

City Point – 1862 Runaway Slave

On May 20 [1862], one of local area's earliest runaway slaves to join Union forces came aboard the *Monitor* as it lay at anchor of City Point. A slave named Siah Carter, from Shirley Plantation, asked to take refuge on the vessel. Taken as "contraband of war" by the U.S. Navy, Carter served both as ship's carpenter and as assistant to the cook.

(Mariner's Museum catalog notes
for Accession #2005.0015.000001)