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## THOMAS SLAVE CHAPEL

*An Official Project  
of  
Save America's Treasures*

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington, D.C., June 21, 2000. The *African American Heritage Preservation Foundation, Inc.* has been informed that the **Thomas Slave Chapel**, located in Huddleston, Bedford County, Virginia (c.1850-National Register eligible), has been designated by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as an Official Project of *Save America's Treasures*, it was announced today.

*Save America's Treasures* is a public private partnership between White House Millennium Council and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, which is dedicated to the preservation of our nation's irreplaceable historic and cultural treasures for future generations.

This initiative was created by President and Mrs. Clinton as part of the National Millennium Commemoration and established by Executive Order 13072 (February 2, 1998). It is a national effort focused on "protecting America's threatened cultural treasures..., including significant documents, works of art, maps, journals, and historic structures that document and illuminate the history and culture of the United States." Dedicated to the celebration and preservation of America's priceless historic legacy, *Save America's Treasures* works to recognize and rescue the enduring symbols of American tradition that define us as a nation, such as the **Thomas Slave Chapel**.

**Thomas Slave Chapel** was built for worship by African Americans enslaved during the antebellum period. **Thomas Slave Chapel** retains much of its historic integrity and is one of the few surviving slave chapels in the Commonwealth of Virginia.