The Missing Chapter

Untold Stories of the African American Presence in the Mid-Hudson Valley

PETER of COLDENHAM

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Coldenham, Ulfter County, }
May 21, 1794.

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