HAMILTON AVENUE – ROAD TO FREEDOM

1. Hall of Free Discussion site – The Hall was so named by James Ludlow, son of Israel Ludlow (a Hamilton County abolitionist). The Hall was a meeting place for local abolitionists and their activities have been described in multiple books and articles about the Underground Railroad.

2. Aiken House – Built originally as a community meeting house, the building is now a private residence.

3. Virginia Van Zandt Cottage – The Virginia Van Zandt Cottage is a private residence. It is located at 7545 Aiken House Road. It is the former residence of Virginia Van Zandt, a prominent abolitionist and a key player in the Underground Railroad.

4. Spring Grove Cemetery – Here are buried the noted doctors, Salmon Portland Chase, and James D. van Buren. Chase was an abolitionist and a key player in the Underground Railroad. Van Buren was the son of Thomas Jefferson and a prominent abolitionist in his own right.

5. Hamilton Avenue – Road to Freedom – The current residents of Hamilton Avenue have dedicated many items not produced by former slaves to the current residents of the neighborhood. These items include small, wooden cottages which were built for the black Freedmens. These cottages were named after the individuals who helped escape slaves.

6. Tony's Tobacco – The Thaxtun's Tobacco stands at the entrance to the Cotter building. This building is a private residence and was once a tobacco shop.

7. Jonathan Cable – The Jonathan Cable house was built in 1849. It is located at 3041 Hamilton Ave. (Private Residence). The brick house was built by Jonathan Cable, an abolitionist and one of the founders of the Cincinnati Christian Church. The house is now a private residence.

8. C. W. Van Buren – The C. W. Van Buren house is located at 3550 Harrison Ave. (Private Residence). It is a private residence and was once a tobacco shop.

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11. Nathanial Cary Cottage – The Nathanial Cary Cottage is a private residence and was once a tobacco shop.

12. Daniel Franklin site – Located at 3822 Belmont. The Daniel Franklin site is a private residence and was once a tobacco shop.

13. Jonathan Cable – A Pennsylvania minister, his family once lived north of 6111 Belmont Ave. The Cable house was built by Jonathan Cable, an abolitionist and a key player in the Underground Railroad.

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