

"I CAN DIE AT MY POST,
BUT I CANNOT DESERT IT."

ELIJAH LOVEJOY'S FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

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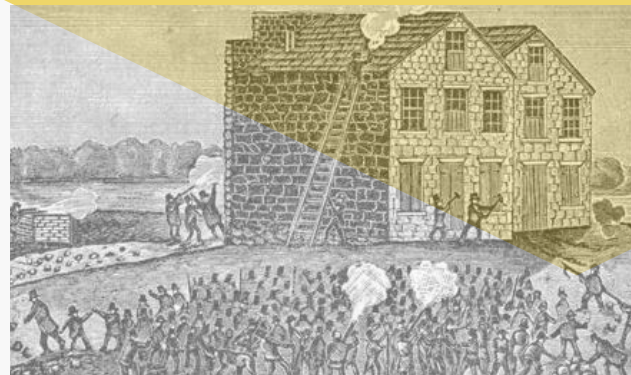
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This is the life story of a man who insisted on his constitutional right to speak freely about unpopular subjects and refused to be intimidated by those who would silence him. Just days before his murder, Elijah told a crowd, "Think not that I regret the choice I have made. While all around me is violence and tumult, all is peace within."

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