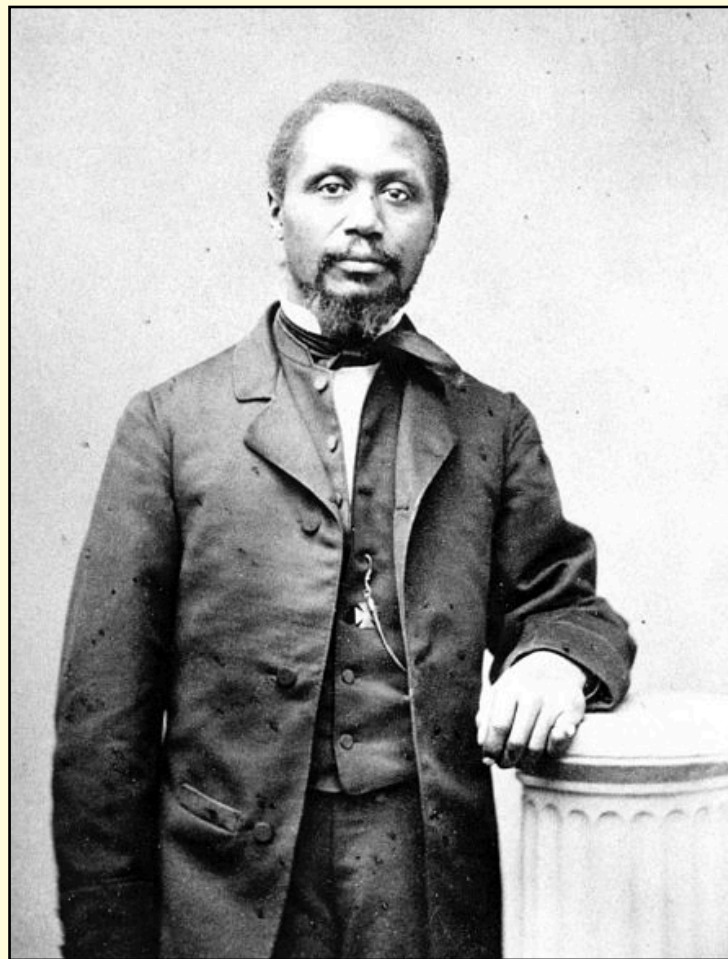


Tudor E. Grant: From Slave to Business Owner

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Use articles, city directories, and census entries to discover more about Tudor E. Grant, a fugitive slave who came to the city of Oswego and became a well-respected barber.

Note: This series of activities expanded from the work by the Oswego County Historical Society and Judith Wellman, in conjunction with the Oswego County Freedom Trail Commission, 1999.

Using Obituaries for Research:

The obituary section of a newspaper is a rich resource to find information of people who have passed long ago. From the information found in an obituary, we have the potential to learn birth dates, date of death, family names, occupation, cause of death. We may also learn about the person's life experiences and/or character. While most of today's newspapers have online access, historical groups are digitizing newspapers from long ago.

Activity: Tudor Grant's Obituary

- What can we learn from reading someone's obituary?
- Obituaries are published in newspapers. They give some information about a person who recently died.
- Tudor Grant's Obituary, The Oswego Daily Palladium, Wednesday April 12, 1876, p. 4.

Obituary:

Yesterday Tudor E. Grant, aged 75 years, died in Lyons, and to-day his remains were brought here for internment. Thirty years ago Mr. Grant was well known as any man in the village. He came here in 1832, one of the first colored men to come to Oswego, and remained here until 1863, when he moved to Prescott, Ontario. For several years he was one of the leading barbers in Oswego and had a shop in the basement of the Welland House, then the resort of the blacks of the village. Tudor was a quiet, inoffensive man, and a good citizen.

Questions:

1. Where and when did Tudor die?
2. How old was he?
3. How did the obituary describe Tudor?
4. Where was Tudor going to be buried?
5. Did we learn any other new information about Tudor Grant from his obituary?

