

ChatGPT Transcript for Catherine Stiers, "Assessing the Usefulness of ChatGPT in Crafting Interpretive Content," *History@Work*, October 31, 2023, ncph.org/history-at-work/assessing-the-usefulness-of-chatgpt-in-crafting-interpretive-content/.

Instagram Post Written By Author Without Consulting ChatGPT

Paper passes like this one issued to a woman named Grace were part of the hard surveillance system used on enslaved people living in urban areas like Charleston. An enslaved person moving about the city without a pass would be vulnerable to violence from slave patrols, a form of law enforcement which started in 1704 and emerged from white residents' overwhelming fear of revolt.

This pass along with two others were discovered in a Book of Common Prayer that was donated to the College in 1875 by Daniel Horlbeck.

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#History #Charleston #HistoricCharleston #DowntownCharleston

First ChatGPT Result

C: Please write an Instagram caption for a historical slave pass from an archive in Charleston, South Carolina.

ChatGPT: "Unveiling a sobering piece of history in Charleston, South Carolina: This authentic slave pass from the archives is a stark reminder of the resilience and strength of those who endured unimaginable hardships. Let's never forget the past and continue working towards a future where freedom and equality

prevail. #RememberingOurHistory #CharlestonArchive
#NeverForget"

Second ChatGPT Result

C: I am a social media manager working at an archive in Charleston, SC. Please write an Instagram caption for this 1849 slave pass in our collection. Here is the text: "Grace has my permission to sleep in Patton's lot for three months from date Oct 3, 1849." This is what I want to include: I want Grace's name to be front and center. Secondly, we need to make it clear that urban enslaved people did not deal with the same environment as enslaved people on rural plantations. Thirdly, I want to make it clear why the pass was so important; in this case, why Grace would be vulnerable without it.

ChatGPT:

🔑 [key emoji] Unveiling a Piece of Grace's History 🔑 [key emoji]
In the heart of Charleston's archives, we stumbled upon a powerful testament to resilience: Grace's 1849 slave pass.

💎 [diamond emoji] Grace: At the forefront of our story, a name that deserves to be remembered. She was not just a name on paper, but a living, breathing individual with dreams and hopes.

🏙️ [skyscraper emoji] Urban Enslavement: Grace's pass reminds us that the experience of enslaved people in the city differed from those on rural plantations. Urban life posed unique challenges, and this pass sheds light on the complexities of Grace's daily existence.

⚖️ [justice scales emoji] The Precious Pass: Grace's pass granted her permission to sleep in Patton's lot for three months. In a society where freedom was a distant dream, this pass was her

lifeline, shielding her from vulnerability and providing a glimpse of hope.

Let Grace's story be a reminder of the strength and resilience that existed even in the darkest of times. As we reflect on this piece of history, let's strive for a future where every individual is recognized, respected, and free. ✨ [star emoji] #GraceInHistory #CharlestonArchives #NeverForget

Third ChatGPT Result


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ChatGPT: 📜 [scroll emoji] Unveiling History: Grace's 1849 Slave Pass 🏛️ [classical building emoji]


In the archives of Charleston, a document of profound significance emerges from the shadows. "Grace has my permission to sleep in Patton's lot for three months from date Oct 3, 1849" – these words, etched into history, bear the weight of a complex and tumultuous era.


🔍 [magnifying glass emoji] Grace's Name in the Forefront: Grace, a name deserving of recognition, rises from the annals of

the past. She was not merely a statistic but an individual with her own story, aspirations, and struggles. We honor her by placing her name at the center of this narrative.

 [skyscraper emoji] Urban Enslavement vs. Rural Plantations: This pass illuminates a stark reality: the lives of urban enslaved people in Charleston diverged significantly from their rural counterparts on plantations. The bustling city held both the promise of proximity to freedom and the peril of increased surveillance.

 [scales of justice emoji] The Precarious Nature of the Pass: Grace's pass, seemingly innocuous, was a lifeline in a world marked by brutal control. Without it, she faced grave risks, particularly from the omnipresent threat of slave patrols. These armed groups were tasked with maintaining the status quo and ensuring that enslaved individuals remained subjugated.

 [lock emoji] Slave Passes and Patrols in Charleston: Understanding the historical context is vital. Slave passes regulated the movements of enslaved individuals, while slave patrols were instruments of fear and violence, serving the interests of slaveholders and authorities. Their legacy persists in the fabric of our society.

As we reflect on Grace's story, we are reminded of the resilience and strength of those who endured. Let this document be a testament to the struggles of the past and a call to ensure a more just and equitable future.  [book stack emoji] #GraceInHistory #CharlestonArchives #UnearthThePast

Mother's Day ChatGPT Result

C: Write a tweet for Mother's Day for the College of Charleston's Special Collections social media based off a historical photo from

the John Henry Dick collection of a sea lion mom and her pup on the Galapagos islands in 1962.

ChatGPT: Happy Mother's Day from the @CofCSpecialColl!
Delving into history with this incredible 1962 photo from the John Henry Dick collection, captured in the enchanting Galapagos Islands.

Just like this sea lion mom tenderly watching over her pup, mothers have long been symbols of unwavering love and guardianship. Today, we celebrate all mothers, human and wild, for their timeless devotion. #MothersDay #SpecialCollections #HistoricalPhotos #GalapagosLove