

William and Ellen Craft

In 1856 the Bath Quakers invited William and Ellen Craft, who had escaped slavery from the southern United States and then emigrated to Britain, to lecture at their meeting house. Their daring escape was widely publicized, making them among the most famous of fugitives from enslavement. [Abolitionists](#) featured them in public lectures to gain support in the struggle to end slavery. They were the authors of *Running a Thousand Miles for Freedom* (1860) and they were befriended by Harriet Martineau and Lady Byron.



Illustrated portraits of Ellen and William Craft