

MCPSRA-JOSIAH HENSON PROJECT

he MCPSRA has resolved to help support the establishment of a museum and education center at the Josiah Henson Park in North Bethesda by matching member contributions up to a total of \$5000..

Josiah Henson was a very famous resident of Montgomery County. He lived here from 1795 to 1830 as a slave on the Isaac Riley Plantation near the intersection of what is now Old Georgetown Road and Tilden Lane. The Park is located on a small part of the property where Josiah Henson lived.

In 1849 Henson became one of the most influential international figures of the 19th Century when his autobiography was published. It was entitled *The Life of Josiah Henson, Formerly a Slave, Now an Inhabitant of Canada, as Narrated by Himself*. Henson's autobiography inspired Harriet Beecher Stowe's landmark novel, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. The most liberal abolitionists felt *Uncle Tom's Cabin* was not strong enough. More moderate abolitionists praised the book for putting a human face on slavery.

The Josiah Henson archaeological site was one of four American sites selected by the PBS series, "Time Team America" for inclusion in their second season during 2012. The Time Team America crew brought their high-tech equipment to



help Park archaeologists learn more about a very special man in American history, Reverend Josiah Henson. The resulting documentary, "The Search for Josiah Henson," is an over-the-archaeologists'-shoulder view of discoveries made at our very own Josiah Henson Park!" You can watch the full episode at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8OSR2noiPv8>



If you wish to read more about Josiah Henson and this special project visit the website at: <https://www.montgomeryparks.org/parks-and-trails/josiah-henson-park/>

We hope you will contribute to this important project. By donating through MCPSRA your donation will go twice as far!

MCPSRA-Henson Project Donation Form

Please provide (print clearly) the following information and mail it along with a check (payable to: "Montgomery County Parks Foundation") to MCPSRA Treasurer, Dr. Ken Muir, 3100 North Leisure World Blvd. #508, Silver Spring, MD 20906.

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