



# MEMORIAL DAY COMMEMORATION

## of Local Civil War Veteran

### at the Town of North Elba Cemetery

#### Saturday

#### May 27th - 10 AM



The John Brown Farm State Historic Site, with the Volunteers at Fort Tribute, and in cooperation of The Sons of Union Veterans, the Town of North Elba and independent scholar Amy Godine, will remember North Elba resident William Appo Jr. who sacrificed his life in the Civil War.

William Appo Jr. was the son of composer and musician William Appo Sr, who joined the Black community of Timbuctoo and was a good friend to John Brown. His son William Appo Jr. passed as a white soldier with the 30th New York regiment during the Civil War. Corporal Appo was killed in action at the second battle of Bull Run, and buried in a mass grave on the battlefield. His father placed a small stone in his memory at the family plot at the North Elba Cemetery.

Directly after the ceremonial wreath laying at the Appo Family plot grave, celebrants are invited to the John Brown Farm Lower Barn. Amy Godine will discuss other Black Adirondackers who, like Appo, fought in white regiments for the Union notwithstanding laws that excluded them.

**For further information**  
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