

# LUTHER FOWLER



Born: Oct. 28, 1817 in Half-Moon, Saratoga Co., NY

Died: Mar. 19, 1897 in Mt. Kisco, NY

Appointment(s):

American Missionary Association (AMA)  
Stoney's Plantation Fairfield School  
Hilton Head, SC  
1865 - 1867

## 1817-1897

Luther Fowler was born October 28, 1817 in Half-Moon, Saratoga Co., New York to Caleb Fowler (1771-1840) and Mary Badgley (1776-1848). He lived in Sweden, Monroe Co., NY in the 1850 Census. On March 19, 1859, he married Emily Fenton (1839-1910). They lived in New Castle, Westchester Co., New York in 1860 but were living in Mt. Kisco, Westchester Co. by 1880.<sup>1</sup>

Luther was appointed by the American Missionary Association as a teacher to the freedmen on Hilton Head, South Carolina and arrived by December 1865.<sup>2</sup> As of April 1867, he was teaching in the Fairfield School on Stoney's Plantation.<sup>3</sup> He died

<sup>1</sup> Ancestry.com U.S. Census 1880: Mt,Kisco, Westchester, New York.

<sup>2</sup> Freedmen's Aid Society. *Freedmen's Record*, Vol I, Jan 1866. 'Teacher's List', p 3,6.

<sup>3</sup> American Missionary Association. *American Missionary*, Vol XI, No 4, 'Teacher's List' 1866-67. [New York]: April 1867, p 74.

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March 19, 1897 in M.t Kisco, NY and his will was probated on April 3, 1897 in Westchester County, NY.<sup>4</sup> It is interesting to note that his wife, Emily Fenton Fowler, also a teacher to the freedmen on Hilton Head, wrote a letter to President Abraham Lincoln on March 19, 1865 about the condition of the freedmen at Hilton Head.<sup>5</sup>

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Beaufort, SC: Beaufort Book Co, Inc. 1977., p 110.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid.Vol 17:47 1897 [Obituary].

<sup>5</sup> U.S. Library of Congress: American Memory Collection. "Abraham Lincoln papers, Series 1. General Correspondence, 1833-1916": Mrs. Luther Fowler to Abraham Lincoln, Sunday, March 19, 1865 [she writes on behalf of the freedmen at Hilton Head].  
<https://www.loc.gov/item/mal4137000/>,