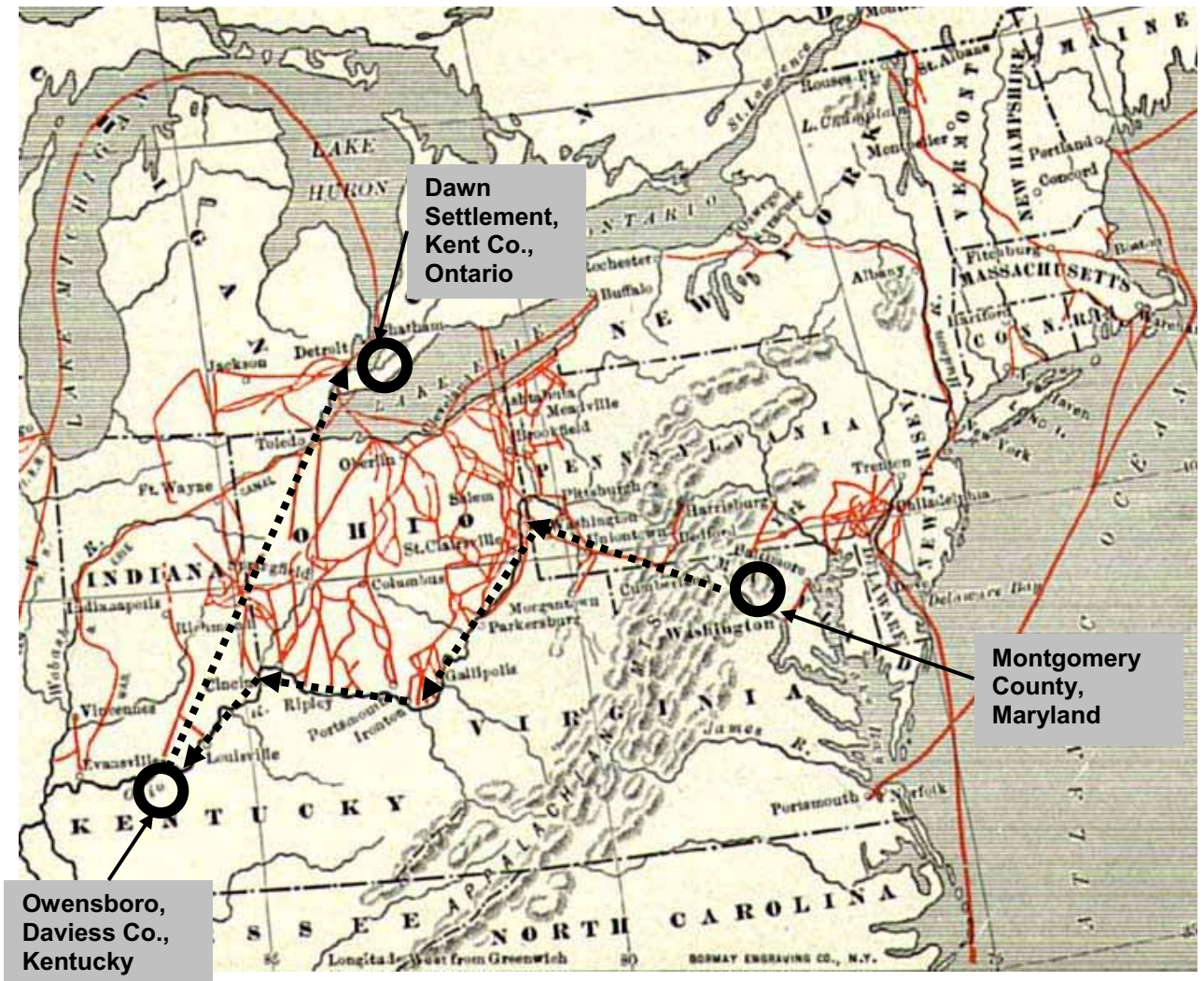
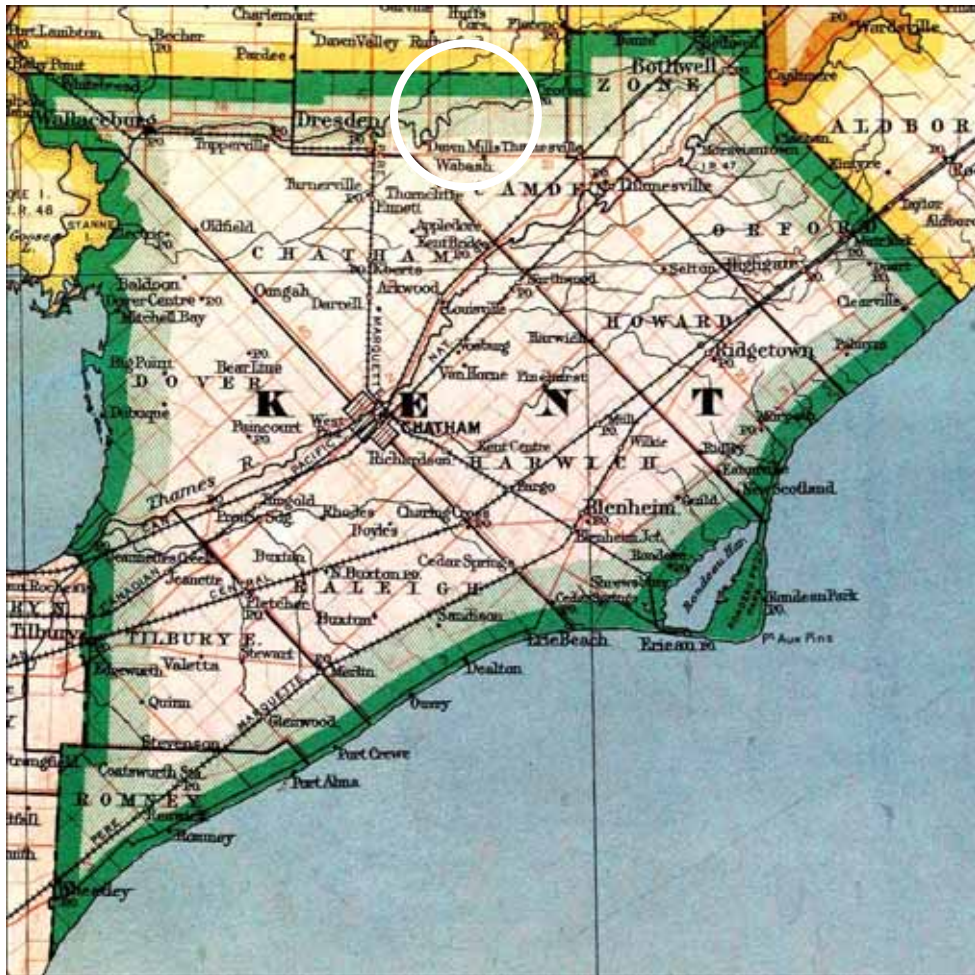


Figure 1: Wilbur H. Siebert, *Routes of the Underground Railroad, 1830-1865*, New York: The MacMillan Company, 1898 (cropped). This map, one of the most commonly used illustrations of Underground Railroad geography, provides a glimpse of the route Josiah Henson would have most likely taken to reach the Ohio River and then Kentucky, and the route he would have most likely taken north in escaping to Ontario. Location labels and dotted lines have been added over the map. The dotted lines show the most likely route from Montgomery County to the Ohio River, through Cumberland Maryland to either the river port of Brownsville Pennsylvania on the Monongahela River (a tributary of the Ohio), or Wheeling, Virginia (now West Virginia) on the Ohio. The route from Owensboro to Dawn on the Underground Railroad is less documented and difficult to know for certain. However, near the midpoint of the straight line between the two locations is Fountain City, Indiana, a major center of Underground Railroad activity.

On the map to the right (Mapquest) the star marks the location of Dresden, Kent County, Ontario. The Dawn Settlement was at the eastern edge of the area covered by the star. On the historic map of Kent County (below), the circle indicates the location of the village of Dawn Mills and the vicinity of the Dawn Settlement. The township immediately to the north of the circle, in Lambton County, is named Dawn Township, and it contains a village known as Dawn Valley. However, all accounts of the Dawn Settlement refer to the settlement as being in Kent County, apparently centered at Dawn Mills. Dresden, Ontario is just outside the circle, to the west. Dresden was an independent town for many years, but was its government was recently consolidated with that of Kent County. It has a population of 2,700.



Mapquest map, with location of Dresden, Ontario marked as "A."
<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Dresden&state=ON>



Map of County of Kent, Ontario (Toronto: C. Tarling & Co., Map Mounters and Publishers, ca.1940-1951).

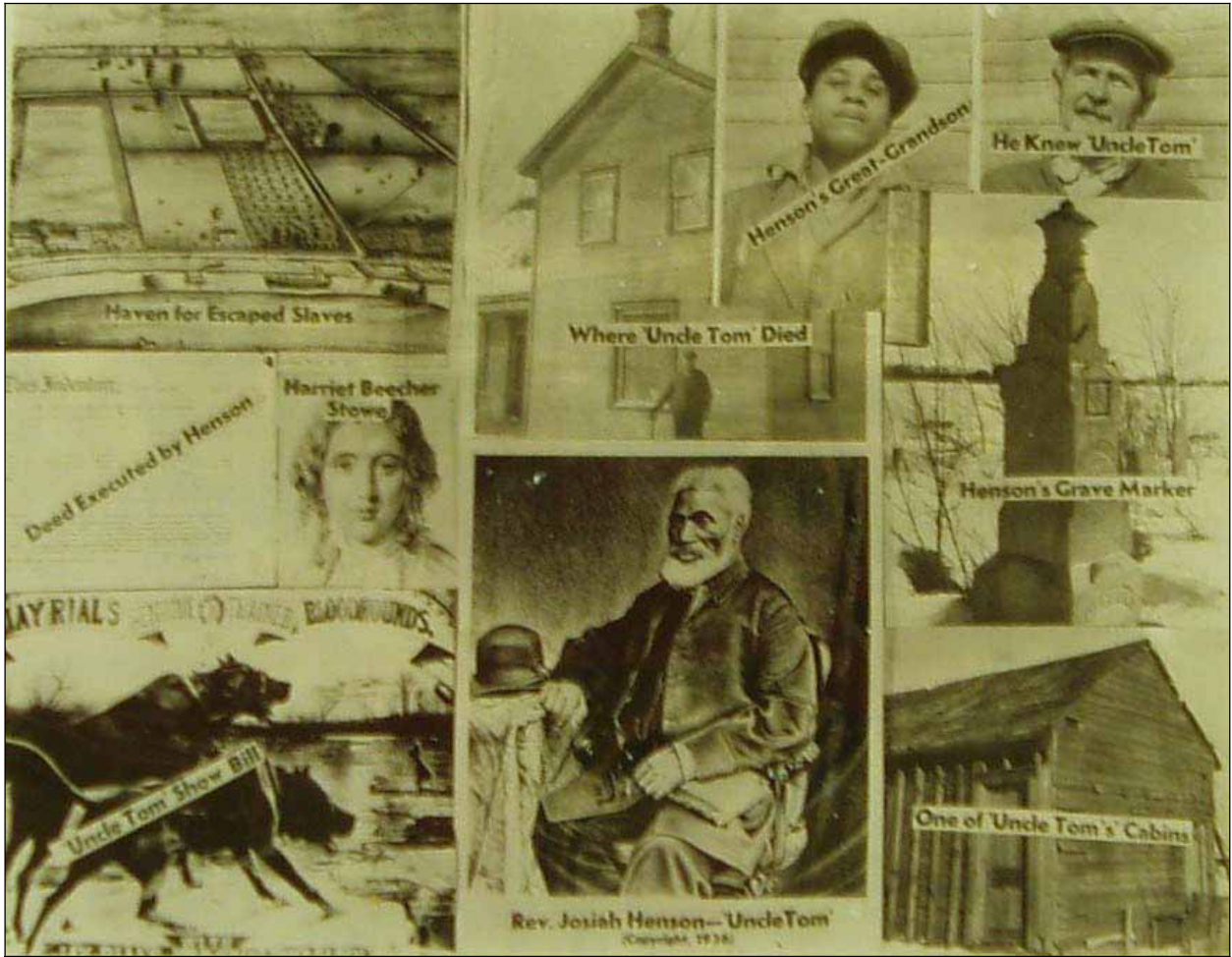


Figure 2: Image collage depicting the Henson story as it relates to the Dawn Settlement in Ontario, entitled: Henson, Rev. Josiah, "Uncle Tom." Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress. Possibly published as a postcard or handbill; a handwritten note in Library of Congress file says: Copyright 1936, Carl J. Ayers.