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Lecture Focuses on 19th Century African Americans in City Point (Hopewell)

On May 15 at 2:00 p.m. visitors to the Appomattox Regional Library in Hopewell will have a chance to learn about the lives of African Americans in City Point during the 19th century. Dr. Laurant Lee, who received her Ph.D. in American History from the University of Virginia and currently serves as the founding curator of African American history at the Virginia Historical Society, will be the guest speaker.

City Point (present day Hopewell), Virginia is one of the most historic communities in the State of Virginia. The 19th century brought about much change to all citizens of City Point especially the black community. Bring along the entire family for this free lecture to learn more about the fascinating people who inhabited present day Hopewell in the 1800s.

This program is sponsored by Petersburg National Battlefield. The Appomattox Regional Library is located at 209 East Cawson Street, Hopewell, VA 23860. For more information please call park ranger Ann Blumenschine at (804) 732-3531 ext. 203.

Petersburg National Battlefield was created in order to commemorate the campaign and siege and defense of Petersburg, Virginia, in 1864 and 1865. The park staff is committed to preserving and protecting the historical, cultural, and natural resources within the park in a manner that will provide interpretation, education, and enjoyment for the visitors.

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