

# THE SLAVE DWELLING PROJECT

JUNE 2 – 4, 2017 in Loudoun County



Mr. Joseph McGill founded the Slave Dwelling Project to draw attention to the surviving structures and to promote their preservation. He does this by sleeping in slave dwellings and sites of slavery around the country.

*“Now that I have the attention of the public by sleeping in extant slave dwellings, it is time to wake up and deliver the message that the people who lived in these structures were not a footnote in American history.”*

## **Friday, June 2**

6:00 – 8:00 PM – Leesburg First Friday – Courthouse lawn

Mr. McGill will discuss the institution of slavery and answer questions. The Black History Committee will have a display about the courthouse’s role in the institution of slavery. The old courthouse will be open for a program by the Historic Records Room, courtesy of Gary Clemens, Clerk of the Circuit Court.

## **Saturday, June 3**

10:00 – 11:30 AM – The public will have a rare opportunity to tour the Settle-Dean Cabin, one of the few remaining structures from the predominantly African American community of Conklin. Parking is at J. Michael Lunsford Middle School, 26020 Ticonderoga Rd, Chantilly (South Riding), VA 20152. Shuttle buses will be provided or visitors may walk the short distance from the school to the Cabin.

8:00 – 9:00 PM – Oatlands will conduct a lantern light walking tour about the enslaved community that was once there. By 1860, on the eve of the Civil War, 133 men, women and children were enslaved at Oatlands and the Carter’s smaller plantation, Bellefield, near Upperville. This program is free and open to the public.

## **Sunday, June 4**

9:00 – 10:00 AM – Oatlands

Pastor Michelle Thomas, founder of the Loudoun Freedom Center, will lead an outdoor worship service. The service starts at 9 AM and is free, open to the public, and open to people of all faiths.

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### **Sponsored by:**

Oatlands Historic House and Gardens \* The Friends of the Arcola Slave Quarters \* The Black History Committee of the Friends of the Thomas Balch Library \* The Loudoun Freedom Center \* Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services \* Gary Clemens, Clerk of the Circuit Court