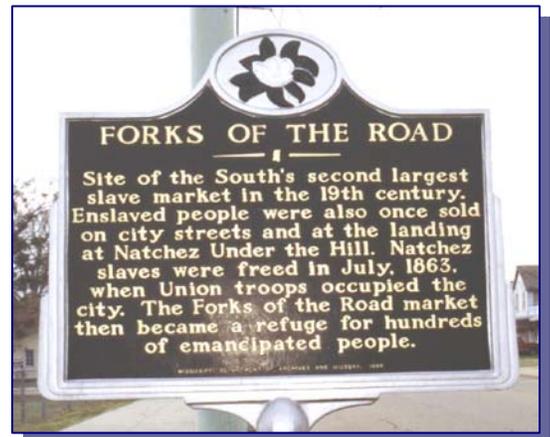




Forks of the Road Enslavement Market Terminus

**St. Catherine Street and Liberty Road
Natchez, Mississippi 39121**
4th Congressional District

Forks Juncture allows the Network to address largely untold stories of slavery and the Underground Railroad in the Deep South, and their connection to the same in the Upper Old South. The Juncture is situated in the heart of the southern Underground Railroad routes shown on Charles Blockson's map. It contained the Deep South's "2nd largest" enslavement market and was the destination terminus of major and minor enslavement dealers from Virginia, Georgia, Florida, the Carolinas, Missouri, Tennessee, and Kentucky. The Forks of the Road site is connected with Franklin/Armfield, the founder of the Alexandria and Natchez Markets, and with other dealers. Forks of the Road was also the site of an encampment of self-emancipating "Colored Troops" at Fort McPherson.



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Natchez, Mississippi: Escapes, Uprisings, and Maroons Proving Mississippi River a Major UGRR Route/Forks of the Road Enslavement Market Terminus

- Grant supported a 740-plus page research study into the Mississippi River as a route of escape and documented UGRR stories from the Old Southwest (Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Alabama, Arkansas, and Tennessee).

City: Natchez; County: Adams; State: Mississippi
Project Name: Escapes, Uprisings and Maroons Proving Mississippi River a Major UGRR Route for "Old Southwest Area Impacted by Forks Market Redistribution"
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