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Charles De Berard and Harriet May Mills House



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Type: [Officially Marked Monument](#)

Involved: [Mills, C.D.B.](#)

Location: [1074 W Genesee St, Syracuse, NY](#)

Cause: [Abolition; Freethought / Atheism / Secular Humanism; Woman's Rights / Suffrage](#)

Social reformers Charles De Berard (C. D. B.) Mills and his wife Harriet Smith Mills moved to this house in 1852. It became an important location at which reformers for numerous causes gathered and held discussions. The house was a site on the Underground Railroad. C. D. B. Mills was an active freethinker; among other things, he was an officer of the [New York State Freethinkers Association](#), which held national conferences in [Watkins Glen](#), [Hornellsville](#), [Rochester](#), and [Syracuse](#).

The Mills' daughter Harriet May Mills became a prominent suffragist, and it is her name that historically conscious locals usually associate with this house today. When the [Dresden, New York birthplace](#) of agnostic orator [Robert Green Ingersoll](#) was first restored in 1921, Harriet May Mills was one of many prominent local people who served on an organizing committee whose members included Thomas Edison and poet Edgar Lee Masters.

See [this site](#) for more information on the Mills family and their Syracuse home.