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## CCPTV Presents: the 2-part historical theatre episode "The Life and Times of Theophilus Gould Steward"

**What:** Juneteenth Special, "Life and Times of Theophilus G. Steward"

**When:** Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Where:** Channel 25 & 22 (NYC Media) - Visit [www.CCPTV.org](http://www.CCPTV.org) for more show times

**Time:** 5:30pm – 6:00pm

Cultural Caravan TV presents a two part historical theatre episode entitled "*The Life and Times of Theophilus Gould Steward*". This presentation is based on a book entitled *Voice of Dissent: Theophilus Gould Steward and Black America*, *written by Dr. William Seraile*. This episode features a dramatization on the life of Steward, which stars actor Ben Rowe in the title role. Steward was born in 1843 in Gouldtown, a community of free blacks in Cumberland County, New Jersey that dates to pre-revolutionary war days. He became an African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church minister in 1861, and served congregations in Macon, Georgia; South Carolina; Brooklyn, New York; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Wilmington, Delaware; and Washington, D.C.



On entering Conference, June 1864

His work in Georgia following the Civil War, included organizing the first black school in Marion, serving a Macon congregation from 1867-1871, assisting in the writing of the Georgia Republican platform in 1868, and leading a successful protest by freedmen against compulsory labor contracts. In 1873 he undertook a missionary journey to Haiti where he established a church in Port-au-Prince. Steward later served as an Army Chaplain for the 25th US Colored Infantry Regiment. While in the military, he wrote *The Colored Regulars in the US Army* (1885) which commemorated the heroic service of black soldiers (aka Regulars) during the Spanish American War. He also wrote a book entitled, *The Haitian Revolution 1791 to 1804*. Steward also spoke out against racism and injustice in his day. He also was married to *Susan McKinney Steward* who had the distinction of being *the first African American female physician in New York State and the third in the USA*. Steward was a linguist and educator whose personal experiences provide us on a unique journey through early African



American history. In celebration of the Juneteenth and the ending of Slavery in New York State in 1827, join us for this special presentation on [Sunday, June 14, at 5:30pm on NYC-Life channel 25 and channel 22.](#)

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Best,

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