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not "Harriet Tubman"

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Gary, Aaron

From: Nowlan, Andrew
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2003 10:33 AM
To: Gary, Aaron
Subject: lrb 0802/AB 32

"Sherman Booth Memorial Highway" in recognition and appreciation of the life of Sherman Booth, a leader in the movement to abolish slavery in the 19th century who, as one of the first members of the "Free Soil Party" in Wisconsin, was instrumental in the liberation of Joshua Glover, a fugitive slave.

Aaron, do you think that is sufficient?

Andrew Nowlan
Research Assistant
Office of Rep. Garey Bies

The Activists

The Republicans

Sherman Booth - a Wisconsin Radical

Sherman Booth was an abolitionist originally from New York who moved here only a few days before Wisconsin was issued statehood. He quickly became editor of the "Milwaukee Free Democrat" and one of the first Free Soilers of Wisconsin. The Free Soil Party was created to oppose the wish of the Democrats to extend slavery to newly created territories. The Free Soilers felt that any new state should be free for anyone to inhabit and without fear of being made a slave. The Free Soilers also wished to overturn the Fugitive Slave Law, which made illegal the act of sheltering a runaway slave.

The most famous Wisconsin case of the breaking of the Fugitive Slave Law was on the evening of March 10th, 1854. Joshua Glover, a runaway slave from Missouri, had been living around Racine attempting to keep a low profile. Unbeknownst to him, one of his friends had told his master of his whereabouts, and the Missouri slave owner had come to retrieve him. The federal marshal and deputies who captured him beat him senseless, shackled him, and dragged him to the county jail in Milwaukee. The citizens of Racine began to gather around the courthouse and the next afternoon, Sherman Booth held a protest meeting. He gave an inspiring anti-slavery speech, and the crowd broke down the door of the jail, freeing Glover and shipping him to Canada and his freedom.



This led the federal marshals to arrest Booth, and he was

indicted by a grand jury. He was let off by the Supreme Court of Wisconsin, but then the United States Supreme Court overturned the state court's action. Sherman Booth was sentenced with a one-month jail sentence and a fine of \$1,000. A suit was brought against Booth by the slave owner as well, fining him with \$1,000 the cost of a slave. The resulting litigation lasted over the next thirteen years, with nineteen trials and a final cost of around \$35,000.

[\[Making of the Republican party\]](#) [\[Sherman Booth - a Radical\]](#)
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ARG: *King*

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT,
TO 2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 32

*Needed by
11/21 end of day*

1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

2 ✓ 1. Page 1, line 2: delete "Harriet Tubman" and substitute "Sherman Booth".

3 ✓ 2. Page 1, line 4: delete "Harriet Tubman" and substitute "Sherman
4 Booth".

5 ✓ 3. Page 1, line 7: delete "Harriet Tubman" and substitute "Sherman Booth".

6 ✓ 4. Page 1, line 8: delete "Harriet Tubman" and substitute "Sherman Booth".

7 ✓ 5. Page 2, line 1: ~~delete the material beginning with this line and ending with~~
8 ~~line 2~~ and substitute ^{that} ", as one of the first members of the ^{se} Free Soil Party ^{se} in
9 Wisconsin, was instrumental in the liberation of Joshua Glover, a fugitive slave."
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*delete lines
1 and 2*