

# Adams National Historical Park



# Charles Francis Adams, Jr.

## Serving an African American Regiment

Charles Francis Adams, Jr., grandson and great-grandson of two presidents, entered the Union Army in 1861. He entered as a lieutenant in the First Massachusetts Cavalry Volunteer Regiment. In 1864 he became a lieutenant colonel in the Fifth Massachusetts Cavalry, an African American Regiment. His letters home offer observations from battle experiences to camp life.

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