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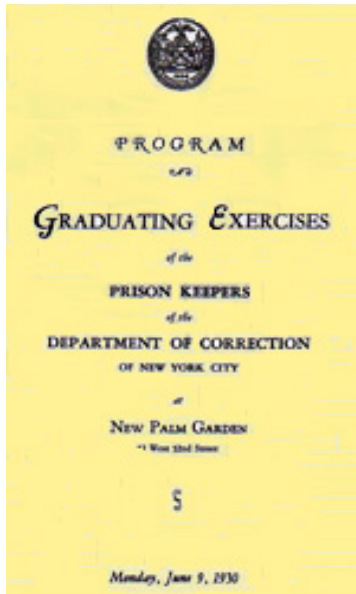


Head Keeper T. J. Mills.

# Invitation & Program for 1930 Prison Keepers' Graduation Exercises

The *correctionhistory.org* site received a surprise gift this Christmas Eve (2010) from the grandson and granddaughter of Terence J. Mills, the first DOC supervisor of the Correction Academy. Back then it was called the Prison Keepers Training School. Founded in 1928, the school was the first of its kind in the nation.

Ted and Jackie Mills had sent through cyberspace  
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NYCHS thanks Prof. Errol D. Toulon for sharing his memorabilia.

## Toulon's treasure trove generates 34 pages on *CorrectionHistory.Org*

Errol D. Toulon, now a Monroe College professor but formerly NYC Correction Academy executive officer, made available to this web site in the summer of 2010 some of his Correction memorabilia.

So far the Toulon treasure trove has generated 34 pages added to the site. They contain hundreds of photos of now retired DOCers as well as interesting historical information.

Four of the 34 pages come from replication of the May 1973 issue of *COBA News*. Toulon was a COBA vice-  
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	<p><b>4-page web reproduction of May 1973 COBA newsletter</b> <b>COBA News: all images, full texts</b></p>
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	<p><b>Correction Olympics' Committee's 1981 C-71 Reunion Album: 25 Photos, Many Names, Some Tributes</b></p>
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	<p><b>8-page web reproduction of March 1982 NYC DOC newsletter</b> <b>Inside Out: all images, full texts</b></p>
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Above: 3 of 5 home page icon boxes linked to Toulon's treasure trove. Click image to access.

# Invitation & Program for 1930 Prison Keepers' Graduation Exercises

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digital copies of the embossed invitation to, and the printed program for the school's 1930 graduation.

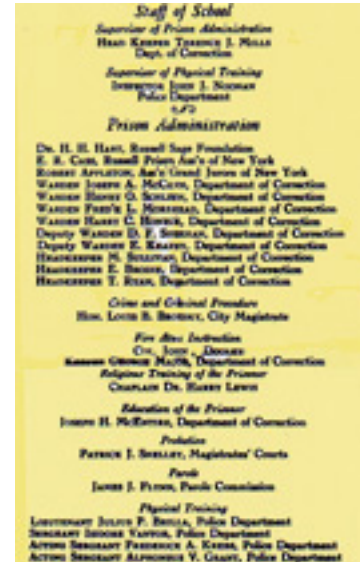
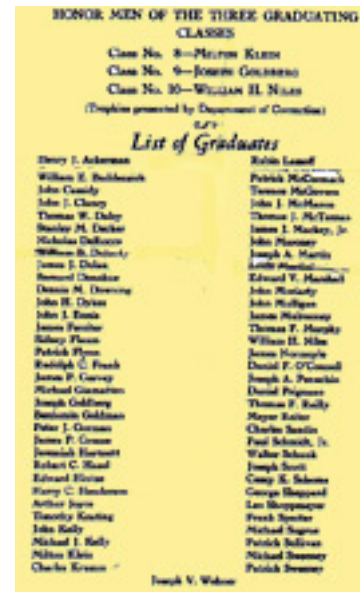
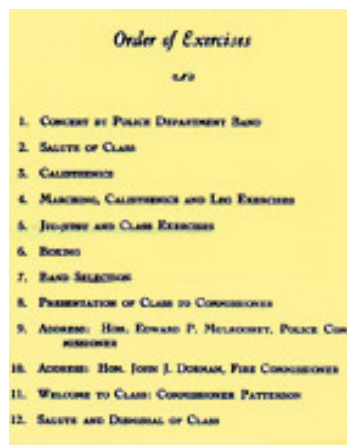
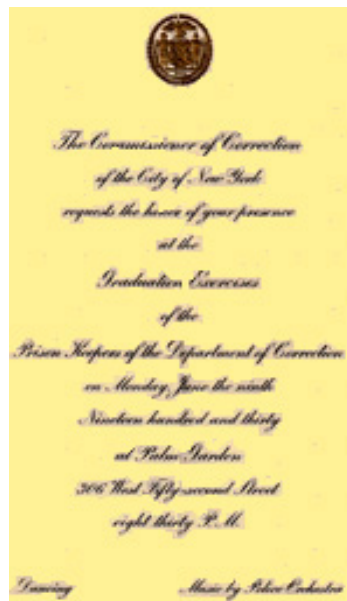
These 80-year-old documents complement the photo of the 1930 graduates that the Mills family made available to the NYCHS digitally a few years ago.

That photo thereafter has been featured in a historical display on the main corridor of the Academy and on the opening page of a special correction history web site presentation.

The brother and sister Mills came across the 1930 invitation and program very recently and sent them-- with their Christmas best wishes -- via email Dec. 24, 2010.

You can access the 1930 commencement exercises invitation and 4-page printed program via their documents icon box on the NYCHS home page at [www.correction-history.org](http://www.correction-history.org)

Or you can Ctrl-Click any relevant image on this newsletter page. That will access the starter page for the recently added presentation.



Clockwise from top left: Invitation, grads, staff, order of exercises. Click an image to access.



Officials, reading from left to right  
 Joseph T. Fishman, Assistant to Commissioner of Correction; R. L. Tudor, First Deputy Commissioner, Department of Correction; J. C. Maker, Parole Commissioner; Edward P. Mulrooney, Police Commissioner; Richard C. Patterson, Commissioner of Correction; John J. Dorman, Fire Commissioner; Dr. J. C. W. Greef, Commissioner of Hospitals; Isaac Goldberg, Second Deputy Commissioner, Department of Correction; Headkeeper Terence Millo, Supervisor, Prison Keepers' School, Department of Correction; Major C. P. Skinn, President, Kings County Grand Jurors Association.

Image of photo of participants in the 1930 Prison Keepers Training School graduation ceremonies at the Palm Garden. The photo copy that the Mills family made available to NYCHS included a finely-lettered caption identifying those seated front and center. Click image to access. *The Key January, 2011 Page 2*

# NYCHS slides at Ithaca College: Last rope execution

On June 4, 2010 at Ithaca College during the 31st annual Conference on New York State History a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Lasting Questions About NY’s Last Hanging Execution” was shown by the NYCHS webmaster.

The presentation was part of a “workshop” covering “Law & Order” topics. The 31 slides and their presenter told the story of the last execution before the electric chair replaced the rope.

That hanging took place at Brooklyn’s Raymond Street Jail -- on December 6th, 1889, The condemned man was John Greenwall, 30, (aka John Greenwald and Johann Theodore Wild), a tailor by trade, convicted in January 1889 for a 1887 burglary murder.

On June 4, 1888, the Legislature in Albany had enacted a law, effective Jan. 1, 1889, that would have the state replace the counties in carrying out death sentences and that would have electricity, considered more humane,

Above: Conference guide section listing the “Law & Order” workshop presenters and their topics. Inserted arrow points to the NYCHS presentation. Another insert lists the conference sponsors. Click to access. replace the rope as the lethal instrumentality.

However, a committee was authorized to decide which form of electricity to use -- Alternating Current (AC) or Direct Current (DC). Legal maneuvers and industrial intrigues resulting from the commercial rivalry between Thomas Edison, wedded to DC technology, and

George Westinghouse, tied to AC technology, delayed implementation of the law. Neither wanted “his” current linked in the public mind with electrocution.

Meanwhile, counties continued conduct executions by hanging. That ended Aug. 6th, 1890, when the world’s first electrical execution took place in Auburn Penitentiary with the electrocution of ax murderer William Kemmler.

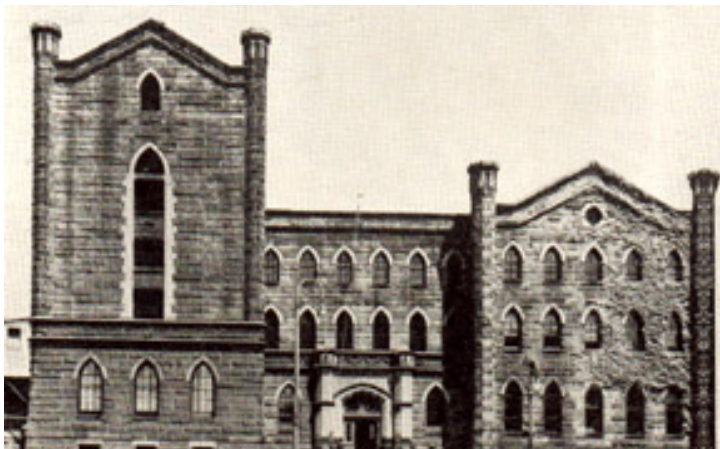
Greenwall was the ninth man executed at the Kings County Jail since it had opened on Raymond Street in 1838.

June 4th, 2010 slide show was a spin-off from a two-page HTML web presentation on the NYCHS site raising questions about the

process by which Greenwall was convicted.



A gibbet similar to that used for hanging executions at Brooklyn’s Raymond St. Jail and NYC’s Tombs. Click image to access.



Raymond St. Jail in Brooklyn closed July 20, 1963. Photo from Page 36 of NYC Dept. of Correction 1956 annual report. Click to access.

# 150 pages were added to the web site in 2010



**Meet Al Margolis, the 'Mench' in DOC Fiscal 40+ Years**

Thanks to son Jeff Margolis and daughter Maida Buckley.

About 150 pages were added to the NYCHS web site during 2010.

Some new presentations ran many pages; e.g., *1920s Scenes of Rikers Rising from the River*, which included 66 images of landfill operations, each having its own page. Thanks goes to the Hertzendorfs of Jackson, N.J.

The five presentations generated by material from the Toulon Treasure Trove (see Page 1 story) accounted for a total of 34 new pages.

A PDF version of a PowerPoint on the *Lasting Questions About NY's Last Hanging Execution* ran 31 slide/pages.

*The Donald J. Cranston Briefcase* contents generated 26 new pages. Thanks goes to son, former DOC Commissioner Chief of Staff Mark Cranston.

The presentation described on the opposite page (Page 5) -- about the Rikers Island sure cure for wife beaters -- involved six new pages.

Each of the following listed presentations illustrated on this newsletter page and on the last newsletter page involved a single new web page:

Bio sketches of NY pris-  
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**1920s Scenes of Rikers Rising from the River**

**67 images of 1920s landfill operations on Rikers Island**



**Matron Grosjean.**

Thanks to granddaughter Caroline Hertz.

**DONALD J. CRANSTON**

**THE BRIEFCASE**

*click to open & enter*



## June 2010 Parole Hearing for Joseph James NYSID# 03089100H



**When Mrs. Martin Luther King Visited Rikers**



**Take Quickie Quiz**

1) SUNY Maritime College portrays its St. Mary's, that arrived at NY Harbor in 1874, as U.S. & NY's first nautical school ship. But actually Charities & Correction's Hart Island reformatory had already begun operating a nautical school ship in

A) 1871  
 B) 1870  
 C) 1869  
 D) 1868

**Get Instant Grade**

The *Rikers Cure for Wife Beaters* story extracted whole from the Library of Congress online archive image of Page 4 of the April 12, 1903 issue of the *N.Y. Tribune Illustrated Supplement*, is too large to fit unreduced on a standard HTML web page. If the whole page as a unit is reduced to fit, the text becomes too small to read.

As a way to overcome the problem, the NYCHS web site's presentation, added in 2010, splits the page image into close-up sections of story text and close-ups of the accompanying photos.

The NYCHS presentation's navigational links below the photo and text close-up images provide access to the next section and the previous section in the six-page series.

The presentation provides a 4.8-inch wide image of that April 12, 1903 *NY Tribune* Page 4 from which the story text, headlines and photos have been rearranged in a series of six web pages for easier on-screen reading.

The original page consists four columns of type but the *Rikers Cure for Wife Beaters* story text does not begin in Column 1, occupied by a continuation of a story from a preceding page. On the original page, the *Rikers Cure for Wife Beaters* story text begins in Column 2 below the subhead "*Learning to be Gentle.*"

The text tells the story of women ferrying to Blackwell's Island [now Roosevelt Island] to visit their abusive husbands only to learn the wife beaters are assigned to back-breaking work building Rikers Island's breakwater.

NYCHS thanks Bronx history researcher Jorge Santiago for calling the story to our attention.

ALMOST SURE CURE FOR WIFE BEATERS CAN BE SEEN DAILY  
DOING ITS GOOD WORK ON RIKER'S ISLAND



BUILDING SEAWALL.



*LEARNING TO BE GENTLE.*

*Men Who Abuse Their Wives Now  
Punished as They Deserve.*



# Toulon's treasure trove

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president. Ten pages come from replication of the 1989 Correction Guardians 50th anniversary souvenir journal. Toulon is a Guardians past president. Eight pages come from replication of the February 1980 DOC newsletter Inside Out. Toulon was then a staff photographer. Five pages



come from replication of his Correction Olympics Committee's 2nd Annual C-71 Reunion album. Seven pages come from 14 loose white sheets of papers on which 100+ DOC-related photos are affixed.

Site added 150 pages

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on reformer Josephine Shaw Lowell, DOC Matron Margaret Grosjean, DOC fiscal control director Al Margolis, and Rikers Island clerk George Rothaizer;

*DOC Mystery Photos 13 - 16*, based on images made available to the web site by retired ADW Wm. Mendoza (Thanks.);

*The Cemetery Within a Cemetery: Soldiers' Plot in Potter's Field.*

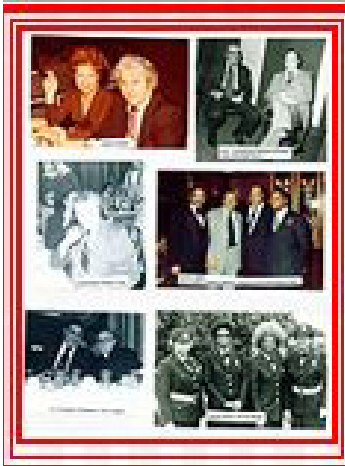
*The 1916 Report on NYC Parole Board & NYC Reformatory Farm in Orange County, NY;*

Thanks to the slain C.O.'s son-in-law, Bill Dory, the plea from George Motchan kin to the NYS Parole Bd. re his convicted killer's bid for release;

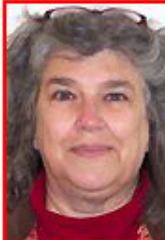

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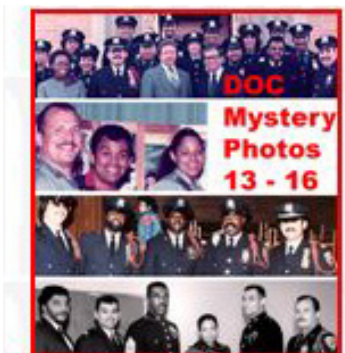
**A Rikers Island Employee ID Card? Yes. Meet George Rothaizer Who Had One**  
Thanks to Joel & Shoshana Rothaizer.



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**1916 Report on NYC Parole Bd. & NYC Reformatory Farm in Orange County, NY**

**Meet 19th Century Sister of Matthew Broderick in 'Glory'**  
Josephine Shaw Lowell made history too. She did it reforming NYS & NYC Charities & Correction. Click either image to access.

dia's publication of *Images in America: Auburn Correctional Facility*; A report on Mrs. MLK's Rikers visit; An instant-scoring Quickie Quiz.



**The Cemetery Within a Cemetery: Soldiers' Plot in Potter's Field**

