ASSABET MILLS, 1867. *Courtesy of Maynard Historical Society.*

Thoreau on Slavery in America

Thursday, June 12th, 2014 • 7 – 8:30PM
Maynard Public Library – 77 Nason Street, Maynard, MA

Historical interpreter **Richard Smith** will reprise Thoreau's lecture *"Slavery In Massachusetts."* Designed for all ages, this program will bring to life Thoreau's observations and concerns about slavery and social justice in a new nation.

This living history re-enactment will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the passing of the Civil Rights Act enacted on July 2nd, 1964.

This presentation will conclude with a lively Q&A with Richard Smith about how and why Thoreau's ideas and actions remains relevant today.

Author – Activist – Naturalist

Henry David Thoreau supported abolition in word and action. Henry and his family gave temporary sanctuary in their Concord home to fugitives heading north.

Thoreau wrote essays and delivered several anti-slavery public lectures including his most famous one "Slavery in Massachusetts," which he delivered at a rally in Framingham on July 4, 1854.

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