



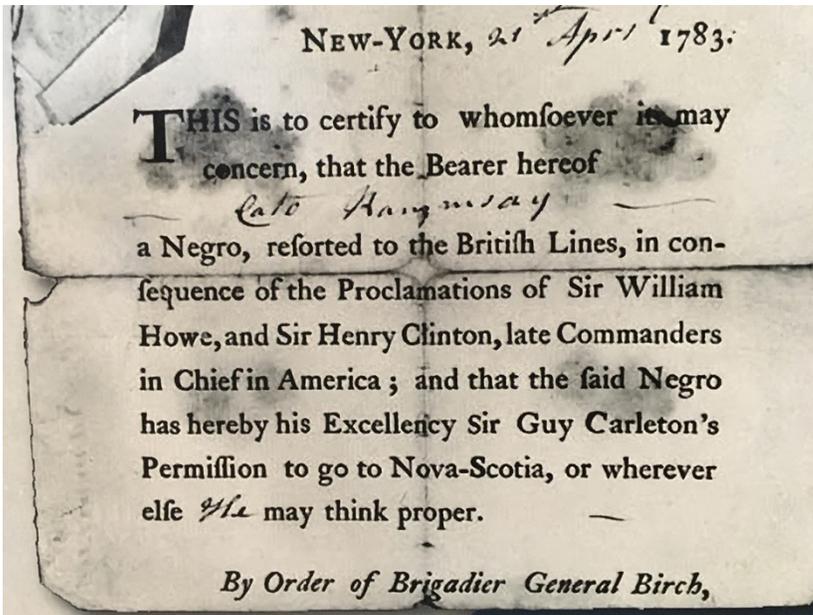
# Fairfield Museum

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Scavenger Hunt: Soldiers



Several \_\_\_\_\_ (slaves) from Fairfield fought for the British during the Revolutionary War.

After, they were given a certificate like this one, giving them freedom.

Many were offered to move to \_\_\_\_\_ (Nova Scotia)



This captain below was in charge of the ship named \_\_\_\_\_ (Defense). His name was \_\_\_\_\_ (Samuel Smedley). He was very brave and captured \_\_\_\_\_ (8) vessels. He was caught by the \_\_\_\_\_ (British) TWICE! But he made it back home to \_\_\_\_\_ (Fairfield).



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Find this image to the left.

What is the name above the front door? \_\_\_\_\_

(Mercurio)

Dominic, shown at the left, started a store on the Old Post Road in Fairfield and sold penny candy, fruits and vegetables.

Sally Malafrente, Dominic's daughter, was interviewed about her family in 1974. She was born in 1905.

She said:

"My dad had horses, we had chickens, there was always a dog and cats. We had to take care of the horse"

"how widely would he travel? For his store, to obtain goods?"

MM: Just to Bridgeport ... at first, then in later years he traveled to New Haven when he got the automobile. You know, the truck. He used to go to New York and New Haven markets."

"All the farms, most of them, were in Fairfield. And the farmers used to bring in the things."

And I remember when I was very young, we used to go to Turney's peach orchard for the peaches. That's in Fairfield. The big orchard was there, a great big orchard.

EJ: Is that down off the Old Post Road?

MM: Yes, where the motel is now.

EJ: Right near the Fairfield Motel?

MM: That was all a peach orchard. Then we used to go, I think it was Kish had a farm. We used to get corn from them. We had to go to Bridgeport to shop for clothes.

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EJ: How'd you go then?

MM: With the trolley.

EJ: Were you ever allowed to go alone?

MM: When I was about 12. I could go. I used to do the shopping.

EJ: And what kind of things would you go into Bridgeport for, that you didn't have in Fairfield for shopping?

MM: Italian cheese or any foods. I went all the way into Bridgeport, East Main, all by myself.

Angie Mercurio, interviewed in 1990

Mrs. Redkins sold her first --

AM: First local bread. And I was there. She came in with a basket with six loaves of bread. And she said -- he was in the store -- this one, Jimmy and I. And she said, "Jimmy, do you think you can sell the bread?" And he said, "How much?" She said, "Twenty-five cents." I said, "Never." (laughs) Because at that time, bread was selling for nine cents a loaf.

SR: When was this, would you say?

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M: It had to be in the early 30s.

AM: Yes.

M: Or the mid-30s. I would say.

AM: So she left the six loaves of bread. In walked Mrs. Wenel from Sasco Hill. Now, Wenel is the people that own -- what's the factory?