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SEEKING FREEDOM WHERE THE RIVERS MEET

Hopewell, VA. On Friday, February 17, 2012, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. the Historic Hopewell Foundation (HHF) in concert with the City of Hopewell will have a grand re-opening reception at City Point Early History Museum at St. Dennis Chapel located at 609 Brown Avenue in celebration of Black History Month.

The museum exhibit is titled, "Seeking Freedom Where the Rivers Meet: The Contrabands and City Point." The exhibit tells the story of men and women who went from being slaves to "Contraband of the War," to free and then some to becoming Union soldiers. The story of Richard Slaughter is singled out and told in his own words. This is a seldom told story but one of great importance in telling the whole story of the civil war.

The City of Hopewell along with the Historic Hopewell Foundation is asking for volunteers to help monitor the museum during hours of operation. In addition, to encouraging student visitation during the Black History Month celebration and beyond. The hours of operation will be Friday: 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., Saturday: 10:00 am to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday: 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For group tours, arrangements can be made to open the museum at other times of the week provided there is sufficient interest. Moreover, we need your assistance by spreading the word throughout the Tri-Cities.

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