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Born: Maryland, circa 1821-1822

Died: Gettysburg, PA, 1875

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An African American farmer and noted blacksmith, James Warfield and his daughters fled their home prior to the battle. They left for their personal safety and out of fear of being kidnapped by Confederate soldiers and taken south to be sold into slavery. Their home and thirteen-acre farmstead were devastated by the battle. Warfield lost fifty bushels of wheat, sixty bushels of corn, two cows, and three pigs. Everything of value was taken from his home, including his blacksmithing tools. He sought \$516 from the government to help rebuild and was later awarded \$410 but not until eight years after the battle. In 2020, the National Park Service painstakingly rehabilitated the Warfield home and property to its 1863 appearance.



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