

GEORGE CURTISS



Born: 1824 in RI

Died: Sep. 2, 1892

Appointment(s):

American Missionary Association (AMA)
Mitchelville Primary School
Hilton Head, SC
1865

George Curtis was born in Rhode Island in 1824. George Curtiss first served as a teacher with the American free Baptist Home Mission Society in 1863.¹ He was an ardent abolitionist and writer who later lived in an enclave of homes of prominent abolitionists in the Livingston, New York area with his wife Anna Gould Shaw, who he married in 1855. Her father, Frances George Shaw, built them a house in 1859 located at 234 Bard Avenue in Staten Island, New York which was placed on the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission list in January 2015. George was appointed as a teacher by the American Missionary Association in 1865 to teach on Hilton Head Island. He taught at the Mitchelville Primary School and ran an Adult Night School.² Mr. Curtiss departed for home in 1871. He later served as the Treasurer of the American Free Baptist Mission Society headquarters in Utica, NY.³

George Curtiss was the author of a book titled Abraham Lincoln Protectionist for the American Protective Tariff League which was reprinted August 24, 2016. The Massachusetts Historical Society holds the Curtis-Stevenson Family records, including correspondence of George Curtis and his family's vital records.

¹ American Free Baptist Mission Society. "23rd Annual Report", Vol I, Apr 30, 1863..

² American Missionary Association Archives. New Orleans, LA: Tulane University, Amistad Research Center. "Teacher's Monthly Report", Apr 1871.

³ Goodell, William. New York: American and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society Pamphlet Vol 46, No 5, 1854. "American Slavery, a formidable obstacle to the conversion of the world", p 2. <https://www.loc.gov/resource/rbaapc11100/>