

Monocacy Junction

Fact: The United States Colored Troops were forerunners of the famous Buffalo Soldiers.

After African Americans were permitted to join the Union Army in 1863, a recruiting station was established at Monocacy Junction. Samuel Adams automatically became a free man after enlisting there that December. Assigned to the 19th United States Colored Troops, he fought near Richmond and Petersburg in the summer of 1864.

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