

HARRIET TUBMAN, ONCE FAMOUS NEGRESS, DEAD

Led More Than 300 Slaves to Freedom
—Spy and Nurse in Civil War.

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NEW YORK—Harriet Tubman, once a slave, described by her biographer as "the Moses of her people," died recently at the Harriet Tubman Home for Aged Negroes at Apburn, N. Y. She was regarded by many as one of the most remarkable women of this continent. As nearly as she herself could tell she was between ninety-five and one hundred years old. Pneumonia was the cause of her death.

She was written about and held in high esteem by such persons as Ralph Waldo Emerson, William Lloyd Garrison, Horace Mann, Frederick Douglass, Gerritt Smith and Abraham Lincoln.

Knocked Overseer Down.

Of pure Ashantee blood, she was born in Dorchester county, Maryland, and at an early age gave indication of her real hatred for slavery by attacking a plantation overseer, who was on the point of whipping one of his men, and knocking him down. For this she received a blow from an iron weight which crushed her skull and left her a victim of somnolency for many years after.

Harriet Tubman was one of the originators of the underground railroad. During eight years before the war and after she had escaped from the South, she piloted more than three hundred slaves to freedom and liberty. She made more than twenty trips into the heart of Maryland and Virginia, where there were rewards amounting to more than \$40,000 for her capture dead or alive.

When the war came she gave her services as a spy for the Union army at the request of Governor Andrews, of Massachusetts, and during the four years of struggle was under fire many times and nursed the wounded in army hospitals.

Praise From John Brown.

She has been described by John Brown as "one of the bravest and best persons on the continent" and by Wendell Phillips as having done more for the loyal cause than many captains and colonels.

Mrs. Sarah H. Bradford has written a book about her called "Harriet, the Moses of Her People," and in it she has said that "She led our forces through the swamp and jungle, guided by an unseen hand." It was from the sale of this book that Harriet, known during the war as General Tubman, was able to purchase a home at Auburn, which she later gave to the Zion A. M. E. church as a home for aged and infirm Negroes.