

**William G. Pomeroy Foundation®**  
NYS Historic Marker Dedication  
Canastota, NY | Friday, Sept. 2, 2022



On behalf of the William G. Pomeroy Foundation, we send our greetings from Syracuse as you dedicate this historic marker to commemorate the 1852 national convention of the Liberty Party. We wish we could be with you for this special occasion.

At the Pomeroy Foundation, one of our main initiatives is to help people celebrate their community's history. Since 2006, when my father Bill Pomeroy established our very first marker program, we have awarded nearly 1,900 grants for roadside markers and plaques nationwide. We feel strongly that markers help educate the public, encourage pride of place, promote historic tourism and preserve history.

Canastota is part of a select group of locations from across the United States who are able to tell their community's history with Pomeroy Foundation funded roadside markers. Pomeroy markers are well-researched with primary sources reviewed by professional historians. That is what sets your marker apart and makes it the gold standard of historic markers.

The marker you dedicate today is part of our New York State Historic Marker Grant Program. In the Empire State, we also offer marker grant programs ranging from Legends & Lore and the National Register of Historic Places to our new food history program called Hungry for History. You can learn more about applying for a Pomeroy Foundation marker grant on our website: [WGPFoundation.org](http://WGPFoundation.org).

For your efforts to commemorate this historic event attended by noted abolitionists such as Frederick Douglass and Gerrit Smith, we commend you and extend our appreciation to the Town of Lenox and Village of Canastota; and all those involved with obtaining this marker. We know it will stand as a testament of your community's history for generations to come.

From all of our dedicated staff and trustees at the Pomeroy Foundation, congratulations!

Warm regards,

Deryn Pomeroy  
Trustee  
William G. Pomeroy Foundation