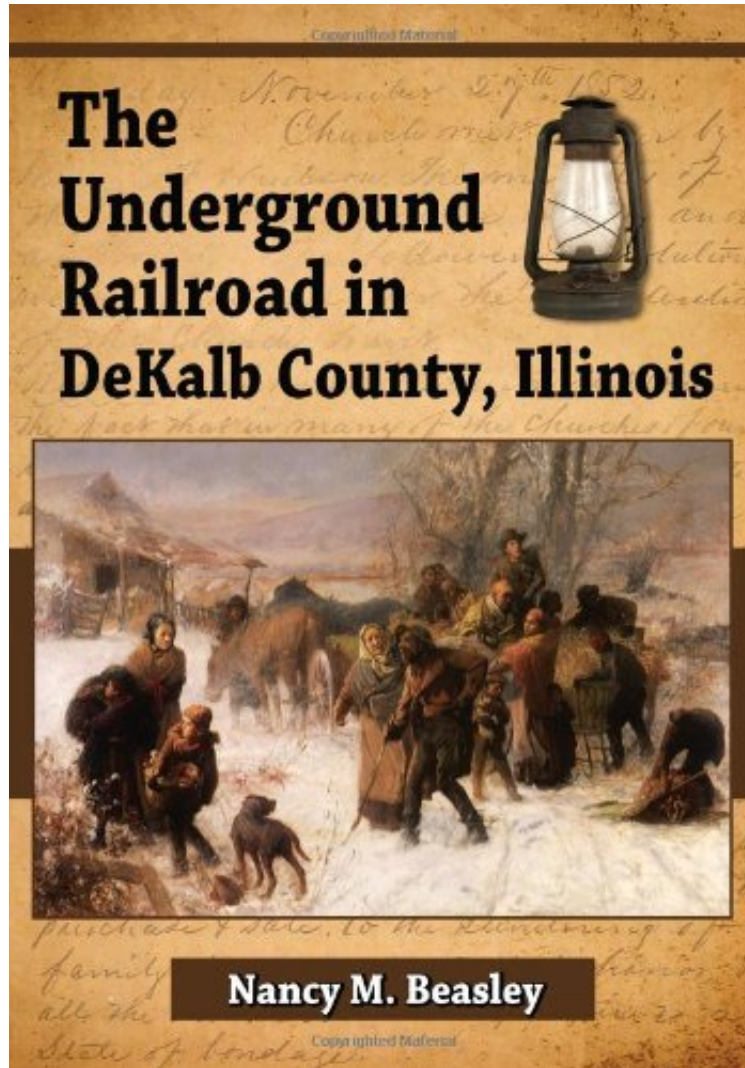


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. An excellent narrative teller of local history! By Dennis G Johnson I read the first few pages of this book online and I was hooked. Nancy Beasley is an excellent narrative storyteller of the people, organizations and especially the churches who were involved in the Underground Railroad in DeKalb County, Illinois. Her research reveals previously hidden stories. These are stories of everyday people and churches, beginning in the 1840s, who stepped up and demonstrated their faith through courageous action. They saw and debated slavery in terms of the compassion of the Christian gospel. You see people who risked their lives, jobs and reputations. It is

fitting that Mrs. Beasley's detailed research gives credit to these previously "hidden histories." I was very pleased to read of the courage of my predecessor churches, First Congregational and the Universalist Church of Sycamore. (I am the pastor of Federated Church of Sycamore, Il., a combination of both congregations) At a time when churches continue to be divided or punished for stepping up into areas of justice, these stories reveal our roots that can allow us to bloom with pride. She is in the league of Doris Kearns Goodwin or David McCullough.² of 2 people found the following review helpful. An exceptionally accurate account of the families involved in DeKalb's Underground Railroad By Rebecca Bennett Trichell Mrs. Beasley brought to light the single-minded dedication and heartfelt desire of a group of people to help those they saw enslaved. Although they were newly come to DeKalb from their homes in the East and undergoing the hardships they must face themselves, they gave themselves to be their brother's keepers. This was their Christian duty and they did not fail to perform. Their zeal put them in the same dangers as the captives they organized themselves to help. Mrs. Beasley has given these families the recognition they deserve and has given all of us a picture of history that we know little about.¹ of 1 people found the following review helpful. The Effect of Religion on Northern Abolitionists By Toni Liston A complete and comprehensive review of the abolitionist and religious culture in DeKalb County and the city of Sycamore in particular. I was surprised to see I knew several descendants of many individuals profiled.

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