

# BERMUDA HUNDRED

## A brief history:

- Chesterfield County's oldest continuously inhabited settlement
- Established by Sir Thomas Dale becoming America's first incorporated town in 1614
- Site of the region's first church and an official port and market town, circa 1691
- Area briefly served as Benedict Arnold's headquarters during the Revolutionary War, 1781
- Site of state customs house for import/exports, 1788
- First Baptist Church of Bermuda Hundred, the second-oldest continuous African-American congregation in the county, established 1850
- Headquarters of Union General Benjamin Butler during the Civil War Bermuda Hundred Campaign, 1864
- Peak population in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries as Bermuda Hundred served as the railroad terminus and shipping port for the Bright Hope Railroad (later Tidewater & Western Railroad)
- Designated as a National Historic District, 2006



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