

Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument



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A Home, a Sanctuary, a National Monument

In 1907, Charles and Ada Young purchased a large house about a mile west of the Wilberforce University campus in Wilberforce, Ohio. As he & Ada began to raise their family in the spacious confines, Young would affectionately nickname the home "Youngsholm."

Built in 1839, the house was once used as a stop on the Underground Railroad by freedom-seeking slaves fleeing to Canada. From the time the Youngs purchased the house, it became the social hub for friends, university colleagues and strangers alike. Although his military career caused him to be away from home for extended periods, Charles Young considered "Youngsholm" his sanctuary where he raised a family, mentored a successive generation of leaders, and found intellectual refuge. Even after his untimely death in 1922, the house would remain in the Young family for several more decades.

Set aside as a National Monument in 2013 by President Barack Obama, "Youngsholm" became the Nation's 401st National Park Service site & Ohio's 8th.

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