



# From Slave to Advocate

Sam, Andrew Johnson's former slave, became a Freedmen's Bureau Commissioner following the Civil War in Greeneville, TN—Johnson's hometown. He sent a letter to President Johnson, asking to buy land for a "School House for the education of the Coloured children of Greeneville..." Andrew Johnson gave Sam the tract of land for this purpose.

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