

**S5. Provide a history of the site since its time of significance to the Underground Railroad, including physical changes or alterations.**

- November 19, 1797 John Hart Crenshaw born.⁷⁴
October 2, 1817 Crenshaw marries Francine "Sina" Taylor in Gallatin Co., Illinois.⁷⁵
mid 1820s Crenshaw indicted for kidnapping along with John Forrester and Preston W. Davis.⁷⁶
1827 Crenshaw becomes slave trader and takes Frank Granger and 15 others to Tennessee.⁷⁷
1828 Crenshaw kidnaps Lucinda and her two children, takes them to Barren Co., Kentucky.⁷⁸
November 5, 1828 Crenshaw buys his first saltworks.⁷⁹
July 8, 1829 John Crenshaw and his brother Abraham buy site of Old Slave House.⁸⁰
1834 Traditional start date for construction of the house.⁸¹
January 12, 1835 Crenshaw buys out brother Abraham's interest in land, including site of Old Slave House.⁸²
1838 More likely start date for construction, as this is date on cornerstone.
1838 Construction begins on Shawneetown & Alton R.R. grade below the hill in front of the OSH.⁸³
1842 Traditional completion date for OSH based on builder's inscription in window.⁸⁴
Winter 1842 Crenshaw kidnaps Maria Adams and her children, sells them to Lewis Kuykendall and son.⁸⁵
February 25, 1846 Crenshaw's daughter Margaret marries Charles H. Lanphier in the OSH.⁸⁶
June 6, 1846 Soldiers elect Crenshaw's son-in-law Michael K. Lawler as captain in Mexican War company.⁸⁷
Before September 1846 Crenshaw gets involved in Newton Wright's attempt to falsely imprison the former Prather slaves.⁸⁸
December 1, 1846 Crenshaw forced to give up lease of the state-owned saltworks after failing to pay taxes for seven years.⁸⁹
May 7, 1847 Bank mortgage of \$15,000 due.⁹⁰
c. 1847 Crenshaw kidnaps Peter White and three other children from Equality.⁹¹
November 13, 1847 Crenshaw surrenders lease of state's saltworks.⁹²
December 1, 1847 Crenshaw once again mortgages OSH to brother-in-law Taylor.⁹³
Late 1847 / Early 1848 Crenshaw loses leg in attack.⁹⁴
March 11, 1848 Crenshaw recovers enough to ride horse into Shawneetown.⁹⁵

⁷⁴ 1905. *Memoirs of the Lower Ohio Valley*. Madison, Wis.: Federal Publishing Company. 2:373-374.

⁷⁵ Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, 1673-1900. Illinois State Archives.

⁷⁶ October 27, 1828. "Preston W. Davis v. John Crenshaw". Gallatin County Court Records. Illinois Regional Archives Depository. Carbondale, Ill.

⁷⁷ Robert G. Green. May 14, and Aug. 6, 1828. Letters to Henry Eddy. Henry Eddy MSS. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library.

⁷⁸ J. H. C. Ellis. Dec. 26, 1843. Letter to Post Master, Shawneetown, Ill. Henry Eddy MSS. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library.

⁷⁹ *Gallatin County (Ill.) Deed Record A*. 341.

⁸⁰ *Gallatin County (Ill.) Deed Record B*. 200.

⁸¹ [John G.] Mulcaster to Prof [George W.] Smith. July 23, 1934. John Allen Papers. Special Collections, Morris Library. SIU-Carbondale, and/or Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library.

⁸² Jan. 12, 1835. *Gallatin County (Ill.) Deed Record E*. 426-427.

⁸³ 1887. *History of Gallatin, Saline, Hamilton, Franklin and Williamson Counties, Illinois*. Chicago: Goodspeed Publishing Co. 50-51.

⁸⁴ [John G.] Mulcaster to Prof [George W.] Smith. July 23, 1934. John Allen Papers. Special Collections, Morris Library. SIU-Carbondale, and/or Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library.

⁸⁵ Samuel D. Marshall. April 8, 1842. "Negrophobia." (Shawneetown) *Illinois Republican*. 3; Henry Eddy, Benjamin Edwards, Ninian Edwards, George Leviston, and A. G. S. Wight. December 8, 1846. Letters to Gov. Thomas Ford. "Charles Adams and others pardon." Executive Clemency Files, Illinois State Archives; and May 25, 1846. *Gallatin County Order Record M*. Circuit Court Records. 1-4.

⁸⁶ Robert L. Patton, trans. Family Bible of Charles H. and Margaret T. Lanphier. Now (1939) in the possession of Mrs. Robert C. Lanphier. Springfield Illinois. Charles C. Patton Collection.

⁸⁷ Jane W. Crichton. 1965. Michael Kelly Lawler: A Southern Illinois Mexican War Captain and Civil War General. Thesis. Carbondale, Ill.: Southern Illinois University. 19-50.

⁸⁸ Document No. 251. 1846. "Agreement of Facts About the Prather Negroes." typed copy made in 1913. Henry Eddy MSS. Illinois Historical Survey, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana; and 1887. *History of Gallatin, Saline, Hamilton, Franklin and Williamson Counties, Illinois*. Chicago: Goodspeed Publishing Co. 36.

⁸⁹ Feb. 27, 1854. "An Act to Adjust & Settle Matters with Lease of Gallatin Salines." John Crenshaw File. Michael K. Lawler Papers. SIU Special Collections. Carbondale, Ill.

⁹⁰ *Gallatin County Deed Record N*. 163.

⁹¹ [James Lyle Sisk]. [n.d., c. 1934]. Interpretive sign on the third floor in the Old Slave House. Equality, Ill.; George W. Smith. 1905. "The salines of Southern Illinois." *Transactions of the Illinois State Historical Society*. Springfield, Ill.: Illinois State Historical Society. 9:245-248; and Sept. 25, 1941. "Aged Equality Colored Resident Succumbs." (Shawneetown, Ill.) *The Gallatin Democrat*. 5.

⁹² Nov. 13, 1847, Filed June 5, 1848. "John Crenshaw Release of Lease." John Crenshaw File. Michael K. Lawler Papers. SIU Special Collections. Carbondale, Ill.

⁹³ *Gallatin County (Ill.) Deed Record N*. 427-473.

⁹⁴ Adaline Crenshaw to Margaret Crenshaw Lanphier. Jan. 25, 1848. Lanphier Papers. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, and John Metzger. 1971. Gallatin County Salines and Slavery in Illinois. Thesis. Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. 120 n17, referencing a telephone interview of March 25, 1971. See also Kimbra Spurlin. July 5, 2002. E-mail to Jon Musgrave.



- March 24, 1849 Crenshaw and partners buy Hicks Mill in Equality.⁹⁶
By May 1849 Crenshaw moves family into John Lane's old tavern in Equality.⁹⁷
April 28, 1850 Battered by court judgments Crenshaw mortgages OSH to brother-in-law E. D. Taylor.⁹⁸
Spring 1850 Crenshaw brother-in-law Jonathan Taylor farms part of Crenshaw's land at OSH.⁹⁹
September 18-21, 1850 Census finds Crenshaw in Equality, son William T. at the Old Slave House.¹⁰⁰
After September 1850 William T. Crenshaw moves out of OSH to live temporarily in Monroe Co., Illinois.¹⁰¹
1851 Crenshaw hires German family to live in house, run farm¹⁰²
1851-1853 Strange noises reported coming from third floor¹⁰³
1853 George D. Sanks buys land immediately north of the Old Slave House¹⁰⁴
1853-1855 George D. Sanks family live in the Old Slave House¹⁰⁵
Before June 1855 Crenshaw moves back to the Old Slave House¹⁰⁶
June 1856 Crenshaw goes to Washington, gets new leg.¹⁰⁷
1856-1859 Bob Wilson serves as stud slave at OSH.¹⁰⁸
March 4, 1861 Abraham Lincoln takes oath of office as the United States' 16th president.
April 12, 1861 Confederates begin bombardment of Fort Sumpter.
April 13, 1861 Fort Sumpter falls.
April 15, 1861 Crenshaw's son-in-law Michael K. Lawler begins organizing what becomes the 18th Ill. Inf.¹⁰⁹
April 15-21, 1861 Son-in-law Charles H. Lanphier takes strong pro-Union stance in Springfield¹¹⁰
July 9, 1861 Son-in-law James Foster and the Gallatin Co. Cav. join up with the 1st Ill. Cav. Foster named Capt.¹¹¹
July 30, 1861 Son William T. Lawler one of 1314 men left in county counted for military census.¹¹²
After Sept. 4, 1861 Brother-in-law Edmund D. Taylor meets with U.S. Grant in Cairo on Lincoln's behalf.¹¹³
Oct. 27, 1861 Ninian W. Edwards writes Lincoln, tells of Taylor's impending trip to Washington to see him.¹¹⁴
Nov. 7, 1861 Confederates make first raid into Gallatin County.¹¹⁵
1861-1864 At various times during the war Lawler's family moves in with Crenshaw's.¹¹⁶
Early January 1862 Taylor meets with Gen. John A. McClernand at Cairo.¹¹⁷

⁹⁵ William T. Crenshaw to C. H. Lanphier. March 11, 1848. Lanphier Papers. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library.

⁹⁶ *Gallatin County (Ill.) Deed Record N. 633-634*

⁹⁷ Adaline Crenshaw. May 27, 1849. Letter to Margaret (Crenshaw) Lanphier. Charles H. Lanphier Papers. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library.

⁹⁸ *Gallatin County (Ill.) Deed Record O. 277.*

⁹⁹ *Gallatin County (Ill.) Deed Record O. 295.*

¹⁰⁰ 1850 Census of Gallatin Co., Illinois. Ancestry.com

¹⁰¹ *Gallatin County (Ill.) Deed Record O. 415.*

¹⁰² Myra Eddy Wiederhold. April 2, 1936. Letter to Frank E. Stevens. Charles C. Patton Collection. Springfield, Ill.

¹⁰³ Wiederhold.

¹⁰⁴ *Gallatin County (Ill.) Deed Record P. 637-640.*

¹⁰⁵ Celeste (Sanks) Bennett. July 3, 2004. Phone interview with Jon Musgrave. Mrs. Bennett is 97 and a granddaughter of George D. Sanks who built the Sanks house immediately north of the Old Slave House in the mid 1850s; and Judy Keasler. July 7, 2004. Phone interview conducted by Jon Musgrave. Keasler is the wife of Gene D. Sanks, a nephew of Celeste (Sanks) Bennett and a great-grandson of George D. Sanks.

¹⁰⁶ Margaret (Crenshaw) Lanphier. [July 1855]. Letter to Charles H. Lanphier. Charles H. Lanphier papers. Undated folder. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library.

¹⁰⁷ Adaline Crenshaw to Margaret (Crenshaw) Lanphier. July 8, 1856. Lanphier Papers. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library; and Chas. C. Patton MS reviewing contemporary letters of the Crenshaw family. Patton's notes add a few more facts to the story.

¹⁰⁸ There are more than 40 affidavits in the George Sisk Collection from individuals who heard Robert "Uncle Bob" Wilson's story of how he served as a stud slave on seven different plantations including the Old Slave House. This particular time period is suggest for Wilson's stay because as he was from Virginia, it's the only time Crenshaw is known to have been in Virginia. Also, Wilson was back in the Old Dominion state to witness John Brown's hanging in Charles Town in 1859. Wilson turned 22 in 1856.

¹⁰⁹ Michael K. Lawler. Feb. 29, 1864. Second Copy of Report. Unpublished Notebook. Michael Kelly Lawler Papers. Special Collections. Morris Library. Southern Illinois University – Carbondale.

¹¹⁰ Lymun Trumbull. April 21, 1861. Letter to Abraham Lincoln. Abraham Lincoln Papers at the Library of Congress. Transcribed and Annotated by the Lincoln Studies Center, Knox College. Galesburg, Illinois.

¹¹¹ 1905. *Memoirs of the Lower Ohio Valley*. Madison, Wis.: Federal Publishing Company. 2:373-374; and Company B. 1st Illinois Cavalry. <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilcivilw/acm/cav001-b.htm>.

¹¹² [Gallatin Co.] Commissioners Court Order Book 1860-1869. Illinois Regional Archives Depository. Carbondale. 74-91.

¹¹³ Theo. F. Cook. Feb. 2, 1888. Affidavit in regards to Taylor's role as special agent, reprinted in the House of Representatives, 50th Congress, 1st Session, Report No. 380; and reprinted again in the July 1997 "Springhouse Update: Col. E. D. Taylor— Lincoln's Secret Agent?" *Springhouse*. 14:3. back inside cover.

¹¹⁴ Ninian W. Edwards. Oct. 27, 1861. Letter to Abraham Lincoln. (Defends his actions as a government commissary). Abraham Lincoln Papers at the Library of Congress. Transcribed and Annotated by the Lincoln Studies Center, Knox College. Galesburg, Illinois.

¹¹⁵ *Shawneetown Weekly Mercury*. Nov. 7. 1861.

¹¹⁶ William T. Lawler. 1978. *The Lawlers from Ireland to Illinois*. Privately published. 4.

¹¹⁷ John A. McClernand. Feb. 18, 1888. Letter to Col. E. D. Taylor. Reprinted in the House of Representatives, 50th Congress, 1st Session, Report No. 380; and reprinted again in the July 1997 "Springhouse Update: Col. E. D. Taylor— Lincoln's Secret Agent?" *Springhouse*. 14:3. back inside cover.



- Feb. 13-16, 1862 Battle of Fort Donelson. Lawler wounded.¹¹⁸
April 6, 1864 Crenshaw pays \$3,000 to Taylor who releases mortgage on Hickory Hill property.¹¹⁹
April 23-28, 1864 Confederate raiders threaten Shawneetown.¹²⁰
May 2, 1864 Crenshaw sells Old Slave House and 300 acres to James S. Folsom.¹²¹
Nov. 5, 1866 Folsom and wife Susan, mortgages Old Slave House to their son Albert Folsom.¹²²
Dec. 5, 1867 Hickory Hill Lane that ran on west side of OSH slated to become county road.¹²³
1869 St. Louis & Southeastern finally builds railroad on grade just below the OSH.¹²⁴
June 17, 1870 Crenshaw's household totals 12 individuals. Lives about two miles NW of OSH.¹²⁵
June 18, 1870 Enumerator finds only 2 people living in the OSH: Albert and Catherine Folsom.¹²⁶
Jan. 15, 1871 Railroad service begins on tracks below the OSH.¹²⁷
Oct. 5, 1871 Crenshaw makes his last major property sale, 1,000 acres for \$20,000.¹²⁸
Dec. 4, 1871 Crenshaw dies and is buried in Hickory Hill cemetery NE of the OSH.¹²⁹
June 12, 1872 Albert Folsom marries Alice Watkins in Gallatin County.¹³⁰
Aug. 11, 1873 Methodist minister positively identifies Granger as a sobriquet for Crenshaw.¹³¹
Feb. 28, 1878 Albert Folsom sells OSH to Alice W. F. Folsom.¹³²
June 19, 1880 A. W. Folsom's family includes four people living at Hickory Hill.¹³³
Aug. 7, 1880 Folsom sells OSH to William M. and Martha A. Hargrave on credit.¹³⁴
Sept. 17, 1881 Crenshaw's widow Sina dies at last Crenshaw homeplace, Ryefield Farm.¹³⁵
August 1891 Crenshaw descendant takes oldest surviving photograph of the house¹³⁶
Late January 1893 Joseph Dempsey moves into the OSH soon after his Jan. 16th or 18th wedding.¹³⁷
June 5, 1897 Hargraves finally pay off note purchasing OSH.¹³⁸
1900 Dempseys living in Equality, unsure who is living in OSH.¹³⁹
1904 Clarence Bonnell moves to Harrisburg. Learns stories of OSH.¹⁴⁰
1906 Gerald C. Smith learns about Crenshaw's Kuykendall related kidnappings from a Kuykendall¹⁴¹
July 6, 1908 Dempsey leases coal mine from Hargrave's son, lives in the OSH again.¹⁴²
1911 Smith told not to talk about Crenshaw after his father becomes minister in Equality M.E. church.¹⁴³
1912 James Harrison Wilson recalls father's role in breaking up post Mexican War kidnappings¹⁴⁴

¹¹⁸ 1887. *History of Gallatin, Saline, Hamilton, Franklin and Williamson Counties, Illinois*. Chicago: Goodspeed Publishing Company. 83.

¹¹⁹ *Gallatin County (Ill.) Deed Record W. 533-534*. For original deed see Edward D. Taylor to John Crenshaw. Deed, April 6, 1864. John Crenshaw File. Michael K. Lawler Papers. Special Collections/Morris Library. Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

¹²⁰ 1897, *Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies in the War of the Rebellion*. I. 26: 265, 272.

¹²¹ *Gallatin County (Ill.) Deed Record T. 346*.

¹²² *Gallatin County (Ill.) Deed Record Y. 95-97*.

¹²³ WPA Transcriptions. Dec. 5, 1867. (Gallatin Co.) *Commissioners Court Order Book 1860-1869*. Illinois Regional Archives Depository. Carbondale. 498-499.

¹²⁴ 1887. *History of Gallatin, Saline, Hamilton, Franklin and Williamson Counties, Illinois*. Chicago: Goodspeed Publishing Co. 51.

¹²⁵ 1870 Census of Gallatin Co., Illinois.

¹²⁶ 1870 Census of Gallatin Co., Illinois.

¹²⁷ Friday morning, Jan. 13, 1871. *McLeansboro (Ill.) Times*. R. F. Brown, Editor.

¹²⁸ *Gallatin County (Ill.) Deed Record [Blank]*. 245.

¹²⁹ 1905. *Memoirs of the Lower Ohio Valley*. Madison, Wis.: Federal Publishing Company. 2:373-374.

¹³⁰ Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, 1673-1900. Illinois State Archives. Online at <http://www.sos.state.il.us/GenealogyMWeb/marrsrch.html>.

¹³¹ Ephraim Joy. Aug. 11, 1873. Shawneetown, Ill. "First Methodist Episcopal Church, Shawneetown, Illinois." Betty Head Collection, Shawneetown, Ill.

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¹³² *Gallatin County (Ill.) Deed Record 6. 394*.

¹³³ 1880 Census of Gallatin Co., Illinois.

¹³⁴ *Gallatin County Deed [Mortgage?] Record Q. 80*.

¹³⁵ Robert L. Patton, trans. Family Bible of Charles H. and Margaret T. Lanphier. Now (1939) in the possession of Mrs. Robert C. Lanphier. Springfield Illinois. Charles C. Patton Collection, Springfield, Ill.

¹³⁶ Charles C. Patton. 2000. Interview by Jon Musgrave. Notes in possession of Jon Musgrave. Photograph is dated because the young photographer who was down visiting his uncle later drowned in the Ohio River on that same trip on August 15, 1891. For the drowning see, Joseph Wallace, M.A. 1904. *Past and Present of the City of Springfield and Sangamon County, Illinois*. Chicago: The S. J. Clarke Publishing Co. Online at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilsangam/1904/patton.htm>.

¹³⁷ Ed Burtis Interview. May 18, 2002. Conducted by Jon Musgrave at the Saline Creek Pioneer Village and Museum, Harrisburg, Ill. Notes in possession of Musgrave; and Arthur W. Dempsey. 2002. Dempsey Genealogical Exchange. <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/~dempsey>; For marriage date see Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, 1673-1900. <http://www.sos.state.il.us/cgi-bin/archives/marriage.s>.

¹³⁸ *Gallatin County (Ill.) Mortgage Book Q. 80*.

¹³⁹ 1900 Census of Gallatin Co., Illinois.

¹⁴⁰ Clarence Bonnell. 1946. *The Illinois Ozarks*. Harrisburg, Ill.: Register Print. Introduction, 22.

¹⁴¹ Gerald C. Smith. July 5, 1973. Letter to George M. Sisk, Jr. George Sisk Collection.

¹⁴² *Gallatin County (Ill.) Deed Record 45. 146*.

¹⁴³ Gerald C. Smith. July 5, 1973. Letter to George M. Sisk, Jr. George Sisk Collection.



- March 17, 1913 Last of the Dempsey children born in the OSH.¹⁴⁵
 After March 1913 Dempsey family moves out and Andrew J. Sisk's family moves into OSH.¹⁴⁶
 1913-1914 Sisk installs floor in carriage way on first floor. Removes widow walk railing if not removed completely before.¹⁴⁷
 March 1, 1914 Fred. K. Hargrave issues bond for deed to Andrew J. Sisk.¹⁴⁸
 Aug. 15, 1915 Hargrave issues deed to Sisk's wife Hattie Sisk for OSH land.¹⁴⁹
 Oct. 1, 1915 Sisk's mortgage OSH property.¹⁵⁰
 November 14, 1918 Sisk's father and Civil War veteran A. J., Sr., dies after living in OSH for five years. Father and son attended same Equality church as Crenshaw before his death.¹⁵¹
 Winter 1921 Journal publishes first account of OSH legend. This becomes known as the "Lost Story".¹⁵²
 1924-1929 Sometime during this period, Crenshaw's large barn burned likely due to teenagers smoking.¹⁵³
 1924-1929 Sisk builds porch on west side of the house that's later enclosed.¹⁵⁴
 1926 Following completion of state highway, tourists start visiting OSH to see third floor.¹⁵⁵
 1930 Census counts five in Sisk family living in OSH, including last owner's grandfather and father.¹⁵⁶
 1930 In effort to deter tourists, A. J. Sisk starts charging admission, dime for adults, nickel for kids.¹⁵⁷
 1934 James Lyle Sisk installs first interpretive markers in the house.¹⁵⁸
 Summer 1934 George W. Smith and John G. Mulcaster begin first major study of the OSH story.¹⁵⁹
 December 1935 Mulcaster enters veterans' hospital.¹⁶⁰
 March 1936 Myra Wiederhold interviews old German emigrant about her time in the OSH in the 1850s.¹⁶¹
 April 2, 1936 Wm. L. Patton, a great-grandson of Crenshaw's, recalls grandmother's story of playing in slave quarters, which he assumes in the third floor.¹⁶²
 April 6, 1936 Charles K. Roedel (1880-1949) writes Patton. Explains he always had heard OSH was used as a "depot for the 'underground slave traffic,'" but though it ran north.
 April 7, 1936 Patton replies to Roedel. Corrects him on direction, "Crenshaw instead of running Negroes north, 'sold them down the river'."¹⁶³
 November 1937 Illinois Journal of Commerce runs first major article on the OSH, written by Barbara Hubbs based on Mulcaster and Smith's research.¹⁶⁴
 1939 WPA Guide adds to confusion. Describes OSH as UGRR station.¹⁶⁵
 c. 1941 Bonnie Sisk, mother of last OSH owner, publishes first tourist booklet on the OSH.¹⁶⁶
 February 1, 1937 Mulcaster dies after 11 months in the hospital.¹⁶⁷
 April 22, 1942 Daughter of Crenshaw's niece begins corresponding with Sisk family and providing family stories.¹⁶⁸

¹⁴⁴ James Harrison Wilson. 1912, reprint 1971. *Under the Old Flag*. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press Publishers. 5.

¹⁴⁵ Arthur W. Dempsey. 2002. Dempsey Genealogical Exchange. <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/~dempsey>.

¹⁴⁶ March 21, 2002. "From 50 Years Ago." (Shawneetown, Ill.) *Gallatin Democrat*.

¹⁴⁷ George M. Sisk. October – December, 1996. Various interviews with Jon Musgrave.

¹⁴⁸ *Gallatin County* (Ill.) *Deed Record* 45. 146.

¹⁴⁹ *Gallatin County* (Ill.) *Deed Record* 45. 146.

¹⁵⁰ *Gallatin County* (Ill.) *Deed Record* 46. 405.

¹⁵¹ Illinois Statewide Death Index, 1916-1950. Illinois State Archives. <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/idphdeathindex.html>.

¹⁵² Clarence Bonnell. Winter 1921. "The Lore of the Illinois Ozarks." *Transactions of the Illinois State Academy of Science*. Springfield, Ill.: Illinois State Academy of Science. 14:1. 56-57.

¹⁵³ Leonard "Bill" Maxwell phone interview. Dec. 1, 1996. Jon Musgrave notes. Maxwell was a cousin to George M. Sisk who moved in with his uncle A. J. Sisk's household after his house burned in Equality. He lived there about five years.

¹⁵⁴ Leonard "Bill" Maxwell phone interview. Dec. 1, 1996. Jon Musgrave notes.

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¹⁵⁶ 1930 Census of Gallatin Co., Illinois.

¹⁵⁷ George M. Sisk. October – December, 1996. Various interviews with Jon Musgrave.

¹⁵⁸ George M. Sisk. Nov. 23 and 30, 1996. Phone interview conducted by Jon Musgrave.

¹⁵⁹ [John G.] Mulcaster to Prof [George W.] Smith. July 23, 1934. John Allen Papers. Special Collections, Morris Library. SIU-Carbondale, and/or Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library.

¹⁶⁰ Jon Musgrave. 2000. *Egyptian Tales of Southern Illinois*. Marion, Ill.: IllinoisHistory.com. 97.

¹⁶¹ Myra Eddy Wiederhold. April 2, 1936. Letter to Frank E. Stevens. Charles C. Patton Collection. Springfield, Ill.

¹⁶² William L. Patton to John G. Mulcaster. April 2, 1936. Old Slave House Vertical File. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library.

¹⁶³ William L. Patton to Chas. K. Roedel. April 7, 1936. Charles C. Patton Collection. Springfield, Ill.

¹⁶⁴ Barbara Burr Hubbs. Nov. 1937. "Romance of the Old Slave House." *Illinois Journal of Commerce*. 19:11. Chicago: Illinois Chamber of Commerce. 11-14, 62.

¹⁶⁵ Federal Writer's Project of the Works Projects Administration for the State of Illinois. 1939. *Illinois, A Descriptive and Historical Guide*. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co. 437.

¹⁶⁶ Bonnie Sisk. [N.D. 1941?]. *The Old Slave House*. Tourism booklet. Privately Published. 1-8. Barbara Burr Hubbs Collection. SIU Morris Library. Carbondale, Ill.

¹⁶⁷ Illinois Statewide Death Index 1916 – 1950. Illinois State Archives.



- November 10, 1944 Southern Illinois Historical Society calls on state to acquire Old Slave House as a historic site.¹⁶⁹
January 19, 1945 University of Illinois official calls on state to acquire OSH as a historic site.¹⁷⁰
March 1952 OSH owner Andrew Jackson Sisk, Jr., dies.¹⁷¹
1958-1961 State hires consultant to look at OSH who reports back that house doesn't "have the dignity to be a state historic site." Calls site's story a morbid tale of "slaves, salt, sex & Mr. Crenshaw."¹⁷²
1963 George M. Sisk, Jr., begins operations of the Old Slave House.¹⁷³
1965 Sisk acquires OSH.¹⁷⁴
c. 1970 Crenshaw great-granddaughter writes of ancestor's use of slave labor for 90 days at a time.¹⁷⁵
October 31, 1996 Last day of business for the Old Slave House.¹⁷⁶
November 4, 1996 Ron Nelson finds first solid proof of Crenshaw's kidnapping activities.¹⁷⁷
February 11, 1998 U.S. Rep. Glenn Poshard speaks out in support of saving Old Slave House in Congressional speech.¹⁷⁸
June 9, 1998 Poshard speaks in favor of U.G.R.R. Network to Freedom legislation, references OSH.¹⁷⁹
December 2000 State of Illinois acquires the house from George M. Sisk, Jr.
February 27, 2003 State acquires Old Slave House antiques from Sisk.¹⁸⁰
July 14, 2004 Application mailed for U.G.R.R. Network to Freedom designation.

¹⁶⁸ Mrs. W. F. Brann. April 22, 1942. Letter to Mrs. A. J. Sisk. George Sisk Collection. Junction, Ill.

¹⁶⁹ Will Griffith, E. G. Lentz, Richard L. Beyer, Committee on Preservation of Historic Sites, Southern Illinois Historical Society. Nov. 10, 1944. Letter to Sen. T. MacDowning, Chairman, Special Problem Areas Subcommittees, Illinois Post War Planning Commission. (Recommendations for the Preservation of Historic Sites in Southern Illinois.) John W. Allen MSS. Special Collections/Morris Library, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

¹⁷⁰ Don Morgan. Jan. 19, 1945. Letter to Dave Abbott. IHPA Division of Historic Sites "Old Slave House" folder as accessed in late 1997 following a Freedom of Information Act Request. Copy in possession of Jon Musgrave. This is the oldest item in IHPA's folder on the Old Slave House.

¹⁷¹ March 21, 2002. "From 50 Years Ago." (Shawneetown, Ill.) *Gallatin Democrat*.

¹⁷² Richard S. Hagen. (n.d. – 1958 or "about 1961"?). Report to Conservation Advisory Board: Old Slave House and Springs in Saline County. IHPA Division of Historic Sites "Old Slave House" folder. 1-3.

¹⁷³ George M. Sisk, Jr. July 13, 2004. Phone interview conducted by Jon Musgrave.

¹⁷⁴ George M. Sisk, Jr. July 13, 2004. Phone interview conducted by Jon Musgrave.

¹⁷⁵ Anna Foster Drone [n.d., c. 1970]. Letter to George Sisk. George Sisk Collection.

¹⁷⁶ Jon Musgrave. Nov. 1, 1996. "Old Slave House closes for good." (Harrisburg) *The Daily Register*. 1.

¹⁷⁷ Ronald L. Nelson. July 1997. "John Crenshaw's Infamous Kidnapping Case." *Springhouse*. 14:3. 30.

¹⁷⁸ Glenn Poshard. Feb. 11, 1998. Speech in the U.S. House of Representatives.

<http://groups.google.com/groups?q=%22old+slave+house%22&hl=en&lr=&ie=UTF-8&selm=1998CRE226A%40us.govnews.org&num=3>.

¹⁷⁹ Glenn Poshard. June 9, 1998. Congressional Record. H4265-H4266.

¹⁸⁰ Jon Musgrave. March 1, 2003. Phone interview with George M. Sisk.