Martin Van Buren National Historic Site

PHIE BANK OF KUNDERHOOK,

Pay to Calherine Maly or Bearer,

Dollars,

Catherine Kelly

24 years old - 1860 census

Catherine Kelly, a domestic servant at Lindenwald, was part of the great mid-nineteenth century influx of Irish immigrants to America, fleeing a potato blight that destroyed the sole crop that barely supported their already impoverished rural families. Irish immigrants faced harsh ethnic and religious prejudice, yet they served in large numbers in the Union army.

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