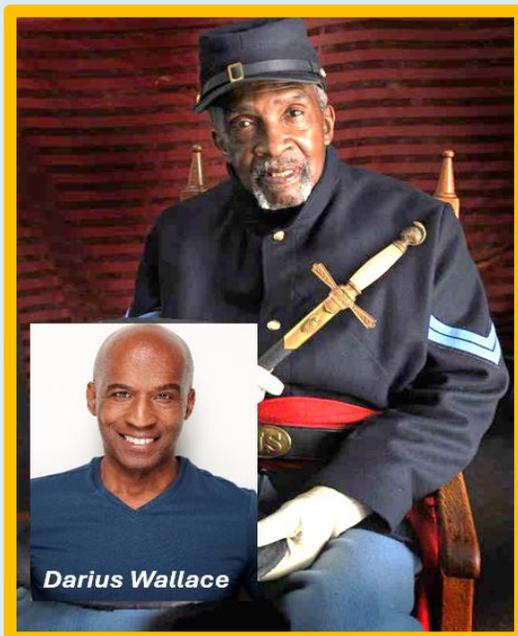


# Uncle Nace: The Day Freedom Came

## A Living History of Nathaniel Hopkins

November 1<sup>st</sup> 2:00 PM - Scotts United Methodist Church in Trappe

November 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:30 PM - Oxford Community Center



Born enslaved, Nathaniel "Uncle Nace" Hopkins carried the scars of bondage but refused to let them define him. During the Civil War, Uncle Nace enlisted with the United States Colored Troops, fighting for a freedom he had yet to taste fully for himself. Sent home sick and weary, he returned to Trappe determined to build a new life as a free man not just for himself, but for his entire community. Uncle Nace set to work building free black schools, a church, roads and establishing communities here in Talbot County and is responsible for the creation of Maryland's first Emancipation Day Celebration in 1867 - one of our nation's earliest and the longest-running celebrations of its kind.

As the first parades marched through dusty streets of Trappe, Uncle Nace became more than a soldier - he became a leader, teacher, and living reminder that freedom must be celebrated, protected, and passed on.

Through Uncle Nace's eyes, the Talbot Historical Society and the descendants of Nathaniel "Uncle Nace" Hopkins, in conjunction with professional actor *Darius Wallace*, will bring Nathaniel "Uncle Nace" Hopkins to life to portray his journeys from the fields of slavery to the drums of war, to his triumphant creation of Maryland's first Emancipation Day Celebration in 1867 - which continues to this day.

### Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup>, Trappe's "Nace's Day" Schedule of Events:

- 10:00 am - Service at Scotts United Methodist (UM) Church - 3748 Main Street, Trappe
  - Nathaniel "Uncle Nace" Hopkins Gravesite Visit, Prayer and Benediction
- 11:30 am - Library Dedication at Nathaniel "Uncle Nace" Hopkins Park
- 12:00 pm - Food, Vendors and Activities at Scotts UM Church Grounds
- 1:00 pm - Parade - Main Street, Trappe
- 2:00 pm - Theatrical Performance: "*Uncle Nace: The Day Freedom Came*" - Scotts UM Church

### Monday November 3<sup>rd</sup> - Theatrical Performance - Oxford

- 5:30 pm - "*Uncle Nace: The Day Freedom Came*" - The Oxford Community Center, 200 Oxford Rd, Oxford Maryland - Please RSVP at [www.oxfordcc.org](http://www.oxfordcc.org)

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