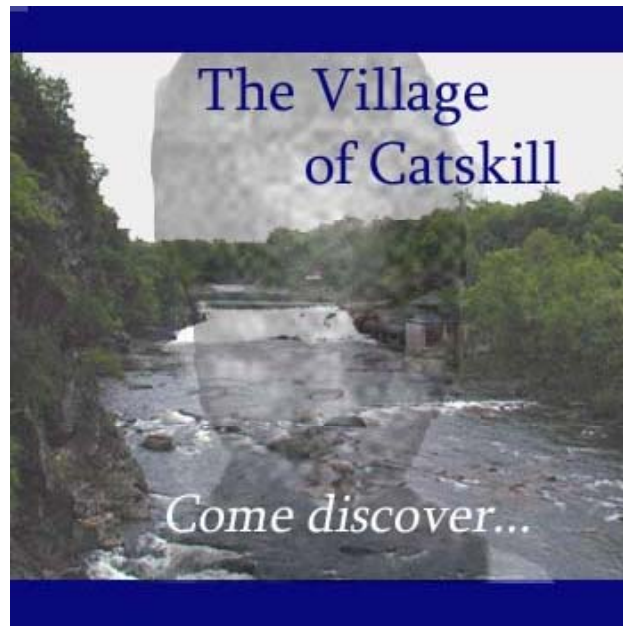


Slavery in the Catskills



AGENDA

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Overview of Slavery in the Hudson River Valley - Greg Racz

A General History of Catskill Village - Danielle Fitzgerald

Evidence of Slavery in the Village of Catskill - Brian Keuling

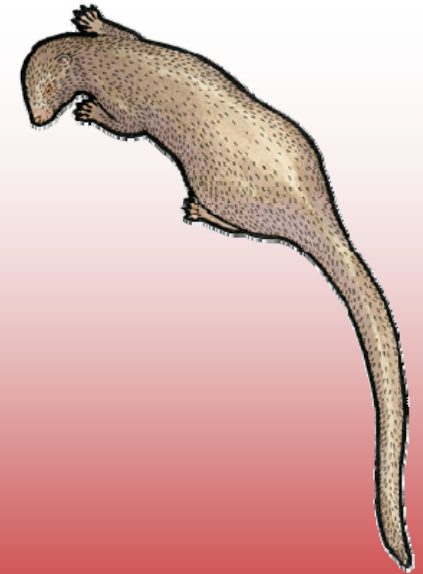
Evidence of the Underground Railroad in Catskill - Amanda Schreiner

Conclusion - Greg Racz

THESIS

Although the Hudson River Valley played a vital role in both the continuing of slavery and the Underground Railroad, the village of Catskill boasts only passed-along rumors and stories of involvement with the Railroad; however, Catskill was involved to some extent with the institution of slavery, and therefore figures into this element of Hudson Valley history.

Overview of Slavery in the Hudson River Valley



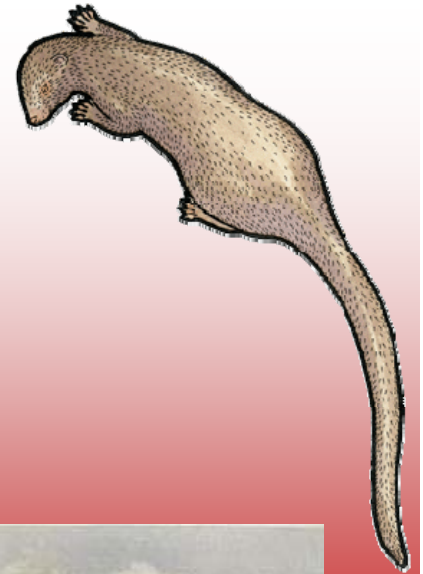
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- Demographics
- Pre-Revolution
- Post-Revolution
- Abolition/Resistance

\$150 REWARD.
RANAWAY from the subscriber, on the night of Monday the 11th July, a negro man named
TOM,
about 30 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high; of dark color; heavy in the chest; several of his jaw teeth out; and upon his body are several old marks of the whip, one of them straight down the back. He took with him a quantity of clothing, and several hats.
A reward of \$150 will be paid for his apprehension and security, if taken out of the State of Kentucky; \$100 if taken in any county bordering on the Ohio river; \$50 if taken in any of the interior counties except Fayette; or \$20 if taken in the latter county.
July 12-84-tf
B. L. BOSTON.

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History of Catskill Village

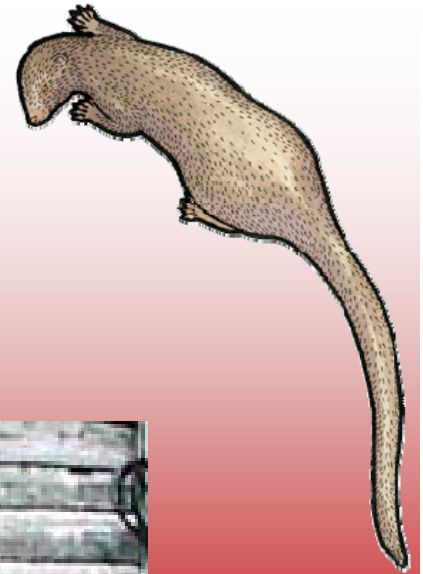


- Van Bergen and Salisbury
- Becoming a Town
- Post-Revolution growth
- Modern Day Catskill Village
 - Catskill Creek
 - Industry

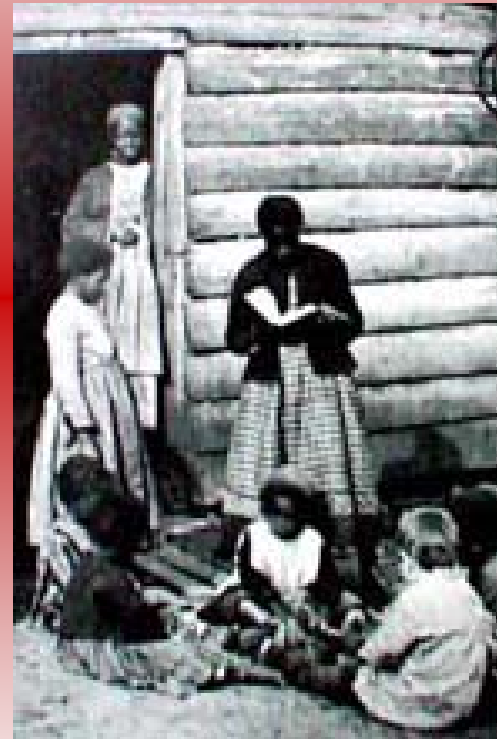


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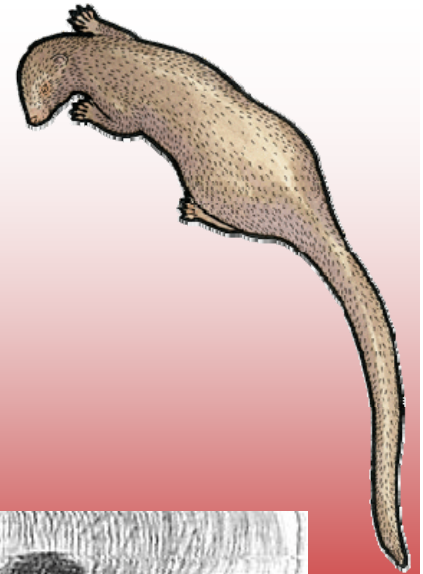


- Characteristics of slave owners:
 - Lots of land (800+ acres)
 - Some served in military
 - Some were town officials
 - Most others owned 2-3 slaves
 - Expensive
 - Poor farmers did not own much land
 - Slaves could escape easily



<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/english/bibliography/guidedreading/lecture01/grintro/images/slaves.jpeg>

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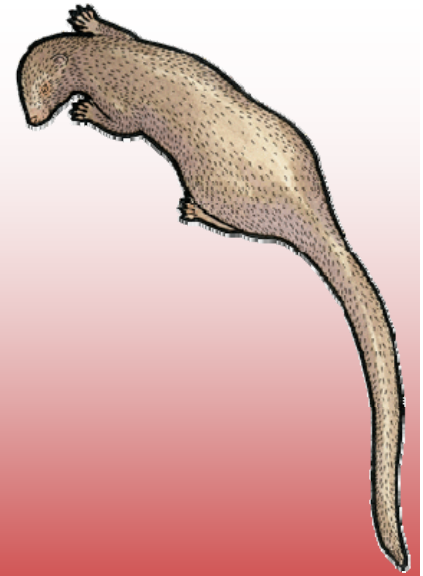


- Anna Swarts' ghost
 - landowner Salisbury acquitted of murder in 1762
 - In the 1820s, she appeared
 - Ghost represents racial inequalities and discrimination
 - Ghost mentioned in 1862 novel "The Sutherlands"



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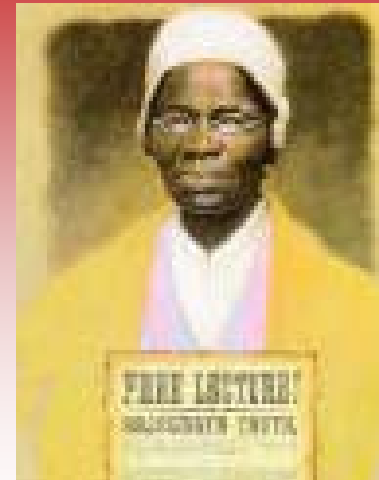
The Underground Railroad



- 500 African Americans "conductors"
- Freedom of over 75,000 former slaves
- Whites and blacks, Northerners and Southerners
- Risk lives for the safety of slaves
- The Fugitive Slave Law
- Sojourner Truth

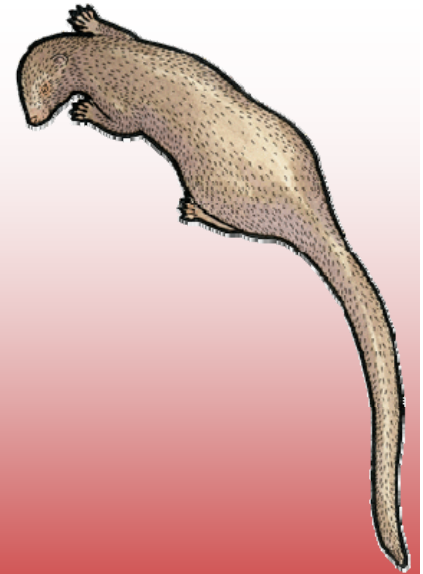


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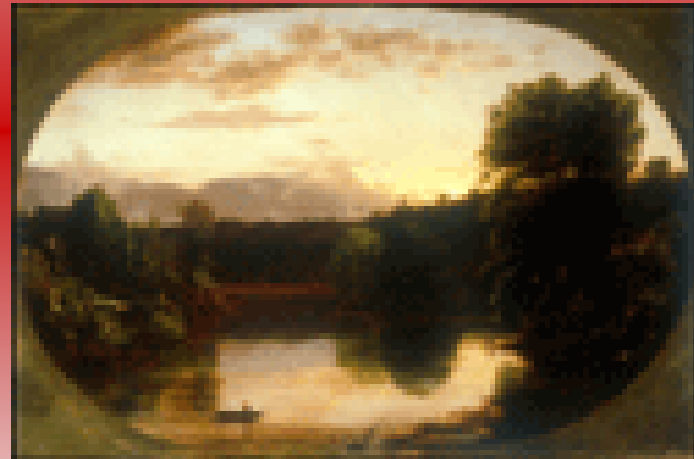


<http://www.noho.com/sojourner/>

So what about Catskill?



- No conclusive evidence to support definitive existence
- The experts say...
- Possible locations
 - 1690 House
 - Pole House/Athens
- Rejected possibilities
- What conclusion can we draw?



<http://www.nyhistory.org/intimate/tiny4.gif0>

CONCLUSION

Despite the fact that slavery and the Underground Railroad did not have as strong an impact on Catskill as it did many other parts of the Hudson River Valley, slavery did exist there and is a part of the town's background. There is no one site that can prove the definitive existence of the Underground Railroad, but there is speculation that there may have been some action with the railroad that passed through the region, and hopefully this speculation will one day be proven true. Overall, the village of Catskill was affected by the institution of slavery and its impact should be remembered.