

The Missing Chapter.

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



1 Know all men by these presents That I Matth
-usalam Dubois of the Town of Newpatz in the Coun-
-ty of Ulster and State of Newyork for and in consid-
-eration of the Sum of Sixty eight Pounds Ten Shillings
2 Delivery of these presents by Peter Lefever gent of
the Same place the Receipt whereof is hereby ac-
-knowledge have Bargained and Sold, and by these
presents do bargain and Sell unto the Said Peter
3 Lefever gent A Negro wench Named Molly abo-
-ut Fifteen Years old To Have and to Hold the
Said Negrowench Slave by these presents Bargai-
-ned and Sold unto the Said Peter Lefever gent his
4 Executors, administrators and assigns for Ever
And I the Said Matthusalam Dubois for my
Self my Heirs Executors, and administrators the
Said Negrowench Have Molly unto the Said
Peter Lefever gent his Executors, administrators
5 and assigns against me the Said Matthusalam
Dubois my Executors, administrators & assigns, and
against all and Every other person and persons
6 Ever Defend by these presents of which
Negrowench Slave I the Said Matthusalam Dubois
-is have put the Said Peter Lefever gent in fu-
-ll Possession at and Before the Sealing here-
-of In witness whereof The Said
7 Matthusalam Dubois hath to these presents
Set his Hand and Seal this Fifth Day of mar-
-ch one thousand seven Hundred and Ninety eight
in the presence of us Matthusalam Dubois

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