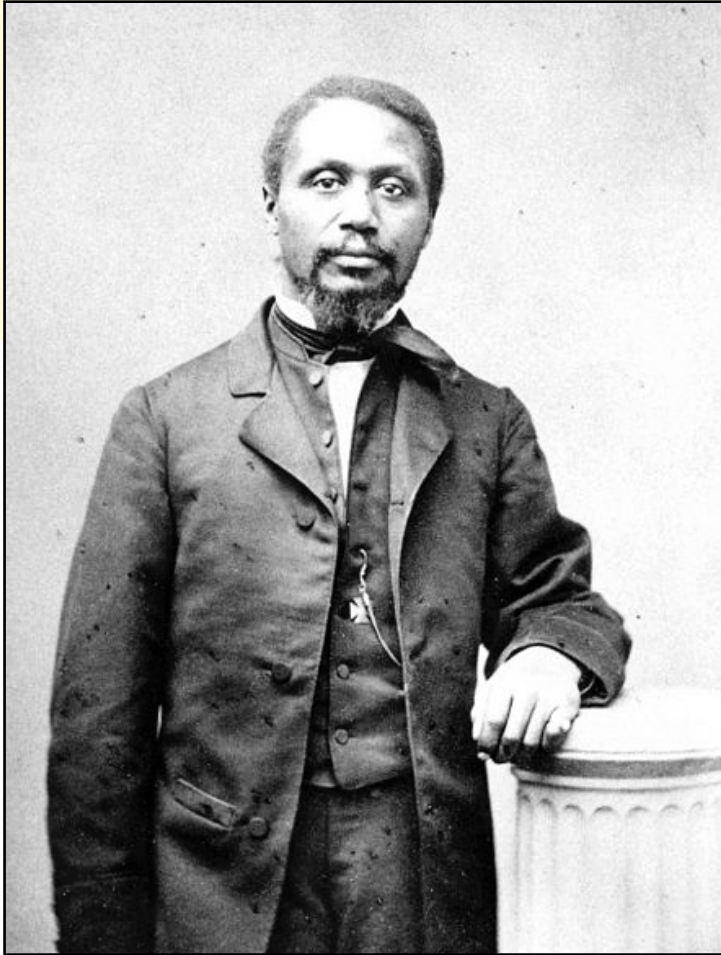


# Tudor E. Grant: Using Documents

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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 articles, city directories, census entries, and obituary information are excellent resources you can use to research a particular person, his/her family, or even a community. These resources can be found in libraries, historical societies, or in a town or county records department.

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# 1850 Census City of Oswego

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Dwelling – houses numbered in the order of visitations. (1)	Families numbered in the order of visitations. (2)	The name of every person whose usual places of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family. (3)	Age (4)	Sex (5)	Color: White, black, or mulatto (6)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Persons over 18 years of age (7)	Value of Property Owned (8)	Place of Birth. Naming the State, Territory, or Country (9)	Married within the year. (10)	Attended School within the year. (11)	Persons over 30 years of age who cannot read or write. (12)
29	43	Tudor Grant	50	M	M	Barber		Md			
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		Sophia “	12	“	“			“		/	
		? Corudia “	6	“	“			“		/	
		Geo “	3	M	“			“			
		Flora Myers	65	F	“			“			
		Frederick Williams	16	M	“	Barber		“			

# 1855 Census City of Oswego

**1. Population,** CENSUS of the Inhabitants in the 3 Ward Election District, of the City of Oswego in the County of Oswego taken by me, on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 1855.

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SCHEDULE I. — Free Inhabitants in Western City of Oregon in the County of Clatsop State of Ore.  
of Realty enumerated by me, on the 26th day of July 1880. H. B. Johnson Assessor

## 1850 Census

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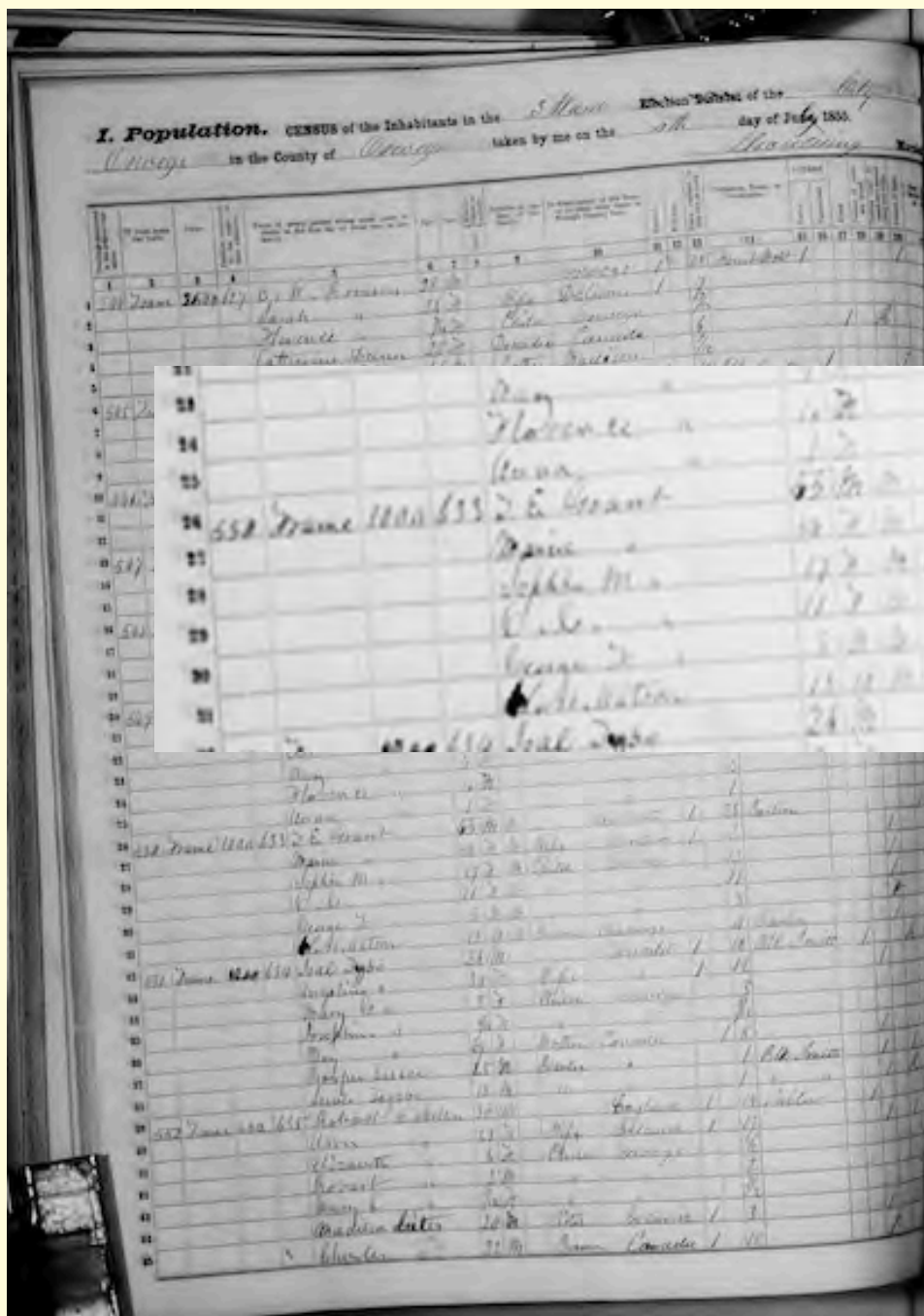
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	Mrs. Green	21 1/2	Harmon maker		
	Wendell Brown	18			
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	Lucas "	18 1/2			
	Jeffrey	18			
	Benjamin	18			
	Geo.	18 1/2			
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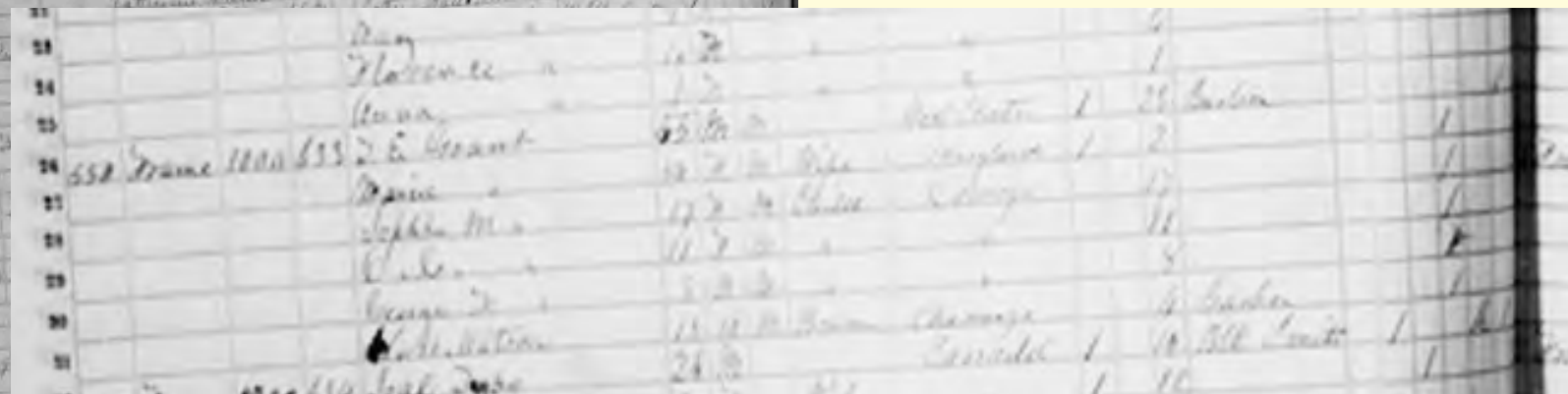
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## Oswego City Business and Residence Directory 1852-53

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Grant, Mrs. Boarding House, 66 West Seneca.  
Grant, James, Joiner, 53 West Utica.  
Grant, Benjamin, Shoemaker, 83 West First, (up stairs.)  
Grant, T. E. (colored,) Barber, 230 West First.  
Gray, Tracy, Daguerrean, over 91 East First.  
Gray, James, Ludlow Row.  
Gray, Mary A. boards at 178 West Second.  
Gray, M. Laborer, West Fifth, near Erie.  
Gray, L. Boatman, West Seneca, west of Liberty.  
Grady, John, Laborer, West Eighth, between Bridge and  
Gray, F. Laborer, 99 West Eighth. [Oneida.]  
Gray, N. (colored) Sailor, 41 West Eighth.  
Graham, J. Engineer, 20 West Third.  
Graves, A. B. Clerk, boards at 80 West Fifth.  
Green, Thomas H. Lawyer, West Seventh, near Erie.  
Greene, Robert, Sail Maker, 45 West Second.  
Greene, B. Sail Maker, boards at 45 West Second.  
Green, J. Laborer, 29 Erie.  
Green, A. Boatman, 95 West First, (up stairs.)  
Green, Captain Isaac, corner of West Seneca & Liberty.  
Green, Mrs. J. widow, boards at 56 East Bridge.  
Green, N. (colored) Sailor, West Eighth, near Cayuga.  
Griffin, L. 105 East Ninth.  
Griffin, William, Grocer, 72 Water.  
Griswold, L. Joiner, 83 East Eighth.  
Gunyeau, J. Ship Carpenter, 84 West Schuyler.  
Gwyn, H. S. Leather Dealer, 115 East First.  
Hadcock, E. Tailor, boards at Welland House.  
Halgan, Peter, Laborer, 6 West Seventh.  
Hall, William, Clerk, 20 West Cayuga.  
Hall, Mary, Domestic, 80 West Third.  
Hall, Samuel, Laborer, 106 West Mohawk.  
Hall, S. Laborer, 58 West Mohawk.  
Hall, J. Laborer, West Seventh, near Rail-Road.  
Hall, J. Mason, East First.  
Hall, John, Laborer, West Utica, near Liberty.  
Hall, Mrs. M. widow, 32 East Third.  
Hall, Rufus, Boarding House, 36 East Second.  
Hall, William, Mason, 35 East First.  
Hall, John, Cooper, East Oneida, between Ninth & Tenth.

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Goodrich, A. G. Saloon-keeper, 14 E. Bridge, h 63 E.  
Fourth.  
Goodrick, Thomas, Blacksmith, W. Seventh, n Niagara.  
Goolah, M. Tailor, 2 W. Seventh.  
Gordon, W. H. Machinist, 62 W. Second.  
Gordon, D. D. Harness-maker, 164 W. First, h 228 W.  
First.  
Gordon, Mrs. L. L. Boarding House, 62 W. Second.  
Gorey, Patrick, Laborer, 79 W. Schuyler.  
Gorey, Miss Sarah, 79 W. Schuyler.  
Gorey, Miss Mary, 79 W. Schuyler.  
Gorman, J. Mason, Ontario, n Seneca.  
Gorman, Thomas, c W. First and Niagara.  
Gorman, Richard, Laborer, W. Seventh, n Albany.  
Gorman, Francis, Engineer, foot E. Third.  
Gorman, M. Ship-carpenter, c E. Seventh and Schuyler.  
Gormlay, Isabella, Domestic, 108 W. Second.  
Gorsling D. Carman, 100 E. Ninth.  
Goss, Philip, Ship-master, 53 W. Albany.  
Gotham, P. P. 215 W. Second.  
Gould, M. Joiner, b 101 W. Second.  
Gould, Gabriel, Carpenter, b 18 W. Utica.  
Goulding, L. Lumber Merchant, 46 E. Mohawk.  
Goulding, L. E. Book-keeper, b 46 E. Mohawk.  
Grady, Patrick, Porter, Welland House.  
Grady, Ann, Domestic, 44 W. Third.  
Grady, Ellen, Domestic, 234 W. First.  
Grady, E. Laborer, W. Fifth, n Erie.  
Grady, Thomas, Carpenter, 68 Water.  
Grady, William, Laborer, W. Fifth, n Erie.  
Graham, Michael, Laborer, 72 W. Mohawk.  
Graham, William, Ship-carpenter, 94 W. Bridge.  
Graig, E. Laborer, W. Albany, n Tenth.  
Granger, S. Dock Clerk, b 31 W. Cayuga.  
Grant & Allen, Attorneys, over, 149 W. First.  
Grant, A. P. Attorney, over 149 W. First, h 106 E. Sixth.  
Grant, B. Shoemaker, over 125 W. First.  
Grant, T. E. (Colored) Barber, basement Welland House,  
h 117 W. Bridge.  
Grant, L. A. G. B. Merchant, Miller, 67 E. Mohawk.



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Goulding, William S. book-keeper, b 46 East Mohawk.  
Grace, Thomas, milk-man, 155 West Fifth.  
Grace, Mrs. Julia, widow, East Second, n Albany.  
Grady, Mrs. widow, East First, bet. Mohawk and Utica.  
Grady, Edward, laborer, Hart.  
Gragan, James, blacksmith, 57 Ontario.  
Grant & Allen, attorneys, Grant block, West Bridge.  
Graham, Henry, stone cutter, Lyons Alley.  
Grant, A. P. attorney, Grant block, h 110 East Sixth.  
Grant, L. A. G. B. merchant miller, h 67 East Mohawk.  
Grant, Peter, ship-carpenter, 10 Water.  
Grant, Mrs. John, 12 West Fifth.  
Grant, Tudor E. (colored), fancy dyer, Doolittle block, Water.  
Grant, James, joiner, 43 East Oneida.  
Grant, William, shoemaker, 27 West Seneca.  
Grant, Benjamin, shoemaker, 27 West Seneca.  
Gray, Tracy, Daguerrean, over 88 East First.  
Gray, William, chair-maker, 77 West Oneida.  
Greag, Edward, laborer, West Albany, n Railroad.  
Gregwin, Joseph, shoemaker, East Second, n Albany.  
Grewire, Edwin, shoemaker, over 119 West First.  
Grewire, Joseph, shoemaker, 3 East Seventh.  
Green, Benjamin F. Chandler, 99 and 101 Water.  
Green, Robert, sail-maker, over 99 & 101 Water, h 45 W. 2d.  
Green, Isaac M. ship-master, 62 Liberty.  
Green, William E. b 45 West Second.  
Green, Henry W. sail-maker, b 45 West Second.  
Green, Charles, ship-master, b 132 West Second.  
Green, John H. box maker, 210 West Second.  
Green, Orville, sailor, West Schuyler, n Liberty.  
Green, Nathan, colored, cook, 60 West Eighth.  
Green, Nathan R. colored, barber, b 60 West Eighth.  
Green, Stephen, laborer, East Second, n Albany.  
Green, Mrs. Sarah, widow, 51 East Oneida.  
Greenfield, George, sailor, 28 Liberty.  
Greenway, Charles, sailor, b East First, bet. Mohawk and Utica.

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Goss Philip J, ship master, h 120 W Bridge  
Goulding Loren, h 46 E Mohawk  
Goulding Loren R, Sec'y Savings Bank, bds 46 E Mohawk  
Goulding William S, clerk, bds 46 E Mohawk  
Gordon Mrs M, boarding house, 63 W Second  
Gowan Thomas, ship carp, bds e s E Seventh bet Seneca and Schuyler  
Grady Edward, lab, h Hart or Ellen  
Grady Mrs Mary, h 185 E First  
Grady Owen, lab, h W Erie nr R R  
Gragin James, blacksmith, h 53 Ontario  
Graham James H, stone cutter, h w s Lynes al bet E Cayuga and Seneca  
Graham Robert, engineer, h e s E Eleventh bet Mercer and the Lake  
Grant Abraham P, (G & Allen) h E Sixth bet Mohawk and Utica  
Grant Benjamin, shoemaker, h 53 W Second  
Grant Edwin F, printer, bds 100 W First  
Grant James, carp, h E Oneida bet Fourth and Fifth  
Grant Mrs John, h 12 W Fifth  
Grant L. A. G. B, propr Ontario Mills, Varick Canal, h 67 E Mohawk  
Grant Peter, ship carp, h 8 Front  
Grant Tudor E, (col'd) barber, 166 Water, h same  
Grant William, shoemaker, bds 63 W Second  
GRANT & ALLEN, (Abraham P G, Edwin A) lawyers, 3 and 4 Grant Bk  
Gray John, lab, W Ninth bet Mohawk and Erie  
GRAY TRACY, artist, 11 E Bridge, h 88 E First  
Gray William, chair maker, h 77 W Oneida  
Green Caleb, (G & Son) h 18 W Cayuga  
Green Isaac M, (J B Rogers & Co) h 62 Liberty  
Green Isaac M, ship master, bds W Second cor Niagara  
Green Nathan, (col'd) cook, h 60 W Eighth  
Green Nathan R, (col'd) barber, bds 75 W Fourth  
Green Orville W, ship master, h 62 Liberty  
Green William S, (G & Son) res Fulton  
Green & Son, (William S and Caleb) dyers, 16 W Cayuga  
Greene Benjamin F, sail maker, h 85 W Cayuga  
Greene H, sail maker, bds 45 W Second  
Greene John, box maker, h 210 W Second  
GREENE ROBERT, sail maker, 99 and 101 Water, h 45 W Second  
Greenfield George, sailor, h Porter  
Grogg Edward, lab, h W Albany bet Tenth and Eleventh  
Grewire Edward, shoemaker, 116 W First, h 90 W Seneca  
Grewire Joseph, U S A, h w s E Eleventh bet Mitchel and Mercer  
Greise Mrs Julia, h E Second bet Scriba and Cochran  
Grief James, lab, h foot E Third  
Gridley James, painter, bds 81 W Cayuga  
Griffin Anthony, printer, Times  
Griffin Mrs Bridget, h 129 W Cayuga  
Griffin Cornelius, lab, h W Sixth bet Utica and Albany  
Griffin Daniel, carp, h E Albany bet Tenth and Eleventh  
Griffin E M, bds 62 W Second  
Griffin James, gardener, h cor W Sixth and Oneida  
Griffin Ludovic, bds s s E Ninth bet Cayuga and Seneca  
Griffin Patrick, lab, h 21 W First  
Griffin Patrick, lab, h 91 W First  
Griffin Peter, lab, h 124 W Cayuga  
Griffin Wesley J, carp, bds Murray cor Ellen

**Activity:** Reading a City Map

**Using a city map of Oswego, locate where Tudor Grant lived and worked.  
1851 Map of Oswego, NY**

1. Tudor Grant's barber shop was located near the corner of West First and Cayuga Streets for many years (1830's – 1850's). Locate the "Welland House" (hotel).
2. An 1835 advertisement for Tudor Grant's shop stated that it was located at the "Old stand at black striped pole opposite the Welland House, West Oswego". Where do you think "opposite the Welland House" would be?
3. The 1854 through 1857 Oswego City Directories list Tudor's shop address as "basement of Welland House". Then in 1857, his shop is listed at "C. West First and Bridge". What would the "C." mean? Locate the shop on the map.
4. In 1858, Tudor moved his barber shop and home to 26 West Seneca Street, between West First and West Second Streets, on the North side of the street. Locate this shop.
5. Why do you think Tudor kept changing the location of his barber shop?
6. The locations of Tudor's shops all had something in common. Can you tell what it was? Do you think he selected these locations on purpose? Why?



# Map of Oswego, NY 1851

