



Finding and Using Local Primary Sources

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THE AMERICAN RED CROSS
ATLANTIC DIVISION
44 East 23rd Street, New York, N. Y.

March 23d, 1918.

Miss M. L. Merchant,
Sec'y Cooperstown Chapter, A.R.C.
Cooperstown, N. Y.

My dear Miss Merchant:-

I want to tell you how really pleased I was with your letter and newspaper enclosure. This is certainly a fine picture of a splendid lot of boys. I was so proud of it that I took it through the entire Division and showed it in all the offices. Everybody exclaimed,—"What a fine lot of splendid looking boys and what a lovely patriotic thing for them to do". Will you congratulate them for me as Superintendent of Knitting of the Atlantic Division? I sent the article to our publicity man and asked him to make a note about it in the "News Letter". I congratulate the Cooperstown High School for their manly boys. It is just such fine boys that are going to make up the bulwark of our Nation. I Congratulate you and the School on it's record.

Wishing you a continuance of your success and assuring you of my help always,

Very sincerely,

M. E. Baker

Supt. Hospital Supplies and Garments,
Atlantic Division.

Primary Source Analysis

Describing the Historical Record

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| Type of Record: | Date of Record: | Creator of Record: | Physical Appearance of Record: |
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Analyzing the Historical Record

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| What specific information does this record provide? |
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| Why was this record created? |
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| Why was this record saved? |
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Interpreting the Historical Record

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| What does this record say about American life during this time period? |
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Week of January 4, 1943
Subject to change by the Cafeteria Manager

Monday

| | | |
|--|-----|------------------------|
| Tomato, prune, grapefruit juices | .05 | Special .18 |
| Chicken noodle, beef broth soups | .05 | Noodle, tomato, cheese |
| Cabbage, cottage cheese, peach half salads | .05 | casserole |
| Peanut butter, jam, sliced cheese sand. | .05 | Spinach |
| Noodle, tomato, cheese casserole | .10 | Bread, milk |
| Whole wheat, white bread | .02 | |
| Milk | .03 | |
| Dessert - Ice cream, apple, mince pie | .05 | |

Tuesday

| | | |
|---|-----|--------------------|
| Tomato, prune, grapefruit juices | .05 | Special .18 |
| Vegetable soup | .05 | Baked potato |
| Cottage cheese, grapefruit, peach salads | .05 | Buttered carrots |
| Peanut butter, jam, egg salad, cheese sand. | .05 | Cabbage salad |
| Baked potato and butter | .05 | Slice of cheese |
| Whole wheat, white bread | .02 | Bread, milk |
| Milk | .03 | |
| Dessert - Ice cream, apple, lemon pie | .05 | |

Wednesday

| | | |
|---|-----|---------------------|
| Apple, prune, tomato juices | .05 | Special .18 |
| Tomato, chicken noodle soup | .05 | Spanish casserole |
| Cranberry, grapefruit, gelatin salads | .05 | Corn and Lima beans |
| Minced ham, peanut butter, jam sandwiches | .10 | Bread, milk |
| Spanish casserole | .02 | |
| Raisin, whole wheat, white bread | .03 | |
| Milk | .03 | |
| Dessert - ice cream, berry, chocolate pie | .05 | |

Thursday

| | | |
|---|-----|--------------------|
| Apple, prune juices | .05 | Special .18 |
| Vegetable, beef broth | .05 | Mexican casserole |
| Gelatin, spring, peach half salads | .05 | Fresh beets |
| Lettuce, peanut butter, sliced cheese sand. | .05 | Roll, milk |
| Mexican casserole | .02 | |
| Roll, whole wheat, white bread | .02 | |
| Milk | .03 | |
| Dessert - Ice cream, apple pie | .05 | |

Friday

| | | |
|---|-----|--------------------|
| Apple, prune juices | .05 | Special .18 |
| Chicken noodle, beef broth soups | .05 | Scalloped potatoes |
| Spring salad, cottage cheese, waldorf salads | .05 | Acorn squash |
| Egg salad, peanut butter, sliced cheese sand. | .05 | Slice of cheese |
| Scalloped potatoes | .10 | Jelly |
| Whole wheat, white bread | .02 | Bread, milk |
| Milk | .03 | |
| Dessert - Ice cream, apple, mince pie | .05 | |

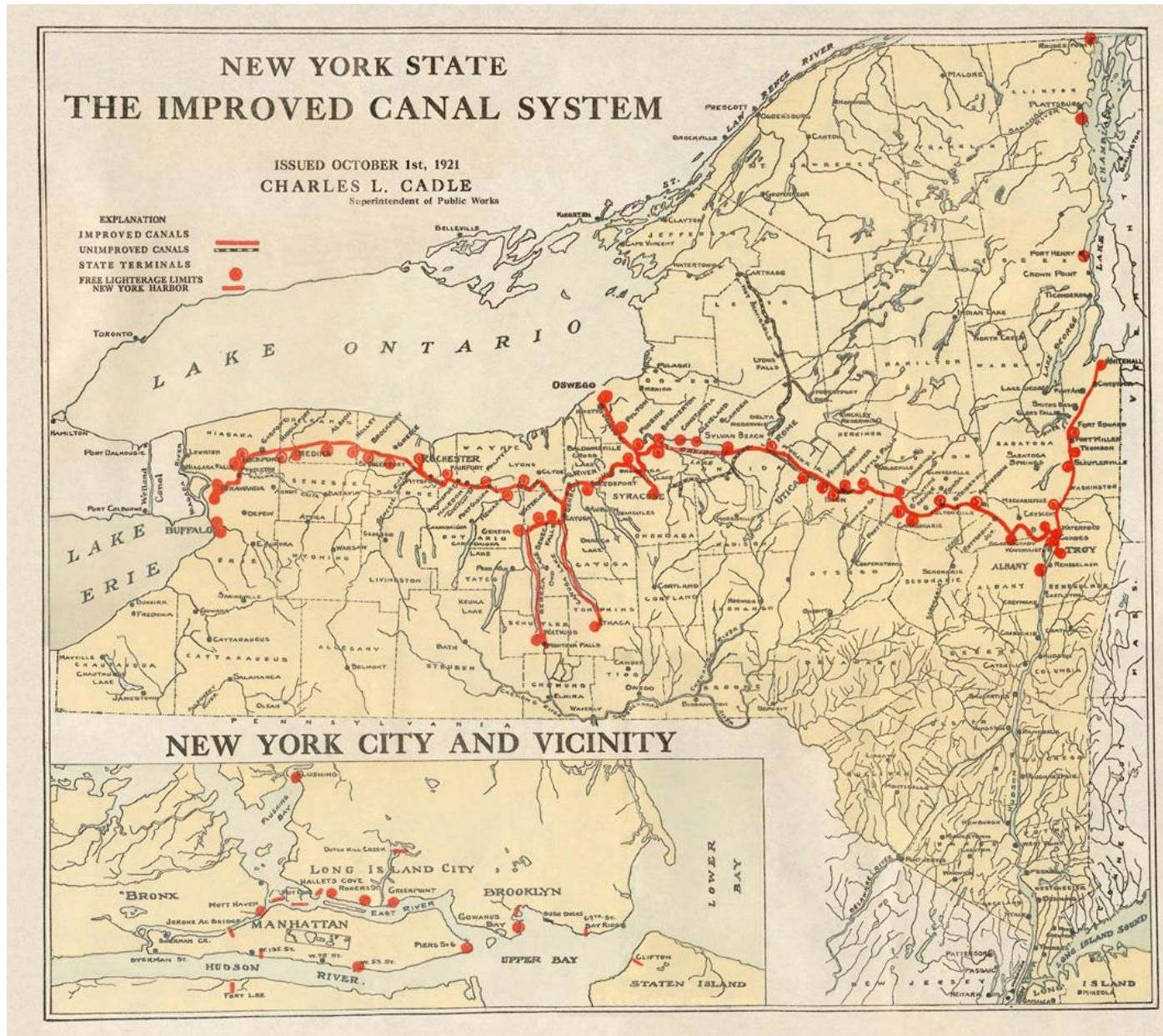
Because of the ICE CREAM SHORTAGE, you are requested to purchase only one delite and not to have pie à la mode.

The SHORTAGE of all food stuffs makes it necessary to alter many menus. Please do not ask and expect the impossible.

SCHEDULE 3.—Persons who Died during the Year ending 1st June, 1900, in Saratoga in the
County of Rensselaer State of New York, enumerated by me, Mr. J. J. J. J. J. Ass't Marshal.

| NAME OF EVERY PERSON WHO DIED during the year ending 1st June, 1900, whose usual place of abode at the time of death was in this State. | DESCRIPTION | | | | | PLACE OF BIRTH, Naming the State, Territory, or Country. | THE MONTH in which the person died. | PROFESSION, OCCUPATION, OR TRADE. | DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH. | NUMBER OF DAYS ILL. | |
|--|-------------|----------|---|-------------------|------------------|--|---|---|------------------------------|---------------------------|----|
| | Age | Sex | Color, White or Black, or Other. | Free or Slave. | Manner of death. | | | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | |
| 1. <u>Leah M. Mundy</u> | <u>72</u> | <u>F</u> | | | | <u>New York</u> | <u>Octob</u> | | <u>Spina</u> | <u>8</u> | 1 |
| 2. <u>Stephen E. Harkell</u> | <u>35</u> | <u>M</u> | | | <u>M</u> | <u>Franklin</u> | <u>March</u> | <u>Alcohol</u> | <u>Scarlet Fever</u> | <u>4</u> | 2 |
| 3. <u>Allice Parre</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>F</u> | | | | <u>New York</u> | <u>May</u> | | <u>Scarlet Fever</u> | <u>5</u> | 3 |
| 4. <u>Louisa A. Lewis</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>F</u> | | | | <u>New York</u> | <u>May</u> | | <u>Scarlet Fever</u> | <u>7</u> | 4 |
| 5. <u>Caroline Brewster</u> | <u>12</u> | <u>M</u> | | | | <u>New York</u> | <u>May</u> | | <u>Consumption</u> | <u>30</u> | 5 |
| 6. <u>John Wallace</u> | <u>72</u> | <u>M</u> | <u>B</u> | | | <u>New York</u> | <u>April</u> | | <u>Inflammation Lungs</u> | <u>4</u> | 6 |
| 7. <u>Albert H. Osborn</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>M</u> | | | | <u>New York</u> | <u>Sept</u> | | <u>Scarlet Fever</u> | <u>4</u> | 7 |
| 8. <u>Alfred N. Brewster</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>M</u> | | | | <u>New York</u> | <u>Feb</u> | | <u>Scarlet Fever</u> | <u>7</u> | 8 |
| 9. <u>Wm. D. Brewster</u> | <u>72</u> | <u>M</u> | | | | <u>New York</u> | <u>Feb</u> | | <u>Scarlet Fever</u> | <u>8</u> | 9 |
| 10. <u>Samuel Lally</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>F</u> | | | | <u>New York</u> | <u>Feb</u> | | <u>Inflammation of Lungs</u> | <u>7</u> | 10 |
| 11. <u>Charles L. Pratt</u> | <u>26</u> | <u>M</u> | | | | <u>New York</u> | <u>Dec</u> | <u>Brass Works</u> | <u>Rheumatism</u> | <u>14</u> | 11 |
| 12. <u>John Taylor</u> | <u>76</u> | <u>M</u> | | | <u>M</u> | <u>New York</u> | <u>May</u> | <u>Physician</u> | <u>Epilepsy</u> | <u>21</u> | 12 |
| 13. <u>Elizabeth Hutchinson</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>F</u> | | | | <u>New York</u> | <u>Sept</u> | | <u>Scarlet Fever</u> | <u>4</u> | 13 |
| 14. <u>John J. Parsons</u> | <u>72</u> | <u>M</u> | | | | <u>New York</u> | <u>May</u> | | <u>Inflammation Lungs</u> | <u>21</u> | 14 |
| 15. <u>William Mathewson</u> | <u>43</u> | <u>F</u> | | | <u>M</u> | <u>Conn</u> | <u>Feb</u> | | <u>Old age</u> | <u>140</u> | 15 |
| 16. <u>May C. Hoy</u> | <u>72</u> | <u>F</u> | | | | <u>New York</u> | <u>Feb</u> | | <u>Congestion Brain</u> | <u>1</u> | 16 |
| 17. <u>Samuel Smith</u> | <u>54</u> | <u>M</u> | | | <u>M</u> | <u>New York</u> | <u>Dec</u> | <u>Hotel Keeper</u> | <u>Head Disease</u> | <u>1</u> | 17 |
| 18. <u>May A. Erwin</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>F</u> | | | | <u>New York</u> | <u>Aug</u> | | <u>Scarlet Fever</u> | <u>7</u> | 18 |
| 19. <u>Cora Erwin</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>F</u> | | | | <u>New York</u> | <u>Aug</u> | | <u>Scarlet Fever</u> | <u>7</u> | 19 |
| 20. <u>Charles W. Smith</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>M</u> | | | | <u>New York</u> | <u>May</u> | <u>Book Binder</u> | <u>Consumption</u> | <u>21</u> | 20 |
| 21. <u>Loge Moore</u> | <u>72</u> | <u>M</u> | | | | <u>New York</u> | <u>Aug</u> | | <u>Old age</u> | <u>1</u> | 21 |
| 22. <u>James W. Moore</u> | <u>70</u> | <u>M</u> | | | <u>M</u> | <u>England</u> | <u>April</u> | | <u>Old age</u> | <u>1</u> | 22 |
| 23. <u>John A. Frost</u> | <u>72</u> | <u>F</u> | | | | <u>New York</u> | <u>Jan</u> | | <u>Congestion of Lungs</u> | <u>3</u> | 23 |
| 24. <u>James H. Gray</u> | <u>72</u> | <u>M</u> | | | | <u>New York</u> | <u>Sept</u> | | <u>Consumption</u> | <u>1</u> | 24 |
| 25. <u>Carrie Brooks</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>F</u> | | | | <u>New York</u> | <u>Dec</u> | | <u>Scarlet Fever</u> | <u>3</u> | 25 |
| 26. <u>Catherine Douglas</u> | <u>101</u> | <u>F</u> | | | <u>M</u> | <u>New York</u> | <u>Jan</u> | | <u>Old age</u> | <u>1</u> | 26 |
| 27. <u>Anna Whipple</u> | <u>72</u> | <u>F</u> | | | <u>M</u> | <u>New York</u> | <u>Sept</u> | | <u>Consumption</u> | <u>1</u> | 27 |
| 28. <u>Eliza Murphy</u> | <u>38</u> | <u>F</u> | | | <u>M</u> | <u>England</u> | <u>May</u> | | <u>Child Bed</u> | <u>21</u> | 28 |
| 29. <u>William S. Brewster</u> | <u>72</u> | <u>M</u> | | | | <u>New York</u> | <u>April</u> | | <u>Scarlet Fever</u> | <u>10</u> | 29 |
| 30. <u>James Kippner</u> | <u>58</u> | <u>M</u> | | | <u>M</u> | <u>New York</u> | <u>May</u> | <u>By Labor</u> | <u>Consumption</u> | <u>1</u> | 30 |
| 31. <u>Charles Shotton</u> | <u>32</u> | <u>M</u> | | | | <u>New York</u> | <u>Aug</u> | <u>Stamper</u> | <u>Consumption</u> | <u>1</u> | 31 |
| 32. <u>John Smith</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>M</u> | | | | <u>New York</u> | <u>Aug</u> | | <u>Scarlet Fever</u> | <u>2</u> | 32 |
| 33. <u>Charles Kuman</u> | <u>72</u> | <u>F</u> | | | | <u>New York</u> | <u>Jan</u> | | <u>Scarlet Fever</u> | <u>20</u> | 33 |
| 34. <u>William J. J.</u> | <u>72</u> | <u>F</u> | | | | <u>New York</u> | <u>March</u> | | <u>Scarlet Fever</u> | <u>7</u> | 34 |
| 35. <u>Francis Cox</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>M</u> | | | | <u>New York</u> | <u>April</u> | | <u>Scarlet Fever</u> | <u>7</u> | 35 |
| <p>Total number of deaths: No. of white males: No. of black males: No. of colored males: Total male deaths: No. of married: No. of widowed:</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| REMARKS: | | | | | | | | | | | |

Courtesy: Rensselaer County Clerk



"New York State, The Improved Canal System" -- from: The Canal System of New York State / Charles L. Cadle --

Re-issued and revised. (Albany: J.B. Lyon Co., printers, 1921).

VOTE NO

\$101,000,000 for Canals

AS A STARTER

Will Increase Broome County's Annual State Tax from \$4,268.43 to **\$46,597.76**

A Total Increase for Broome County in 18 Years
\$761,927.94

Your Share of This Increase on Each \$1,000 Valuation
is **\$21.81**

**AND WHEN THE RETURNS ARE ALL IN FOR
CORRECTED ESTIMATES, EXTRAS, MAINTENANCE, GRAFT AND LOOT
THOSE FIGURES WILL BE DOUBLED**

Don't be fooled. The above figures are correct. Figure it out for yourself. The bill authorizes the issue of \$101,000,000 Bonds to be paid in 18 years, with interest at 3 per cent., and directs levy of an annual direct tax of 12-1000 of a mill on each dollar valuation, each million of bonds issued.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------------|
| Annual tax rate on each \$1 valuation is .000012-101= | - | - | - | - | - | .001212 |
| Assessed valuation of Broome County | - | - | - | - | - | \$34,028,192 |
| Annual tax on Broome County, .001212-34,928,192= | - | - | - | - | - | 42,329.33 |
| Total tax for 18 years, \$42,329.33-18= | - | - | - | - | - | 761,927.94 |
| Present annual State tax Broome County | - | - | - | - | - | 4,268.43 |

Vote AGAINST This Gigantic Steal

*Broome County N.Y.
Oct. 26-1902*

Courtesy: Broome County Historical Society

THE BARGE CANAL IN ROME

S. H. BEACH TELLS WHY IT
SHOULD BE FAVORED.

The Desirability of a Means of Increasing the Local Industrial Growth
—Cheaper Freight Connection With Western Business Districts.

ROME, Oct. 21.—So much has been spoken and printed in relation to the 1,000-ton barge canal, that it would seem as if every one must, by this time, have formed an opinion in the matter making further argument or comment unnecessary; but as the day draws near when this great question is to be decided for all time, let us pause for a moment, and take a view of the matter in its broadest light.

When Governor Dewitt Clinton took the little bucket of green water which had been dipped from Lake Erie and poured it over the boat's side, into New York harbor, where it mixed with the blue water of the Atlantic, he, by so doing, declared to the world, that the insurmountable barrier of dry land which separated our inland waterways from the ocean, had been bridged, and, backed by his constituents, he pledged the state of New York to maintain an all water route from the great lakes to the seaboard.

We in this day of great undertakings can hardly appreciate the magnitude, at



Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading

Key Ideas and Details

- STANDARD 1:** Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
- STANDARD 2:** Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
- STANDARD 3:** Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

Craft and Structure

- STANDARD 4:** Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
- STANDARD 5:** Analyze the structure of texts, including how specific sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of the text (e.g., a section, chapter, scene, or stanza) relate to each other and the whole.
- STANDARD 6:** Assess how point of view or purpose shapes the content and style of a text, drawing on a wide range of global and diverse texts.

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

- STANDARD 7:** Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including across multiple texts.
- STANDARD 8:** Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, including the validity of the reasoning as well as the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence.
- STANDARD 9:** Analyze how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take.

Kingston, N. Y. Sept. 15th 1823

Runaway Negro !



THE subscriber's negro man BOB, having runaway, I hereby forbid all persons to harbor or employ him, as I am determined to prosecute every person or persons so injuring me.

JOHN SOUSER.

Kingston Sept. 17th 1823.

Courtesy: New York State Archives

Manumission of Mink

We the Subscribers two of the Justices of the Peace
of the county of New York and two of the Over
seers of the poor of the town of Schodack in said
County being informed that a Negro Named
Mink the property of Rostert Johnson of the Town
and County aforesaid and that the said Rostert
Johnson is inclined to manumit the said
Negro Man Mink

We do certify that the said Negro Man Mink
appears to us to be under fifty years of age and
Sufficient ability to provide for himself

Witness our hands this 26th day of April 1795

Jacob C. Schormerhorn } Justices
Nicholas Staats } of the
Peace

James McKoun } Overseers of
Isaac Phillips } the Poor

The above is a true copy of the Original Certificate
Certified and accorded this twelfth day of May
One thousand seven Hundred & ninety five

by me

Theophilus Drake Clerk
of the Town of Schodack

James Carpenter *Free of Goshen*

Thirty Dollars Reward !

RANAWAY,

FROM the Subscriber, on the 2d day of this instant, a NEGRO
MAN named

KILLIS,

about twenty years old—about five feet six inches high—his head uncommonly long, with thick lips.—Had on when he went away, a blue broadcloth great coat partly worn, a new brown broadcloth coat with yellow oval buttons, swansdown jacket, grey homespun trowsers, and a fur hat.—Whoever will take up said Negro and secure him in any gaol, and send me word, so that I get him again, (if he is found within ten miles of Goshen) shall receive TEN dollars reward—if more than ten miles from Goshen, THIRTY dollars reward.

JAMES CARPENTER.

Goshen, January 5, 1807.

GOSHEN, PRINTED BY DENTON & HOPKINS.

Courtesy: Fenimore Art Museum

New York State Prison, June 17, 1846

Dear Sir,

Permit a black man by the name of Kilbr who left your service nine years ago last January to implore your forgiveness and assistance. Since I left your service I have resided hither and yon in the Northern and Eastern States until last June when I was traveling from Pittsburg to Troy and on my way fell in company with some men who were apprehended for taking goods from the wagon of a teamster to the amount of \$100 and on searching the parcel a handkerchief which they said belonged to me was found with the goods and on that circumstance I was apprehended as an accomplice and lodged in Troy gaol. The others made their escape and on my trial I was found guilty (upon no other circumstance than that of the handkerchief the owner of the property not even appearing against me) and sentenced to his house for seven years to hard labor. I have lately heard of the death of my father and Mother and therefore

have no friend to assist me in my unfortunate situation I have been in no trouble since I have been here. And I am fully sensible of my folly in leaving you as I did, and for which I sincerely repent. If you will now be so kind as to assist me in gaining my liberty I will return to my duty and by my industry & industry and gratitude attempt to reward you for your kind interference in my behalf. I was sentenced by the County Judge and sentenced by the name of Samuel Washington Seemore. I remain with regard and esteem yours at command

Kilbr Seemore

Mr. James Carpenter
Gothen

Killis Letter (1816)

New York State Prison, June 17, 1816
Dear Sir,

Permit a black man by the name of Killis who left your service nine years ago last January to implore your forgiveness and assistance. Since I left your service I have resided principally in the Northern and Eastern States until last June when I was traveling from Pittstown to Troy and on my way fell in company with some men who were apprehended for taking goods from the wagon of a teamster to the amount of \$100 and on searching the parcel and handkerchief which they said belonged to me was found with the goods and on that circumstance I was apprehended as an accomplice and lodged in Troy gaol; the others made their escape and on my trial I was found guilty (when no other circumstance than that of the handkerchief; the owner of the property not even appearing against me) and sentenced to this house for seven years to hard labor. I have lately heard of the death of my father and Mother and therefore

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Killis Seemore

Mr. James Carpenter
Goshen



Boice
Troy N.Y.