A CALL FOR THE DESCENDANTS OF USCT TROOPS FROM CAMP WILLIAM PENN 1863 TO THE HARRISBURG GRAND REVIEW, 1865

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Laying the Groundwork for the USCT: Lincoln and Emancipation

By Lenwood Sloan

In September 1862, Congress passed a law empowering states to develop training programs for Black soldiers. The law formed the foundation for the legal actions represented in the January 1, 1863 Emancipation Proclamation.

New Years Day in 1863, therefore, took on a new meaning in many African American communities. The Emancipation Proclamation gave Lincoln only the legal basis to free those enslaved in the areas of the South that were still in rebellion. The Border States: Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky, and Missouri that remained in the Union were able to retain their enslaved people and perpetuate their resistance to the civil rights for liberty, equality and fraternity.

The Emancipation Proclamation also allowed for the enrollment of those freed through the federal law into the United States military system. The formerly enslaved Frederick Douglass made the statement that still rings loud and clear today: "Once let the Black man get upon his person the brass letters 'U.S.,' let him get an eagle on his button and a musket on his shoulder and bullets in his pockets and there is no power on earth which can deny that he has earned his freedom."

On March 2, 1863, Douglass sent out this powerful message in his newspaper, The Douglass Monthly. With the headline, "Men of Color to Arms," Douglass urged Black men to support the nation's war and the crusade to end generations of slavery.

"I know that a Northern loss could mean possible re-enslavement, freemen, freedmen and freedom seekers showed dedication to their country and a commitment to the freedom of their people.

Camp William Penn and Beyond

In June of 1863 General Jubal Early was pushing his dusty regiment toward York and the Susquehanna River in an attempt to take the bridge at Wrightsville and successfully push forward to Harrisburg. The Governor turned back the regiment of USCT soldiers who had arrived from Camp William Penn and instead deployed them to Columbia to dig trenches. We'll leave it up to the military historians to decide whether they were indeed trench diggers providing and practicing military strategy. Either way, they dropped shovels and picked up muskets and fell in line to defend the Rivertowns when the Wrightsville Bridge was set afire.

In addition, to the soldiers of the USCT, literally thousands of others served as contraband militias, black smiths, tanners, barbers, surgeons' aids, cooks, horsemen, telegraphers, butchers, ditch diggers and grave diggers. Indeed, the contraband act gave the North the additional manpower that was significant in winning the war.

The Grand Review of the USCT

In May of 1865, the Union's armies were invited to a Grand Review of the Union Troops in Washington, D.C. Despite their chagallies of chains of slavery for any USCT soldier taken prisoner.

Distinguished in battle

USCT soldiers distinguished themselves at Petersburg and at Fort Wagner. The latter battle is immortalized in the award-winning film, Glory, starring Denzel Washington. The Navy during the war years. Many who records 1,175 Pennsylvanians served in the Navy during the war years. Many who fell into obscurity.

The USCT produced many flags.

The gate of Camp William Penn

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On the Cover: The photograph on the cover is representative in many ways of USCT troops at camp but many mysteries surround it. We know it was used as a Union Recruitment Poster and that it was identified at least once as a group posing at Camp William Penn. But - are those Confederate coats? Is the background seen here true to life? Has this photograph been manipulated sometime in the last 140-some years? If you know anything about this image we would appreciate details. Call 1-800-VISIT-PA with your comments.

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Camp William Penn

Cameron House at Harrisburg’s Front Street where Cameron, past secretary of war for Lincoln, and honored guests, officially reviewed the USCT troops. The event drew USCT soldiers from over 25 states and served as the only national commemorations of the 19th century to honor their service. Those brave men fell into obscurity.

It is that experience, the Grand Review of the U.S. Colored Troops, we shall reenact in November, 2010. Won't you join us in this historical event and the many other events and projects scheduled throughout the year?

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(extend my thanks, to Georg R. Sheets for his editing work on this piece to make it fit the space allotted: LS.)
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Do you recognize any of the names below? Is your ancestor listed here? Is there a name of a member of your community, congregation, club or classroom? If so, please call us at 1-800-Visit-PA and tell us your connection. If you’re a descendant, be sure to ask about our “White Carnation League” that provides communication, engagement and civic dialogues among those sharing the USCT legacy!
Hallowed Ground Conservation Sites:

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Southside
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Jersey Shore
Tidoute
Mercer’s Citizens
St. Thomas Church Cemetery
TBD
Westmorland
Lost Creek Presbyterian
Lincoln Colored Cemetery
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Union Hill
St. James Episcopal Church
Lincoln Cemetery
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Bethel AME
Zion Hill Cemetery
Lebanon Cemetery
Fawn AME
Lincoln Cemetery
Zion Union Cemetery
Mt. Vernon Cemetery
Locust Grove Cemetery
Upper Allen Township
Pottsville AME
Waverly Cemetery
Freedom Road Cemetery
Riverview Cemetery
Eastern Light Cemetery
Allegheny
Greendale Cemetery
Blairsville Cemetery
Oakdale

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Union African American Methodist
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St. James Episcopal Church
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Treemount Norristown
Eden Yardley
Union African American Methodist East Fallowfield – Chester

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Frisby has been one of the leaders in the conservation effort to bring a proper dignity back to the Cemetery and has worked with many other local people including boy scouts and girl scouts to improve the site partly as a memorial to this important chapter of history.

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Descendants’ Profiles

A Sense of History Roots A Descendant in His Community

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**MARY BRAXTON**

Harrisburg Resident Counts At Least Four USCT Ancestors

Mary Braxton has been a lifelong resident of Harrisburg and counts at least four veterans of the United States Colored Troops among her ancestors. Ms. Braxton is a graduate of John Harris High School and the Thompson Business College. She is interested in her great-great grandfather, George Hezekiah Imes, who was born October 8, 1844 in Franklin County. Ms. Braxton learned that the ancestors who fought in the battles and skirmishes of the Civil War.

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**ANTHONY TAYLOR**

Anthony Taylor, a software computer engineer living in Coatesville, feels a definite responsibility in the knowledge he carries about him as a descendant of a soldier in the United States Colored Troops. “I started out with just a little information passed on by the family,” Taylor said recently while discussing his ancestor, Solomon Butcher, “And I was able to grow from there – to add to it, and to help preserve the story and pass it on.”

Taylor is quick to credit his wife, De Laftamily Thomas Taylor, with spurring his interest in his family history and helping him to mine the resources available. His wife, a professor of history at West Chester University, is a scholar, or lead into her role in the Live and Learn program sponsored by the Bureau of Cultural Heritage Tourism, a high intensity learning seminar that combines reading, discussion and analyses with fun and recreation and travel.

Anthony Taylor’s great-great grandfather Butcher enrolled in the army at Lancaster on January 4, 1864, he learned, and served in the 25th Regiment, Company A. Born in 1844, Butcher was 20 years old when he entered the Army and after his service he lived a full life, dying on December 28, 1916. He is buried at Chestnut Grove Cemetery Annex not far from where the Taylors live presently in Chester County.

After joining his regiment Butcher’s group was split up, he notes, and eventually they arrived in Louisiana to defend Union interests from the southern troops. Eventually the men returned to Pennsylvania and he was mustered out in Philadelphia almost a year after he enrolled on December 6, 1865.

“I’ve always been interested in history. Taylor says. “I’ve always been curious, always inquired about things from people who know and I owe a great debt to my cousin who added to it, and to help preserve the story and pass it on.”

**ALISHA SANDERS**

Alisha Sanders was born in Gettysburg and grew up there developing an interest in genealogy when she was in the ninth grade. “At the time,” she said recently from her home telephone, “Gettysburg College was offering a special program with my high school and I enrolled. “And I have been bitten by the history bug ever since,” she confesses.

Ms. Sanders’ great-great grandfather William H. Matthews was a son of Edward Matthews, a known Underground Railroad operator. William lied about his age, she tells, in recalling the story of his life, and enlisted with Company I of the 127th Pennsylvania in September, 1864. It is assumed he signed up for the Army at Camp William Penn in Philadelphia. He was mustered out at Brooks Santiago, Texas on September 8, 1865.

The Matthews family lived in the Yellow Hill community near Gettysburg, Ms. Sanders said, and “we know from Edward’s pension records that he suffered from pulmonary disease.” He was with the Army of the James, she said, at Deep Bottom, Virginia, among other places. Two of his brothers, she added, Samuel and Nelson F., also served as members of USCT corps.

**DARLENE COLON**

She Lives and Breathes History of the USCT

Darlene Colon lives and breathes history. Her work hours as well as her leisure hours are filled with historical matters. She has found through her research that the stories of her family are woven into dozens of stories, coming directly into the mainstream of Pennsylvania and American history.

It was not long after the list of 100 USCT Veterans was posted, one worker noted recently, that Ms. Colon found one of her ancestors and was able to piece together his story with things she already knew about eight or nine other ancestors she had traced through records in archives and libraries and other places where she could find creditable sources.

A resident of Lancaster, Ms. Colon is a member of the Pennsylvania Past Payers, a living history group created by the Cultural and Heritage Tourism Office of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Tourism. In this group of highly-trained, professional actors Ms. Colon portrays the renowned Lydia Hamilton Smith, the “colored woman” who lived with Thaddeus Stevens (dying, incidentally with an estate of roughly a half million dollars, according to Ms. Colon. Demonstrating her ability to engage and share what she knows, she speaks about her great-great-grandfather, Abraham Quamony, as if she knew him and recites his service record with ease: A resident of Conestoga, he was born in March, 1837. He enlisted in the 24th Regiment on February 13, 1865 at Philadelphia, probably at Camp William Penn. He became a corporal and he saw service around the Virginia, Maryland and District of Columbia area.

Abraham Quamony was mustered out of the service in October, 1865. Ms. Colon’s great-great uncle, John Thompson who lived in Colerain Township, Lancaster, became a member of the 31st USCT, Company B. He enlisted in June, 1863, Ms. Colon says, and was the son of Ezekiel Thompson, one of the resistance fighters at Christians in 1861. The so-called Christiana Riots are believed by many. Ms. Colon suggested, to be one of the most important moments in history leading to the Civil War.

Irony runs through and through Ms. Colon’s stories and she is amazed sometimes at how people and things are interconnected.

In the case of her ancestor Ezekiel Thompson, for example, she learned that the lead lawyer in representing the African men against slave hunters was none other than Thaddeus Stevens, the lawyer who studied law in York, practiced in Gettysburg and set up residence in Lancaster. The same Thaddeus Stevens who championed equal rights and advocated for a public school system – at one time a school teacher, at another an iron master and another a Congressman. At his side, of course, was Lydia Hamilton Smith, known wide and far for her intelligence and style.

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The following list of USCT soldiers buried outside of Pennsylvania will be used to solicit support and response from the 20 states invited to participate in the Grand Review. CALL FOR DESCENDANTS! (16)

Thomas Hawkins, 6th USCT; buried in National Harmony Memorial Park in Prince Georges County, Maryland
Reuben J. Pralvis (or Pratiss) 43rd USCT; In 1880 he married a woman named Margaret and lived in Englewood, Bergen County, NJ
Lemuel Burton 43rd USCT; from Sussex County Delaware in 1860
Wilson Thompson 43rd USCT; in 1890 he was living in St. Michael, Madison County, Missouri
Hannibal Corrol (Carroll); died Jan. 4, 1911 and buried in Loudon Park National Cemetery in Baltimore
Sussex Broady, 43rd USCT; the 1890 Census lists him living in Cincinnati
Benjamin Vann, 24th USCT; buried at the national Military Home near Dayton, Ohio
Randolph Johnston (or Johnson) 24th; returned to 588 Preston St., Baltimore, MD with wife Eliza. Listed in the 1890 veterans schedule
Clement Baker, 22nd USCT; lived at 120 Dunlop St., Memphis, Tennessee with wife Mary Malone in 1890

Olewine Family Genealogy Workshop Series
A family history is more than just names, dates and places. It is about people—what they did, the why and the how. Your family is part of history. The genealogy workshops are made possible through a charitable donation by Benjamin Olewine III. The Olewine family’s generosity has benefitted the City of Harrisburg through funding of numerous projects that deal with improving the quality of life. Mr. Olewine’s commitment to family, and his selfless approach to helping others, will be part of Harrisburg’s rich history for generations to come.

Workshop Schedule (subject to change; additional workshops may be added)
March 14: 1 - 3 p.m. PA State Museum, Third & North Streets
March 21: 1 - 3 p.m. Kline Library, 530 South 29th Street
April 24: 1 - 3 p.m. YWCA of Greater Harrisburg, 1101 Market Street
April 27: 1 - 3 p.m. Madeline L. Olewine Memorial Library, 2410 North Third Street
May 20: 1 - 3 p.m. Neighborhood Center, 1801 North Third Street
May 27: 1 - 3 p.m. Neighborhood Center, 1801 North Third Street
June 9: 6 - 8 p.m. YWCA of Greater Harrisburg, 1101 Market Street
June 26: 1 - 3 p.m. Dauphin County Historical Society, 219 South Front Street
July 15: 1 - 3 p.m. Girl Scouts in the Heart of PA, 350 Hale Avenue
July 24: 1 - 3 p.m. Girl Scouts in the Heart of PA, 350 Hale Avenue
August 7: 1 - 3 p.m. People Place, Strawberry Square
August 12: 6 - 8 p.m. Harrisburg City Government Center, 10 North Second Street

Please contact the Institute for Cultural Partnerships at 717-238-1770 for updates

The Pennsylvania State Archives holds the regimental records of the over 215 regiments raised by the Commonwealth during the Civil War. Of these, the Muster Out Rolls are the most requested and most used records by the public. The State Archives needs funding to save 900 of the most severely deteriorated muster rolls. With funding they will be cleaned, repaired and preserved for future generations. Learn more about the preservation of the muster rolls by the Pennsylvania State Archives. And DONATE what you can to help preserve our stories, everyone’s history! For more information visit www.pamusterrrolls.org.
10 WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

CONNECTIONS!

1. Make a connection!
   Call 1-800-VisitPA and tell us your story (Now through November 30, 2010).
   You’ll receive an immediate follow up interview from one of our team called, “The torch bearers!”
   They’ll add your story to the growing body of information that will be contributed to the Pennsylvania State Archives.

2. Share your legacy!
   Beginning March 1, you’ll also be able to log onto visitpa.com/grandreview and click on “Grand Review Archives” where you’ll be able to scan photos, important documents, artifacts and other family records to share while you retain the original.

3. Spread the word!
   March 1-November 30
   Join us at savvygrousse where you can blog your friends, pass this message along, share with relatives, community, congregation and colleagues in the workplace. Beginning April 1, you’ll also be able to follow other descendants at our Martin Delaney Facebook address www.visitPA.com/grandreview or call 1-800-VISIT-PA. For more information on the cemeteries visit http://housedived.dickinson.edu/grandreview or http://pacivilwartrails.com/index.aspx and click on to Google Earth to take virtual tours of many of the cemeteries.

CONSERVATION!

4. Preserve the past!
   Donate to preserve the 97 USCT Muster Rolls, or join a conservation team and work at any one of the 41 participating hallowed ground sites. Beginning May 1, you’ll be able to take virtual tours of participating sites via the visitpa.com/grandreview site. Just log onto the “Hallowed Grounds” link. Plan to organize a “hands-on team” and join us September 1 through October 31, 2010 for conservation projects at a site near you.

5. Add your name to the list!
   Join the White Carnation Society and stay in touch with other USCT descendants.

COMMEMORATION!

6. See it for yourself!
   Grab a Civil War Passport or Quest for Freedom map and experience the 24 great heritage houses and museums that are the stewards of this legacy.

7. Get involved!
   Plan to attend the workshops, exhibits, presentations, and special events planned for November 1-7, 2010.

8. Plan a Gathering!
   Contact the Hershey-Harrisburg Convention and Visitors’ Center and plan a family reunion or gathering during the Grand Review heritage week November 1-7, 2010.

9. Make History!
   Organize a walking club in honor of a USCT soldier and join the parade on November 6, 2010!

10. Make a stand!
    Attend a “hallowed ground commemoration event” being held November 14 and 18, 2010!

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This Program is administered by the Director of Cultural and Heritage Tourism Program Department of Community & Economic Development Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

HELP US RECLAIM THIS HOLLOWED GROUND

Months before President Abraham Lincoln declared in his grand address, “It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced,” Gettysburg resident Basil Biggs had taken up the charge to bury the fallen. Today, as we have so nobly advanced, the work of honoring the fallen and preserving their resting place is still unfinished. We are assembling an army of volunteers who will conserve and often reclaim 24 gravestones of the United States Colored Troops across the Commonwealth. Can you help?

For more information about the conservation of these gravestones visit www.visitPA.com/grandreview or call 1-800-VISIT-PA. For more information on the cemeteries visit http://housedived.dickinson.edu/grandreview or http://pacivilwartrails.com/index.aspx and click on to Google Earth to take virtual tours of many of the cemeteries.

COMMEMORATE AND CELEBRATE THE VALOR: COME TO HARRISBURG NOVEMBER 4-7 FOR THE GRAND REVIEW REENACTMENT AND MANY OTHER ACTIVITIES

We are building a network of USCT descendants who will unite this November for the Pennsylvania Grand Review. Dozens of volunteers from all sections of Pennsylvania are planning to participate in this parade, and in many other activities commemorating and celebrating the valor of our ancestors. Are you a descendant of one of these brave men? Was your Civil War ancestor present at the Grand Review of the USCT in Harrisburg in 1865? If so, please call 1-800-VISIT-PA to join this network and carry on the important tasks of remembering and honoring our veterans of the War.

For more information about the Grand Review Days, Nov. 4-7, 2010 in Harrisburg, go to www.visitPA.com/grandreview , or call 1-800-VISIT-PA.

EMLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: AFRICAN AMERICAN MEN FROM AGE 18 TO 30

The Project to recognize the USCT is looking for African American men from age 18 to 30. If you fit this description and you are seeking part time employment opportunities in journalism and communications, recreation, education and community development, hospitality and tourism, museum studies and docent services, we would like to get to know you. Please contact the Institute for Cultural Partnerships to express your interest.

This is an exciting opportunity for the right individuals and contains many learning opportunities and wonderful experiences, while being paid for time and talent. The audition and recruitment for the project is being co-sponsored by the State Universities including Cheney, Kutztown, Millersville, Shippensburg, Mayfield, Indiana and Slippery Rock.

Applicants will be asked to first submit an essay and those selected will be invited to an audition in April on one of the participating campuses. Millersville will host an audition workshop and orientation on May 12 and retreats will be scheduled at Penn State June 26 and 27. The program offers performance stipends, travel, lodging, wardrobe and materials expenses and offers continuing education units.

Are you one of the individuals we’re looking for? If you believe you are, please call to express your interest in the USCT 100 Voices!
ONE PART OF AMERICA SPLIT APART,
ANOTHER DECIDED TO COME TOGETHER.

African American patriots are calling you. Answer their call with a call to 1-800-VISIT-PA and tell us your story.

Plan your family reunion or gathering in Pennsylvania’s Dutch Country Roads this fall.

Symposiums, book talks, re-enactments, history fair, special exhibits, period ball and more!
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