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faithful dog of MORRISONS had been missing since Thursday last. This circumstance would seem to show that some felonious transaction had been premeditated and the dog was considered an obstacle to its consumation. If this be the correct theory, it would also appear that the guilty party was well acquainted with the deceased. The inquest was not finished until after 11 on Monday evening when the jury rendered the following verdict.....(according to above).....Immediately on the rendition of the verdict, Coroner WITBECK and the jurymen signed a petition to Gov. MORGAN asking him to offer a reward for the detection of the guilty party or parties.

The funeral of Robert MORRISON took place yesterday afternoon from the Baptist Church. The Apollo Encampment of Knight Templers, of which he was a member, attended in a body together with members from the various Masonic Lodges of Troy, Lansingburgh, Waterford & Cohoes. His remains were conveyed to the Upper Burial Ground - usual Masonic services taking place at the grave.

Page 2:5 - CONFLICTING TESTIMONY - The testimony brought out at the Coroner's inquest on the body of Robert MORRISON, relative to the whereabouts of the man BURDICK from Friday noon until Saturday night was the most conflicting of any of which we ever knew. While three witnesses swear with the upmost positiveness to his being in Saratoga&taking dinner at a public house in that place on Friday, Edward LORMAN and one GIFFORD testified to his leaving the fishing grounds near Albany at about noon of that day, LORMAN further testifies to his arriving at this place with him between 1 and 2 he stating that he was going to Saratoga. H.T. BUSH also testifies to parting with him at Morrison's Skiff Ferry shortly after 4 o'clockthat afternoon. He was also telling him that he was going to Saratoga while also four parties - Amos FINN, Henry HILL, John MCGOWAN & Patrick KILRINORAN - testified distinctly to seeing BURDICK in this Village between the hours of half past one & three o'clock Saturday afternoon. Patrick MCCABE, a boatman, swears to his being on the down train from Saratoga that afternoon, arriving here about 7 o'clock. Each witness was positive as to his identity - each noticed the marks upon his face - and several of these had conversations with him. Upon the part of the witnesses no motive for false swearing is apparent, and the only supposition therefore is of seven persons were really mistaken as to his identity, or else as to the day of the week on which they saw him.

Page 2:6 - Mrs. Mercy JACKSON a colored woman who died in Newark on Wednesday, in her 79th year was a slave belonging to the COE Family. She was a part of the marriage portion of the mother of Messrs. COE being at that time only 12 years old and has since lived in the family. When the law