Clermont Farm Slave Quarters, VA  
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Project Partner: Virginia Dept. of Historic Resources and The Clermont Foundation

**History:** The Clermont property has been owned by only four families in its long history. The first owner, Thomas Fairfax, managed the 5.2 million acre land grant from 1719 to 1753. In 1819, the McCormicks bought the farm and in 1823 built the slave quarters. After the Civil War, they sold portions of the farm to their former slaves. These parcels became Josephine City, one of the largest African American settlements in Virginia, and which is now part of Berryville. In 1980, Clermont Farm was donated to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources to be preserved and retained as an agricultural property.

**Scope of Work:** Volunteer traveled from across the country to stabilize the 1823 Slave Quarters under the direction of preservation experts. Over the course of six, one-week sessions, volunteers’ skill-building tasks included:
• Foundation repair
• Re-grade area for positive drainage
• Chimney masonry repair
• Repair log framing
• Repair floor joists and sill logs; install pine flooring
• Remove and repair damaged exterior siding
• Rehabilitate wooden windows and doors

Learn more about the project through the NBC news update that was aired that year: http://www.your4state.com/news/news/berryville-slave-quarters-at-clermont-farm-under-restoration