

Mitchelville Times

September 2020

Newsletter

The Mitchelville Times is the official newsletter of Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park.

Special Guest Readers to Join Storytime in Griot's Corner



Storytime in Griot's Corner is returning on September 9 for our fall series of childrens stories centered on diversity with a special focus on relationships. The returning series will feature favorite readers: Susan Roberts and Cora Miller as well as special guest readers from Hilton Head Island, Bluffton, and surrounding areas. Tune in every Wednesday at 10am to exploremitchelville.org for Griot's Corner.

In accordance with CDC Guidelines, Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park will host all events online until further notice. Please visit exploremitchelville.org and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for updates.

Register & Vote



Visit Vote.gov to register to vote. Depending on your state's voter registration rules, the site can help you:

- Register online. This is available for 39 states plus the District of Columbia.
- Download the National Mail Voter Registration Form. You can fill it out onscreen and print the completed form, or print the blank form and fill it out by hand. Remember to sign the form before mailing it to the location listed for your state.
- Find guidance for states and territories with different registration procedures.

Upcoming

Weekly Beginning September 9
Storytime in Griot's Corner
exploremitchelville.org

October 21-22
Forum/Virtual Conference
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December 5-7
Tree Lighting/Holiday Celebration
Details to Come

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Teachers of Mitchelville

Sponsoring agencies for teachers included both evangelical ones, such as the American Missionary Association, and secular ones, such as the New England Freedmen's Aid Society. The teachers found, sometimes to their surprise, that freedmen seemed on the whole to grasp readily the lessons they were taught in a wide array of academic and applied subjects. Although some teachers taught trade, professional, and life skills, the majority, borrowed whole cloth from northern schools for white children, and focused on developing their students' academic skills and knowledge. The teachers' desire to foster intellectual development through schooling was reciprocated by the freedmen's own drive to obtain learning as a way to consolidate and build on their new status as free people. This desire manifested itself not only through participation in school but also through the financial and in-kind support the families offered up out of their limited resources. Such support was the norm rather than the exception.

Teachers generally recognized that daily and seasonal work patterns and the labor-intensive nature of agriculture kept many from school entirely, limited their attendance to night or Sunday schools, or made their attendance irregular. The need to work thwarted many adults' desire to attend school. Even given these constraints, the teachers generally reported that freedmen came to school whenever they could.

Teachers developed the intellect of the students and also altered social relations with the wider world. In this aspect of their work, the teachers endeavored to make the freedmen worthy of their new status as free people by inculcating behaviors and habits of mind they deemed essential to good citizenship. Along with the three R's, educators also taught freedmen their new duties as first class citizens.



Historic Cherry Hill School was built and maintained in 1937 by the community and consisted mainly of descendants of Mitchelville.

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The 2020 Census will determine how many congressional representatives each state gets.



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