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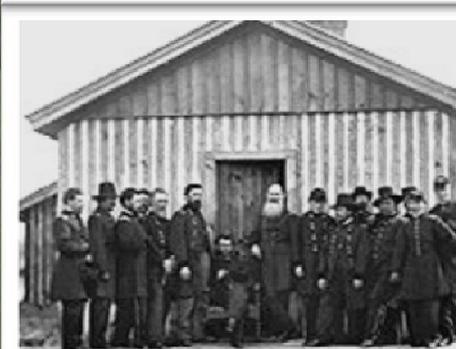
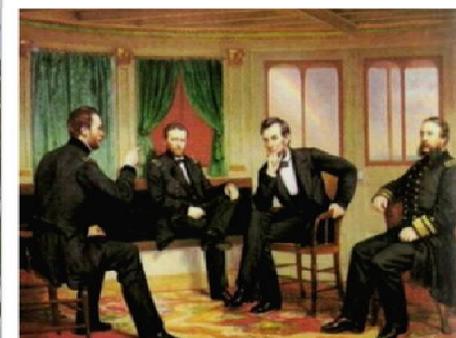
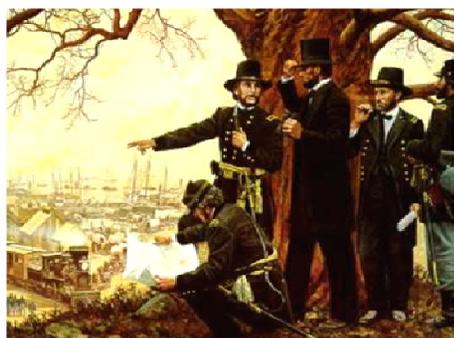
*“A Laboratory for Officer Training and Leader Development”*





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*“In the Footsteps of Famous Americans”*





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# Seeking Freedom Where the Two Rivers Meet: The Contrabands and City Point

An exhibition at the City Point Early  
History Museum by the Historic  
Hopewell Foundation, Inc.



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- The exhibition will focus on the important but often untold story of the Contrabands who lived and worked in City Point, Virginia.
- The exhibition is part of the City of Hopewell's participation in the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the Civil War commemorative events and will open in 2011.
- The City Point Early History Museum is located in the St. Dennis Chapel in the City Point National Historic District of Hopewell.



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- The Contrabands Story

“Contraband” was the name given to slaves who escaped to freedom behind the lines of the Union Army during the Civil War. African American families arrived at City Point seeking freedom with the arrival of the Union army in 1864. Here many found employment in the Union war effort and some went on to become soldiers in the Union army.



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