

Papers of the New York City House of Refuge
Contracts for Labor, Goods, and Services, March 21, 1826

Moses Spear contracted for 20 Boys as weavers. The Society agreed to furnish the Boys the 1st 3 months gratuitously. For the 2nd 3 months they were to have 1/3 Journeymen wages, their after that 2/3 Journeymen wages, the prices to be determined by the wages paid Journeymen at Greenwich Village. The children were to wind spools and bobbins for warps? and filling gratuitously. The Society agreed to let the Boys for three years with the understanding -- the Society may withdraw the boys upon these terms viz: . . . in all cases another boy is to be given for the one withdrawn. The Society agreed to remunerate Moses Spear for any damage that might come to his property through the malice of the children. The Society agreed to find the Looms and all apparatus and Moses Spear to put them up. They are to be kept in repair at the expense of the Society. Moses Spear was to settle once every 3 months by giving his note at 90 days. He was allowed 9 working Hours per day.

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