

Humphreys Presents on 1850 Cazenovia Convention

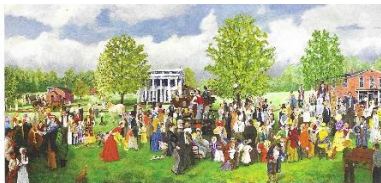
Hugh C. Humphreys returns to Cazenovia to present on the 1850 Fugitive Slave Law Convention on Saturday, August 21, 2021, the 171th anniversary – to the day - of the Cazenovia Convention. Humphreys presented in 2000 and 2010 in Cazenovia for other commemorations of the famous Convention, as well as at many programs in Central New York following his publication *“Agitate! Agitate! Agitate!” The Great Fugitive Slave Law Convention and its Rare Daguerreotype* by the Madison County Historical Society in the 1994 *Madison County Heritage*.

Humphreys reported that he “was born in 1934 in the Bronx, grew up in Ramsey NJ, attended Villanova University, served in the U.S Navy aboard a destroyer in the Atlantic fleet, worked in Syracuse, and went to Columbia Law School, after which he worked in New York City for seven years. Then, with the encouragement and support of his very close friend, the late and wonderful Peter Mitchell, he (Hugh) moved to Willow Place in Cazenovia with his family in 1968. Hugh practiced law in Hamilton NY, was a Madison County Judge, and worked for the Legal Aid Society in Utica for eighteen years before retirement in 2018. “I loved living in Cazenovia,” he added, “and I love history.”

Humphreys was an adjunct professor at Syracuse University Law School, a founding member of the National Abolition Hall of Fame and Museum, and served on its Cabinet of Freedom (governing board) for fourteen years. He has written and presented plays, poetry, paintings, and programs on Madison County and Peterboro.

The newly incorporated Cazenovia Heritage organization has arranged Humphreys’ free presentation at 2 pm Saturday, August 21 in the Cummings Theatre, 18 Lincklaen Street in Cazenovia, as part of *A Remembrance of the 1850 Fugitive Slave Law Cazenovia Convention*. The Madison County Historical Society will have copies of Humphreys publication for sale, and a guided tour of five sites associated with the Caz Convention will follow the program.

The event is in collaboration with the National Abolition Hall of Fame and Museum www.NationalAbolitionHallofFameandMuseum.org and the Gerrit Smith Estate National Historic Landmark www.gerritsmith.org. For more information: Cazenovia Heritage, P. O. Box 103 Cazenovia NY 13035 www.cazheritage.org info@cazheritage.org



Come Join the Abolitionists, A painting by Hugh C. Humphreys of an imagined anti-slavery meeting in Peterboro NY on exhibit at the National Abolition Hall of Fame and Museum, Peterboro NY.