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CORNELIUS MARTINEAU

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Cornelius was the youngest son of Stephen and Eleonor Martineau, (will dated 11 Apr. 1822), born 7 Apr.1805. (US/CAN 974.7 B4ne Vol.4 p.95) We have ideas as to his wife, family and death death but no real records. He was 17 years old and not married, when his father's will was written. By his father, he was named executor of the will, and given about a thousand dollars more than other family members and asked to run the farm until sold and to take care of his mother.

Some reports tell us that the oldest son Stephen Jr. and his wife, with him were, "taken to drinking alcoholic beverages". It seems an though the father thought little of him, as per the will. John was making his way very well in the world of toil and strife, so needed no help, but was given a portion in, what was remaining after all else was taken care of.

The 1830 census of New York City ward 3, (film 0017156 p.128) shows one C. Martineau as head of household. One white male over twenty and under thirty. Conelius born 1805 would be 25 in that year. One white female between 25 and thirty. Wife. One white female 15 to 20. One white female 10 to 15. From John's first wife he had Julie born 1815 making her 15 at the time of this census. Her sister Lucretia born 1818 would make her 12. No one so far as I know, can tell who took care of the two girls of John from his former wife. James Henry seems to be the only one of Eliza's children who seems to recognize them as "half sisters". Do we see here that Cornelius is taking care of his brother John's two girls? The census shows also one female five and under. At the age of 25 Cornelius could well be the father.