

LEBANON COUNTY

African American

HERITAGE TRAIL

"Like many communities around the country and Commonwealth, we are only beginning to discover the little-known stories that, woven together, form the tapestry of our common heritage as Americans."

-Tony Fields
President
Lebanon County NAACP



CORNWALL ORE MINE - 1885

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Our country's history is woven with stories of triumph, struggle, and bravery. Walk in the footsteps of freedom seekers and pioneers of the American spirit. Discover the stories of people and places that helped shape our region.

We welcome you to visit these notable historical sites in the Lebanon Valley, some of which can be traced to the 1700s.

1 GOVERNOR DICK PARK
Beautiful trails and an observation tower aren't all you can find at Governor Dick Park. Discover the rich history behind this outdoor destination and learn about the onetime enslaved collier who liberated himself in 1796, after whom this park was named.
3283 Pinch Rd., Mt. Gretna, PA, 17064 • parkatgovernordick.org

2 CORNWALL IRON FURNACE
As one of the most productive iron sources in the United States during the 1700s, the Cornwall Iron Furnace and Cornwall Ore Mine relied heavily on the labor of African Americans. Initially working as enslaved people and later as paid employees, African Americans in Cornwall became part of a diverse community that still shines today.
94 Rexmont Rd., Cornwall, PA 17016 • cornwallironfurnace.org

3 ST. JOHN A.M.E. CHURCH
A member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, St. John is Lebanon City's oldest African American church. Find out more about the "Umbrella Man" who helped bring this landmark church into being over 100 years ago.
1244 Walnut St., Lebanon, PA, 17042

4 LEBANON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Since 1898, the Lebanon County Historical Society has been collecting, presenting, and preserving the history of all those that have called Lebanon County "home." From ledgers of enslaved workers to local school yearbooks, the Society holds key elements to the unique stories of African Americans in the Lebanon community.
924 Cumberland St., Lebanon, PA 17042 • lebanoncountyhistory.org

5 LIGHT'S FORT
The oldest remaining building in Lebanon City, Light's Fort has taken on many different roles since its construction in 1742, even serving as the host site for some of the city's first A.M.E. services. Take a step back in time and discover the part this building has played in the struggle of African Americans in Lebanon's history.
660 N. 11th St., Lebanon, PA 17042

6 INDIANTOWN GAP NATIONAL CEMETERY
Prominently sited on the southern boundary of Fort Indiantown Gap, an active National Guard Training Center, this United States National Cemetery is home to three African American veterans who served in the Civil War. Initially buried in a forgotten cemetery, these veterans were honored and laid to rest at the Gap in 2016. The Fort Indiantown Gap was also once the location of the Transportation Corps Unit Training Center, where many African American men were trained to work as stevedores, loading and unloading ship cargo for the Allies in World War II.
60 Indiantown Gap Rd., Annville, PA 17003

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