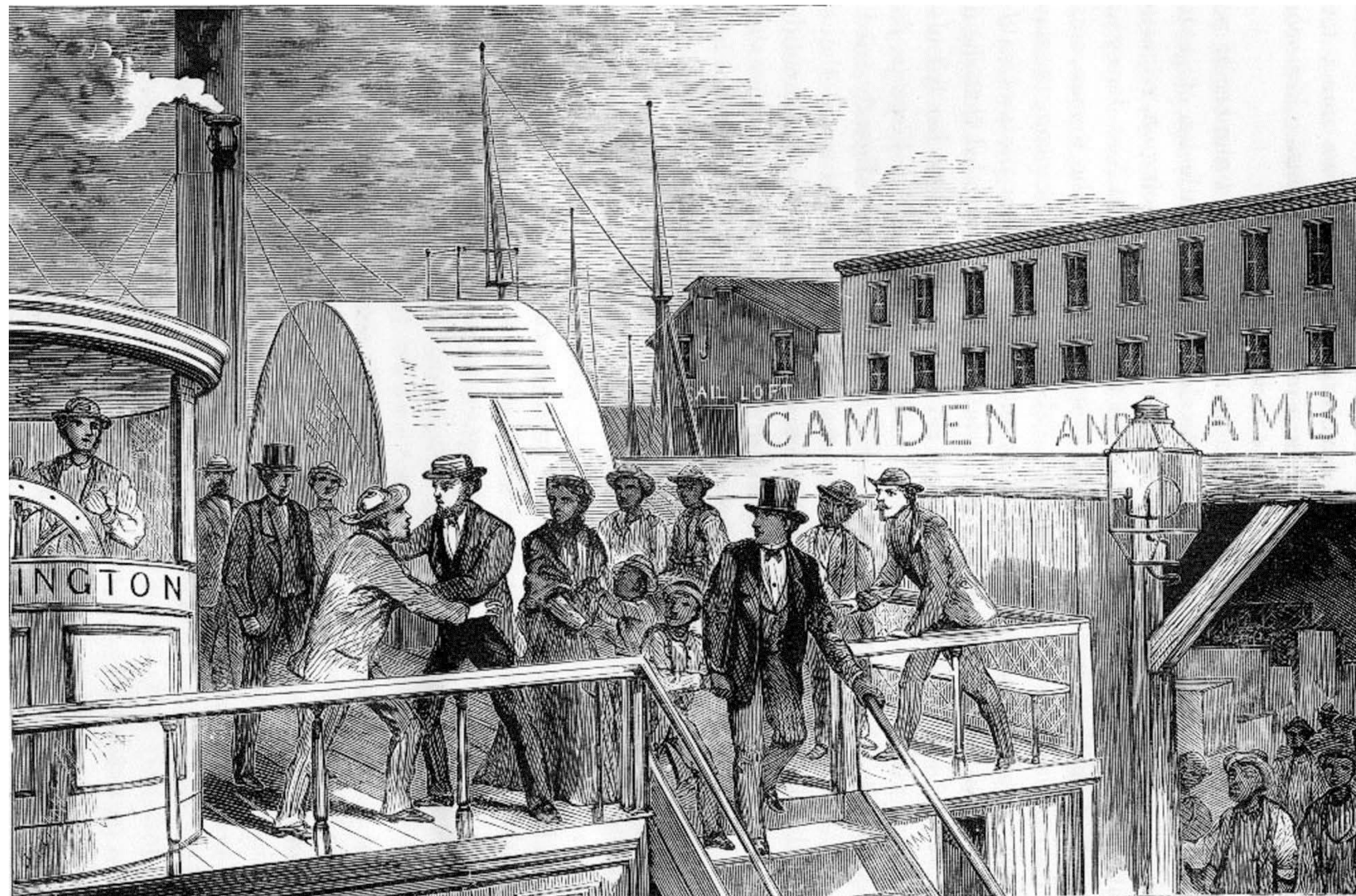


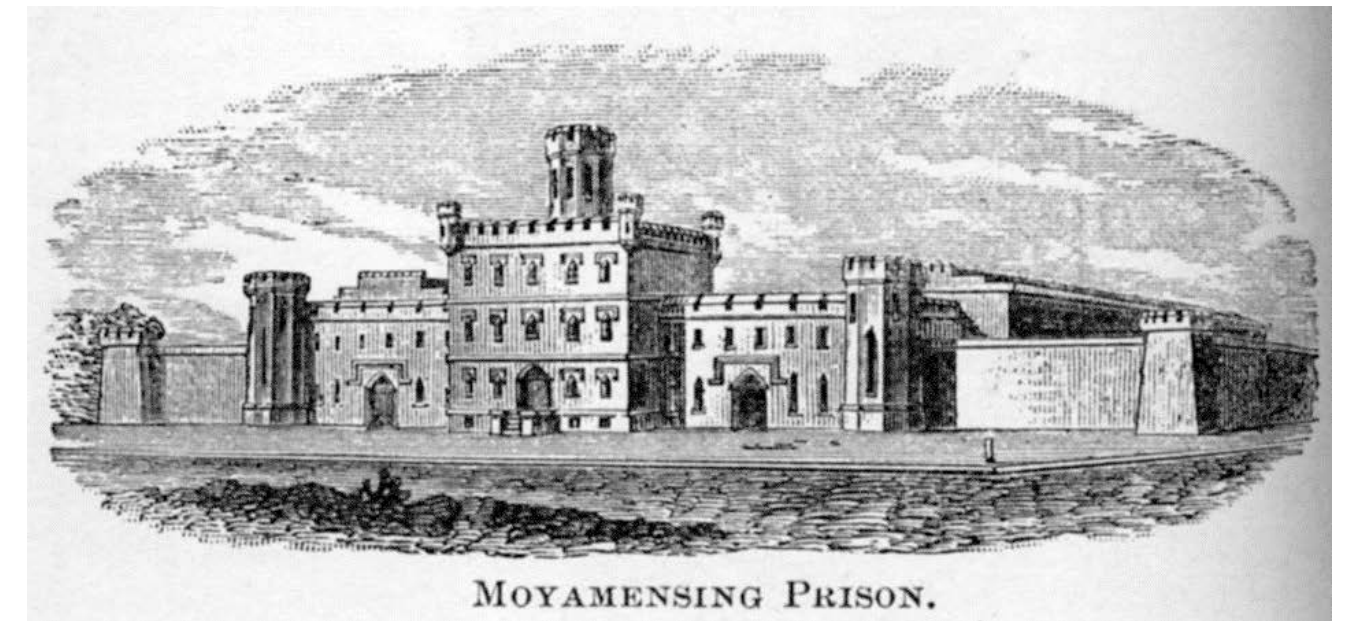
Help Chester County Historical Society Save Passmore Williamson's Prison Visitors' Book



Jane Johnson gained her freedom at the wharf in Philadelphia. William Still conducted her to safety. Passmore Williamson confronted the angry master, Col. John Wheeler.

So who was Passmore Williamson?

In 1855, Williamson was jailed for refusing to cooperate in recovering Jane Johnson and her two sons. Johnson was an enslaved woman who sought and gained freedom in Pennsylvania with Williamson's assistance. He spent 100 days in Moyamensing Prison before he was released.



What was the Top 10 Endangered Artifacts Campaign?

Pennsylvania's Top 10 Endangered Artifacts was "a campaign that celebrates our state's most inspiring items" while building awareness and raising funds for much-needed conservation work. Nominated items were selected by an independent review panel and represented a range of institutions from across Pennsylvania. During the campaign, which ran for six weeks last fall, people could vote for and donate to their favorite artifacts. The visitors' book won the People's Choice Award, with 1,968,595 votes, social media shares, and individual donations. Since the campaign began, we have raised \$11,000 towards our goal of \$25,480.



How can you help?

Five hundred people supported Passmore Williamson by visiting him in prison. If five hundred people give \$26.00 we will reach our goal and the book will be restored. Please help us preserve his book and tell his story. Every donation matters, but please consider making a donation of \$26.00 or more toward the conservation fund. Become one of Passmore Williamson's 21st-century supporters today.



What will happen to the book after it is treated?

The book will be exhibited for limited time periods in order to ensure its long-term preservation. The entire book will be scanned and digital images will be available online and in the CCHS library. A transcribed and annotated list of signatures will also be placed online, to which the public will be able to submit additional information on the visitors. By requesting the public's help, we will build a more complete database documenting the extensive community that rallied around Passmore Williamson and supported his principled stand against slavery. This information will be used as the basis for new school and public programming.

Why does the book need conservation treatment?

The leather on the book's spine and corners is almost completely gone, and the front and back covers are worn and completely detached. Many pages are loose or very tenuously attached. The book cannot be handled without risking further damage. Each page of the book will require treatment, and the binding must be restored.

