

**DOCUMENT 33 – PETITION FOR THE FREE USE OF THE STATE STREET  
MARKET HALL**

**December 17, 1855**

**TRANSCRIPTION**

To the Honorable the City Council of  
Chicago — The undersigned Citizens of Chicago  
respectfully request that your honorable body  
will gratuitously grant to Rev. William Anderson  
a colored Methodist minister of Indiana, the  
use of State Street Market Hall, for one  
Evening, for the purpose of delivering therein  
a Lecture on the subject of the services of  
colored citizens in the Revolutionary War.

The proceeds of such Lecture to be appro-  
-priated to purchasing the freedom from  
slavery, in the South, of a half sister of the  
said Rev. Mr Anderson. Mr Anderson has  
lectured in many other places, having always  
had the gratuitous use of public halls and  
churches accorded him.

Your humble Petitioner would like to have the Hall  
on Wednesday Evening free of charge

W<sup>m</sup> Anderson

Keen & Lee

Joseph White

C S. Williamson

W. A. Adams

John E. Chapman

S. C. Griggs & Co.

J. Hankey

S.E. Judge x his Mark