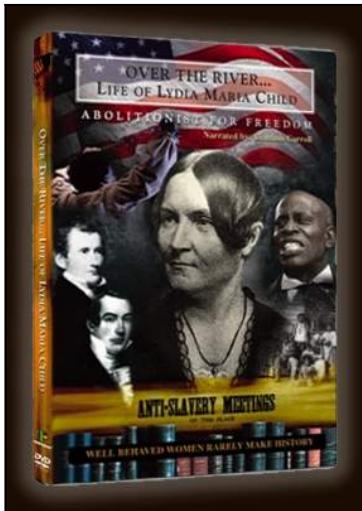


# FREE film premier features female abolitionist Lydia Maria Child



*Saturday, March  
15th, 2014, 1-3 PM*

Join the New Bedford Historical Society for the film premier of *Over the River: The Life of Lydia Maria Child, Abolitionist for Freedom* on Saturday, March 15th, 2014, 1-3 PM with an introduction by Ray Rickman, historian and expert on the writings of Lydia Maria Child.

The film will be introduced by Ray Rickman, who has collected all twenty of Lydia Maria Child's books in first edition format and is one of the leading Child experts in America. Expect an informative and lively conversation with a man who thinks everyone in America should be introduced to Lydia Maria Child. Rickman is a former president of the Rhode Island Black Heritage Society. He is also a rare book dealer, is considered a leader in the promotion of African American History and conducts general and African American tours of College Hill.

*Over the River . . . Life of Lydia Maria Child, Abolitionist for Freedom* sweeps the viewer back into the social upheaval of

19th-century America and the tumultuous life of Lydia Maria Child, a popular writer of novels, children's literature, and domestic advice whose books were burned when she entered the battle to abolish slavery with the publication of *An Appeal in Favor of That Class of Americans Called Africans*. Despite increasing hardships in her personal life, Child became one of the country's most eminent anti-slavery, Indian rights, and women's rights authors. Later, as editor of Harriet Jacobs's autobiography, *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*, Child courageously faced down public outrage for including the passages on sexual brutality. *Over the River...* rescues this important figure from obscurity, bringing her vividly to life.

Event is free and open to the public. 33 William Street, Corson Building New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, New Bedford, MA. Co-sponsored by the New Bedford Historical Society and the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park. For more information contact the New Bedford Historical Society at 508-979-8828.

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