



**Henry "Box" Brown.** Henry Brown, a Virginia slave, decided that because he was considered a "white man's property" he would, in his escape attempt, travel as a piece of property. He persuaded a carpenter to build him a box lined with fabric, just long enough for Brown to sit in. Then, with a small supply of biscuits, water, and a small hand drill, he got into the box and had himself

sealed and shipped to Philadelphia. It was a long, uncomfortable trip, but the crate was eventually delivered to the Anti Slave Society 26 hours later. When the lid was pried off the box, Henry Brown stiffly rose to his feet, saying, "How do you do, gentlemen?" From that day on he was known as Henry "Box" Brown, a hero to the anti-slavery cause.