



Winter Presentation

Agency and Ownership: The Story of Susanna and Anthony, Two Enslaved Africans in 17th Century New York

Presenter: Eddie Moran

In late 1673, Louis Dubois purchased two enslaved Africans named Anthony and Susanna from the Dutch sheriff in what is now Kingston, NY. This is the earliest recorded purchase of enslaved Africans by a founder of New Paltz, NY. However, Anthony and Susanna fled from Dubois in early 1674, crossing the Hudson River and returning to the plantation of their former enslaver, Colonel Lewis Morris, in what is now the Bronx.

Over the following six years, Dubois and Morris engaged in a drawn out and bitter legal dispute over Anthony and Susanna. In this presentation, Ulster County Historian Eddie Moran will guide attendees through an array of 17th century documents and records to reveal the powerful and riveting story of Anthony and Susanna.



Eddie Moran is the County Historian for Ulster County, NY. A lifelong resident of the New Paltz area and a descendant of the town's Huguenot and Dutch colonizers, he is a graduate of SUNY New Paltz. While still in college, he worked as a tour guide at Historic Huguenot Street in New Paltz and later joined the staff, managing guided tours and exhibit interpretation full-time.

Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Time: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Place: Online via Zoom

REGISTRATION: Lifespring members and members of the community are invited to attend this free online event. **Registration opens on November 18th and closes December 2nd at 5pm.** A link to the registration form will be posted on the Lifespring website under Latest News and Winter Presentations.