



HAMPTON 2019 COMMEMORATIVE COMMISSION

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THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST LANDING OF
ENSLAVED AFRICANS IN ENGLISH OCCUPIED NORTH
AMERICA AT POINT COMFORT



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OUR MISSION IS TO IMPLEMENT A PLAN TO COMMEMORATE THE 1619
LANDING OF AFRICANS TO ENGLISH NORTH AMERICA

OUR VISION IS INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF ENSLAVED
AFRICANS¹ AND THEIR POINT OF ENTRY AT POINT COMFORT IN
ENGLISH-OCCUPIED NORTH AMERICA

WE WILL ENGAGE LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AUDIENCES
THROUGH DISCOURSE, PLANNING, PROMOTION AND THE EXECUTION
OF COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES



SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIPS AND SPONSORS

- CITY OF HAMPTON
- VIRGINIA'S 2019 COMMEMORATION "*AMERICAN EVOLUTION*"
- NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
- FORT MONROE AUTHORITY
- PROJECT 1619
- COMMUNITY PARTNERS
- 400 YEARS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY COMMISSION



FACTS OF THIS HISTORICAL PERIOD

THE PRESENCE OF AFRICAN PEOPLE HAS ENDURED IN HAMPTON AS A RESULT OF THE 1619 LANDING OF ANGOLAN PEOPLE AT POINT COMFORT (HAMPTON) WHERE FORT MONROE IS LOCATED.

DURING THE LATTER PART OF AUGUST 1619, THE *WHITE LION* ENTERED THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND LANDED AT POINT COMFORT WITH AFRICANS FROM ANGOLA. JOHN ROLFE, AN EARLY ENGLISH SETTLER, AND WIDOWER OF POCAHONTAS, WITNESSED THIS EVENT OF “ABOUT 20 AND ODD NEGROES” AS DOCUMENTED.

SOME ANGOLANS BECAME SERVANTS AT POINT COMFORT, AND OTHERS WERE TAKEN TO SETTLEMENTS UP THE JAMES RIVER.



FACTS OF THIS HISTORICAL PERIOD

AMONG THE FIRST AFRICANS, ANTONEY AND ISABELLA BECAME SERVANTS OF CAPTAIN WILLIAM TUCKER, COMMANDER AT (KECOUGHTAN) POINT COMFORT. ANTONEY AND ISABELLA WORKED IN THE TOBACCO FIELDS AND CYPRESS GROVES ON THE TUCKER PLANTATION IN HAMPTON.

IN 1624/1625, THEY BIRTHED THE FIRST DOCUMENTED AFRICAN CHILD IN ENGLISH OCCUPIED NORTH AMERICA AND NAMED HIM WILLIAM TUCKER.



FACTS OF THIS HISTORICAL PERIOD

THE TUCKER CEMETERY IN HISTORIC ABERDEEN GARDENS IN HAMPTON, MAY BE THE ORIGINAL BURIAL GROUND OF THIS FAMILY. CAPTAIN TUCKER OWNED PORTIONS OF THE LAND ON THE SITE OF PRESENT DAY BLUEBIRD GAP FARM. SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS MAY BE BURIED BEHIND IN THE CEMETERY THE FARM.

AT TUCKER CEMETERY, JAN 2018



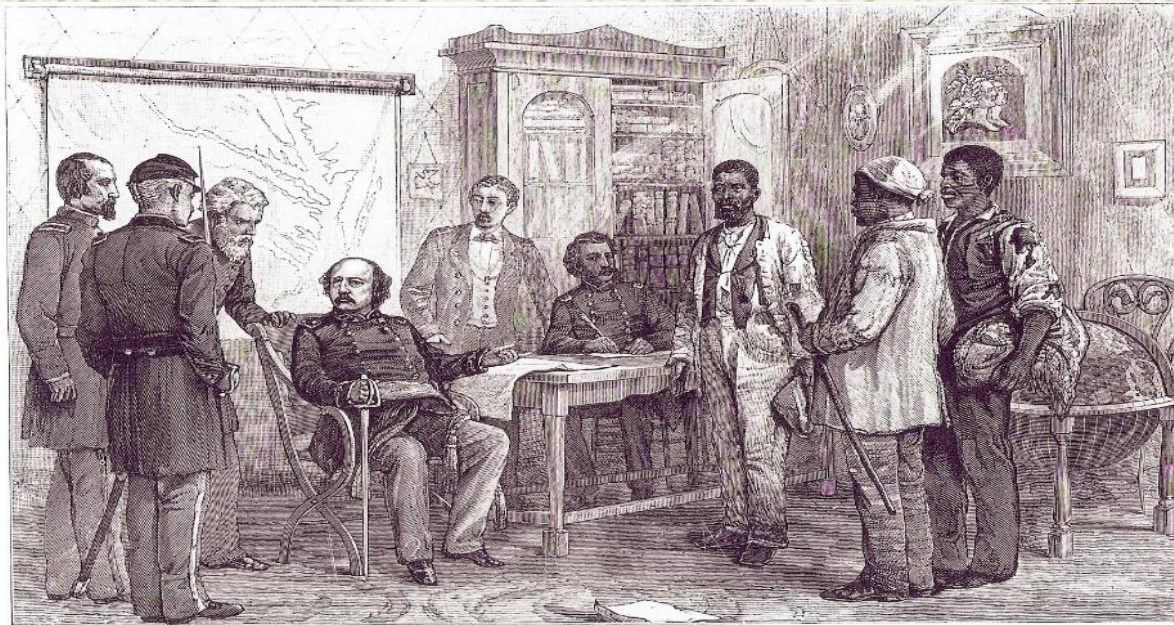
AT BLUEBIRD GAP FARM, 2016



FACTS OF THIS HISTORICAL PERIOD

ON MAY 23, 1861, THREE MEN OF AFRICAN DESCENT HELD IN ENSLAVEMENT BY CHARLES KING MALLORY ESCAPED FROM WORKING FOR CONFEDERATES IN NORFOLK. THEY ROWED ACROSS THE CHESAPEAKE BAY, TO SECURE THEIR FREEDOM AT FORT MONROE. THIS ACTION WAS THE CATALYST FOR THE EMANCIPATION MOVEMENT FOR HUMAN FREEDOM. THE MEN WERE FRANK BAKER, JAMES TOWNSEND AND SHEPARD MALLORY.

DEPICTED HERE ARE BAKER, TOWNSEND AND MALLORY MEETING WITH MAJOR GENERAL BENJAMIN BUTLER



**LAUNCHED IN 2016, THE COMMISSION HAS PLANNED
EVENTS FROM JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER IN 2019,
FOCUSING ON**

COMMEMORATION & EDUCATION



COMMEMORATION OBJECTIVES

- TO PRESENT PROGRAMS THAT EDUCATE AND OFFER BROAD APPEAL, SUCH AS AN EDUCATIONAL SPEAKER SERIES, MULTICULTURAL CUISINE, TEACHER INSTITUTE, MULTIPLE GENRES OF MUSIC PERFORMANCES INCLUDING AN EVENING CONCERT, HISTORY AND HERITAGE INTERPRETIVE TOURS, AND UNIFYING CEREMONIES OF REFLECTION
- TO PRODUCE INTERPRETIVE EXHIBITS THAT EDUCATE VISITORS AND RESIDENTS IN 2019 AND THEN BECOME AVAILABLE AS TRAVELING EXHIBITS FOR EDUCATING THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE DETAILS OF THIS LESSER-KNOWN AMERICAN HISTORY



EDUCATION

TO ENHANCE AND WIDEN THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE 1619 AFRICAN ARRIVAL AT POINT COMFORT THROUGH A SERIES OF INITIATIVES THAT SEEK TO EDUCATE AND ENGAGE

- SUMMER INSTITUTES FOR K-12 TEACHERS
- FILM SCREENINGS WITH SCHOLARLY PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS AND GUEST SPEAKERS
- SYMPOSIUMS OF THE VIRGINIA INDIAN PRESENCE IN THE VIRGINIA COLONY AND HERITAGE DAY AT HAMPTON HISTORY MUSEUM WILL USE HISTORY AS A LENS TO CULTURAL ARTFORMS
- COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLES



FORT MONROE VISITOR & EDUCATION CENTER

- FORT MONROE VISITOR CENTER WILL OFFER SPECIAL INTERPRETIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR VISITORS
- THE CENTER WILL SHARE THE HISTORY OF THE FIRST LANDING THROUGH EXHIBITS, EVENTS, & MOBILE TOURS
- THE CENTER WILL HOST ILLUSTRATIVE PANELS FEATURING HISTORIC PERSONALITIES AND HISTORIC EVENTS
- WORK IN TANDEM TO CROSS-PROMOTE TOURISM ACTIVITIES AND TO MAXIMIZE VISITOR EXPERIENCES



MARKETING

- ENGAGE WITH HAMPTONVA2019.COM, SOCIAL MEDIA FACEBOOK AND TWITTER
- CAMPAIGN THAT INCLUDES PRINT, RADIO, BILLBOARD, WALL MURALS, METRO STATIONS
- SHOWCASE SITES THAT INTERPRET THE 400-YEAR ARC OF AFRICAN AMERICAN IMPACT
- ENGAGE THE MEDIA IN INFORMING ALL AUDIENCES



***JOIN US FOR THE LAUNCH OF THE
2019 COMMEMORATION***

FEBRUARY 1, 2019

5:30 – 7:30 PM

QUEEN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH WORSHIP CENTER



HAMPTON 2019 COMMEMORATIVE COMMISSION

CO-CHAIRS DR. COLITA FAIRFAX & LT. COL. CLAUDE VANN, III (RET)

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SUPPORTED BY HAMPTON CITY STAFF;

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER STEVEN BOND,

MARY FUGERE, LUCI COCHRAN



A historical map of the Chesapeake region, showing the Chesapeake Bay, the Potomac River, and the surrounding land. The map is labeled with various names: Nandsamund, Mattameck, Cedar Ile, Sharps, Man, Chesapeake, Mortons baye, Cape Henry, and Point Comfort. There are also illustrations of trees, a small building, and a cross. A dark blue rectangular box with white text is overlaid on the map.

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