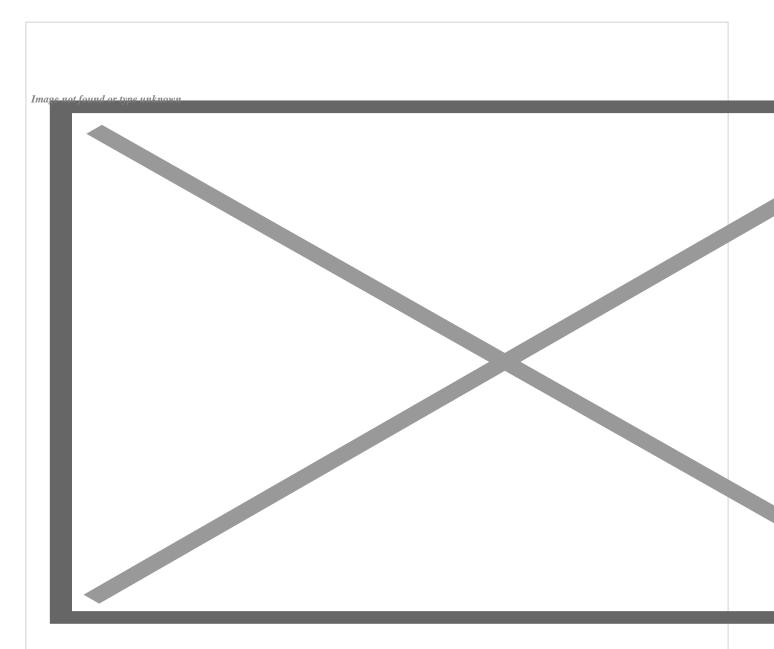
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Among the guests at ceremony were rapper Queen Latifah, who is from Newark, and Tubman's greatgreat-great-grandniece Michele Jones Galvin. Jone Galvin said: "Many call her an American heroine. In our family, we simply refer to her as 'Aunt Harriet.' She is Harriet Tubman, greatest conductor of the Underground Railroad. Aunt Harriet said: 'I reasoned this out in my mind. There was one of two things I had a right to: liberty or death. If I could not have one, I would have the other. And no man should take me alive.'"

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