

# The History of a Black Presbyterian Church

## Lombard Street Central Presbyterian & Members



Stephen Gloucester preached at the newly formed Lombard Street Central Presbyterian Church to a congregation of free and self-emancipated people, and to abolitionists.

*“Their 430 members include some of the most respectable Negro families in the city”* —W.E.B. Du Bois



- William Still, 1821-1902 (*above left*), writer, businessman, abolitionist, and conductor of the Underground Railroad.
- Christopher J. Perry, 1854-1921 (*left*), founder of *The Philadelphia Tribune*.
- Locations of Second African Presbyterian Church, burned during the Lombard Street Riots of 1842, and today's Presbyterian Historical Society (*circled below*). Lombard Street Central was near 9th Street.

