



List of works
of the late
John N. Miskell,
Auburn
Correctional
Facility Deputy
Superintendent
and Prison Historian,
presented among files of the
NY Correction History Society
hosted on the website



The presentations listed are web conversions of monographs written by John or of documents and photos from his history collection which were generously given to me as NY Correction History webmaster by him or by his family (after his death in 2006).

I consider being able to share via the website his research and insights into prison history to be a trust and duty as well as a privilege. ---

Thomas C. McCarthy; webmaster

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A PDF/Power Point adaptation of John N. Miskell's 1993-1994 carousel slide show & script telling in 67 images with captions Auburn Prison's early history to turn of 19th the Century.
<http://www.correctionhistory.org/auburn&osborne/miskell/john-n-miskell-165-years-behind-the-wall-1816-1981-part1.pdf>

3 notorious murders & Auburn's electric chair. Text and graphics from Miskell's 1996 monograph titled "*The Light at the End of the World*" exploring the role of chaplains ministering to the condemned on Auburn's death row.
<http://www.correctionhistory.org/auburn&osborne/miskell/miskell-light-at-end-of-world.html>

A 1990 Miskell monograph titled "*Better Than Hanging*" details the world's first electric execution which took place August 6 1890 at Auburn Prison. He tells of the events leading to it and subsequent related events.
<http://www.correctionhistory.org/auburn&osborne/miskell/better-than-hanging/better-than-hanging.html>

Miskell monograph "*Executions in Auburn Prison: 1890 - 1916*" discusses with details the 55 electric executions carried out.
http://www.correctionhistory.org/auburn&osborne/miskell/jnmchair_index.html

In "*Why Auburn? -- the Relationship between Auburn and the Prison*" Miskell explores how Auburn became home to the prison which became the model followed by most American prisons and how the community-prison relationship developed and varied over time.
http://www.correctionhistory.org/auburn&osborne/miskell/miskell_index.html

"*Offering Hope, Connection Between Auburn Theological Seminary and Auburn State Prison*"
http://www.correctionhistory.org/auburn&osborne/miskell/seminary_index.html

"*Lt. Robert Buffum, Honored Years After Death*" tells of Medal of Honor recipient/inmate.
<http://www.correctionhistory.org/auburn&osborne/miskell/buffum/buffum.html>

John N. Miskell's 1991 monograph "*The Long Watch of Copper John*," all you wanted to know about that colonial soldier atop Auburn Prison and didn't know whom to ask.
<http://www.correctionhistory.org/auburn&osborne/miskell/copperjohn/copperjohn.html>

Miskell's "*The Bell*" is a wonderful and rewarding "mystery" story not to be spoiled by its plot being told. But it eventually involves an inmate still and a labor strike.
<http://www.correctionhistory.org/auburn&osborne/miskell/thebell/auburnbell.htm>

"1869 NY State Prison Chaplain Reports" from official documents book in Mitchel collection.
<http://www.correctionhistory.org/auburn&osborne/miskell/thebell/chaplains.html>

NY State Corrections August 1970 booklet from John N. Miskell collection
"100 Years of Progress in the New York State Correctional System"
<http://www.correctionhistory.org/auburn&osborne/miskell/100yearsnysdocs/1970-NYS-Correction-100-Years-of-Progress-Part-1.html>

Detailed presentation on photo from booklet in John N. Miskell collection
"1970 NYS Correction Training Academy at Beacon Photo: Recognize Anyone?"
<http://www.correctionhistory.org/auburn&osborne/miskell/House-of-Refuge-image-john-n-miskell-collection-1.html>

"Six House of Refuge, Randall's Island, Images" from Miskell collection.
<http://www.correctionhistory.org/auburn&osborne/miskell/House-of-Refuge-image-john-n-miskell-collection-1.html>

Also visit the CorrectionHistory.Org website's AUBURN & OSBOURNE menu page at
<http://www.correctionhistory.org/auburn&osborne/auburn&osborne.html>

Auburn roots of the NYS fingerprint system new

Prison guard
Parke began it

Both Sides of the WALL
CAYUGA MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND ART

Miskell Monographs
Retired Deputy Superintendent John N. Miskell's monographs:

- [Medal of Honor inmate](#)
- [Copper John](#)
- [The Bell](#)
- [Seminary & the Prison](#)
- [Executions: 1890-1916](#)

• [Why Auburn?](#)

Preview of History Channel's **Big House: Auburn** premiere Thursday, May 29 at 11 PM EST

Thomas Mott Osborne's **Within Prison Walls** new [Link to 278 Auburn images.](#)

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