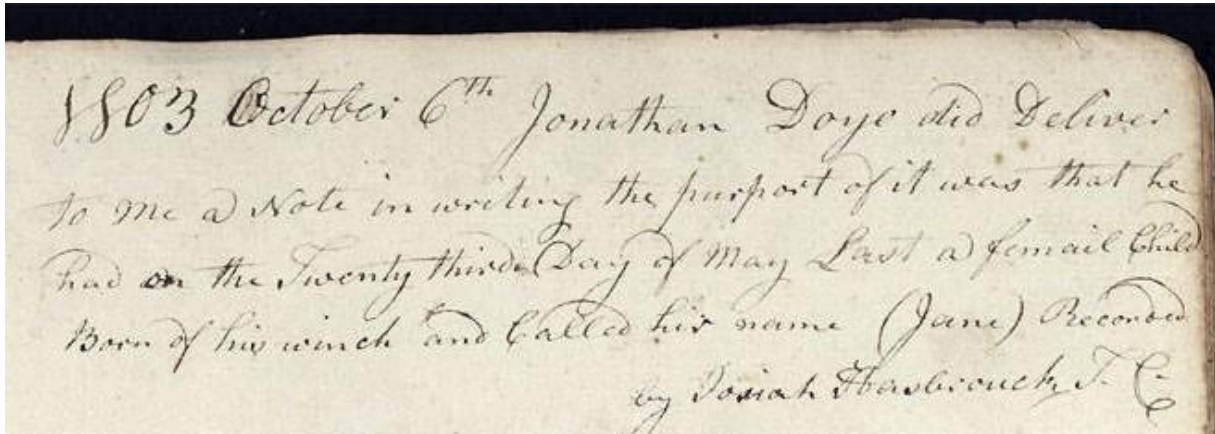


***Jane Deyo Wynkoop*, an exhibit on one of the first African Americans to purchase land in New Paltz, opens this Saturday at Historic Huguenot Street**



NEW PALTZ, NY (August 18, 2021) – Historic Huguenot Street will present *Jane Deyo Wynkoop*, an exhibit on the life of Jane Deyo Wynkoop, at the DuBois Fort Visitor Center from August 21 through September 26, 2021. Jane Deyo Wynkoop was one of the first African Americans to purchase land in New Paltz, New York. Born to an enslaved woman in this rural Ulster County community, Jane had a remarkable story.

Despite harsh beginnings, her diligence and determination resulted in a productive, inspiring life that included marriage and raising a family. As a result of her hard work and planning, Jane’s purchase of land was the first step toward opening the door for her sons’ acquiring the legal right to vote. Through original archival documents, including the Town of New Paltz’ Registry of Slaves and a manuscript from the Haviland-Heidgerd Historical Collection, Elting Memorial Library, this exhibit explores Jane’s story from birth in 1803 to death in 1876, at age 73. View the online exhibit about Jane at <https://www.huguenotstreet.org/exhibits>.

Image detail: Birth record for “Jane,” born May 23, 1803. Detail from the Register of Slaves for the Town of New Paltz, 1799-1825. Records of the Town of New Paltz. Courtesy of Historic Huguenot Street Archives.

About Historic Huguenot Street

A National Historic Landmark District, Historic Huguenot Street is a 501(c)3 non-profit that encompasses 30 buildings across 10 acres comprising the heart of the original 1678 New Paltz settlement, including seven stone houses dating to the early eighteenth century. Historic

Huguenot Street was founded in 1894 as the Huguenot Patriotic, Historical, and Monumental Society to preserve the nationally acclaimed collection of stone houses. Since then, Historic Huguenot Street has grown into an innovative museum, chartered as an educational corporation by the University of the State of New York Department of Education that is dedicated to preserving a unique Hudson Valley Huguenot settlement and engaging diverse audiences in the exploration of America's multicultural past in order to understand the historical forces that have shaped America.

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