

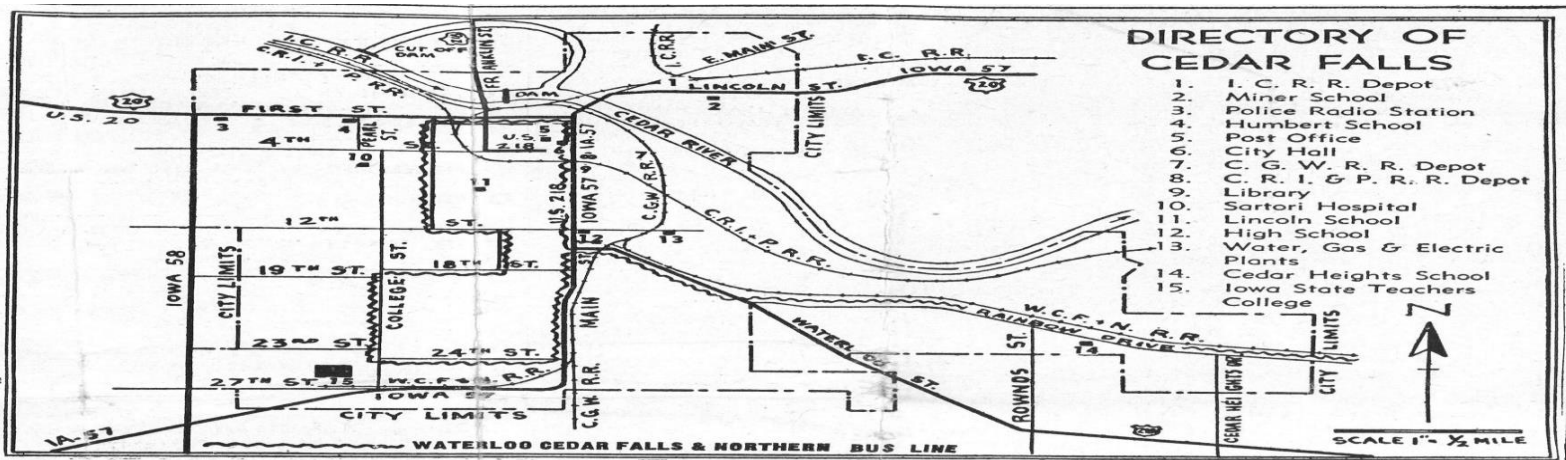
# Iowa African American Heritage Trail

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## CITY OF CEDAR FALLS AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND WALKING TOUR (ABOLITION)

# Cedar Falls Train Depot

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### Rise of the Abolitionist Movement in the Cedar Valley

Shirley Merner, who formerly operated a restaurant in the Cedar Falls train depot told of finding a tunnel during a 1970s renovation. It ran beneath the depot, extending to a building across the street. There is speculation among local historians the depot was perhaps the northernmost point of the Underground Railroad during the Civil War. The depot is at the south end of the downtown area, just across First Street to the north, are two of the most distinctive structures making up the identity of downtown Cedar Falls.