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**FINAL CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE
SLAVERY AT JEFFERSON'S MONTICELLO
AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER**

Philadelphia, PA (September 18, 2014) – Just one month remains for visitors to experience [Slavery at Jefferson's Monticello](#) at the National Constitution Center. This critically-acclaimed exhibition, which will conclude its run on **Sunday, October 19, 2014**, follows the powerful stories of six enslaved families who lived and worked at Thomas Jefferson's plantation and their descendants who helped bring to light their ancestors' lives and values. Described as an exhibition that "vividly portrays Jefferson's life intertwined with slavery" (*Philadelphia Inquirer*), *Slavery at Jefferson's Monticello* has been viewed by 95,000 visitors since it opened in April 2014. Before coming to the Constitution Center, the exhibition traveled to Atlanta, GA and St. Louis, MO. The exhibition debuted at the National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C. in 2012. There are no plans to tour the exhibition to additional venues at this time.

The museum has planned two special events during the final weeks of the exhibition. Pulitzer Prize-winning historian [Annette Gordon-Reed](#) will discuss the revered and humbling sides of America's third president and drafter of the Declaration of Independence during a Town Hall program on **Monday, September 29, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.** Chris Satullo of WHYY will moderate. Admission is \$7 for National Constitution Center members, WHYY members, and groups of 15 or more. Admission for non-members is \$15 and FREE for members of the 1787 Society. Attendees will be given access to view *Slavery at Jefferson's Monticello* beginning at 5 p.m. and immediately following the discussion until 8:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 215-409-6700 or visiting constitutioncenter.org. *This program is presented in partnership with WHYY.*

The Constitution Center will keep its doors open late on **First Friday**, October 3, 2014, from 5 – 8 p.m. Visitors can take advantage of a special \$5 discounted admission ticket

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to the exhibition. Light snacks, complimentary wine, and Narragansett Beer will be served. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling 215-409-6700 or visiting constitutioncenter.org. Tickets also will be available for purchase in person at the box office on First Friday.

The 3,500-square-foot exhibition features over 280 objects, including:

- Thomas Jefferson's own possessions including his inkwell in the shape of Enlightenment philosopher Voltaire; his silver eyeglasses, made in Philadelphia in 1806; and his whalebone, ivory, and gold walking stick.
- A replica of the portable desk Jefferson used to draft the Declaration of Independence.
- Numerous excavated artifacts that offer a window into life on Mulberry Row, where Monticello slaves lived and worked such as rare coins, ceramics and tableware, shoe and clothing buckles, combs, and toothbrush handles.

The exhibition concludes with a section devoted to the [Getting Word](#) oral history project, which began at Monticello in 1993. Over 180 interviews were conducted with descendants of the families who lived and worked at the plantation. Visitors can watch a powerful three-minute video of highlights from those interviews.

A special iPod tour, narrated by Susan Stein, Monticello's Richard Gilder Senior curator and vice president of Museum Programs, features further background on the objects and stories featured in the exhibition.

Slavery at Jefferson's Monticello is included in the cost of general admission, which includes the museum's main exhibition, *The Story of We the People*, the award-winning theatrical production *Freedom Rising*, and *Signers' Hall*. General museum admission prices are \$14.50 for adults, \$13 for seniors ages 65 and over, and \$8 for children ages 4-12. Active military personnel and children ages 3 and under are free. Group rates also are available. For ticket information, call 215.409.6700 or visit constitutioncenter.org.

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About the National Constitution Center

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