

# "NEW PHILADELPHIA"

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New Philadelphia is a site of national importance as the first town known to be founded and platted by an African American. Platted in 1836 by Frank McWorter, a former slave, New Philadelphia thrived as a biracial community during a period of extreme racial tension – *Barack Obama, writing as U. S. Senator.*

New Philadelphia has been notably recognized: 1988 Gravesite on Natl. Register of Historic Places, National Park Service Network to Freedom, National Historic Landmark. It is in the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History and National Museum of African American History and Culture. Archaeological dig funded by the National Science Foundation.

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