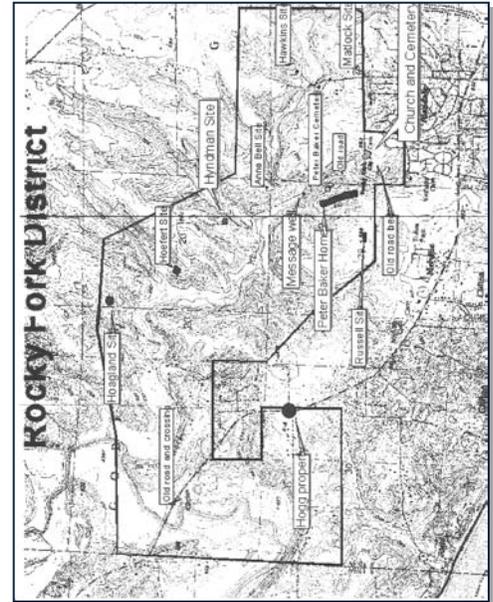




Rocky Fork

Rocky Fork Environs
Godfrey, Illinois 62035
19th Congressional District

As early as 1816, the Rocky Fork area in Godfrey, Illinois, was one of the first *Free State* stops for slaves escaping Missouri. In the 1830s a more organized Underground Railroad route was established through the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The Rocky Fork area continued to serve as both a way stop and escapee community well after the Missouri Emancipation Proclamation of 1865. Since 1921, part of the Rocky Fork area has been used as a Boy Scout Camp. However, physical evidence still exists of the escapees and their helpers. Various family stories, community memories and documents attest to the significance of the area.



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- The goals of this grant are: to nominate Rocky Fork as a National Register Property to help protect its almost pristine condition, to perform archeological survey to find additional historic sites in the area, to evaluate the archeological resources at some of the known residential sites, and to perform historical research into the origins and activities of this community.

