

In-Archives Handout

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Group 3: Slavery and African American Life

Bills of sale, 1751 – 1793; Queens County, N.Y. slave bills of sale, 1978.010; Brooklyn Historical Society.

1. How much money is being transferred? Using an online historical currency calculator, convert the pounds into contemporary dollars and today's dollars.
2. What happened to the woman Peg as described in the document that is signed by John Van Wyk, Robert Howell, and John Coomes?

Henry Onderdonk Jr. Documents and Letters Intended to Illustrate the Revolutionary Incidents of Queens County, N.Y., 1884; Henry Onderdonk papers, ARC.045, box 1, folder 5; Brooklyn Historical Society.

1. Page 14: What does the incident between the black driver, Quamino, and the white gentleman of fortune, Micah Williams, tell us about black-white relations? Who are the authorities and does this matter?
2. Page 17, second column: What happened to Robin and Dick? What does this tell us about slavery?