



United States Colored Troops\*

# "The Westchester Hills Community & The Civil War"

A Performance Residency by Vienna Carroll & Keith Johnston  
Inspired by the Red Grooms Civil War exhibit

Hudson River Museum ([hrm.org](http://hrm.org))  
511 Warburton Avenue, Yonkers, NY 914-963-4550

Sun October 16 1 and 3pm Gallery (2 30 minute performances)

## **The Union & the Confederacy in Westchester**

Simeon Tierce and his wife, residents of the African American Westchester community called "The Hills" reflect on Lincoln's defeat in Westchester

Wed October 19 1:30 - 3pm Arts in the Afternoon

## **Mr. Lincoln in Peekskill**

Members from The Hills' Methodist-Episcopal Zion Church of Colored People attend President Lincoln's Peekskill speech

Sun October 23 - Family Day 1 and 3pm (2 30 minute performances)

## **Generals, Gentlemen and the Draft**

Despite draft riots and heated opposition, Simeon Tierce of The Hills community decides to enlist.

Sun November 13 1 and 3pm Gallery (2 30 minute performances)

## **Title: Lady Spies and the Slave Grapevine**

A formerly enslaved fugitive from Maryland describes her life as the lady's maid of a secret Union sympathizer to her new friends in The Hills.

Sun December 11 1 and 3pm Gallery (2 30 minute performances)

## **Fredrick Douglass, Freedman and Abolitionist**

Frederick Douglass attends an Abolition meeting at the Methodist-Episcopal Zion Church of Colored People in The Hills

Sun January 29 1 and 3pm Gallery (2 30 minute performances)

## **United States Colored Troops: Black Sailors and Soldiers**

Letters from Sergeant Simeon Tierce of The Hills Community to his wife

Sun February 12 1 and 3pm Gallery (2 30 minute performances)

## **Harriet Tubman, Freedom Fighter and Civil War Hero**

The Hills' Methodist-Episcopal Zion Church of Colored People honor "Moses" Harriet Tubman after the Combahee River Raid

### **\*The United States Colored Troops**

The United States Colored Troops made up over ten percent of the Union or Northern Army even though they were prohibited from joining until July 1862, fifteen months into the war. They comprised twenty-five percent of the Union navy. Yet, only one percent of the Northern population was African American. Clearly overrepresented in the military, African Americans played a decisive role in the Civil