

**DOCUMENT 34 – PETITION FOR THE RELEASE OF JOHN TOWER FROM
REFORM SCHOOL**

August 11, 1856

TRANSCRIPTION

State of Illinois }
City of Chicago } S.S.

This day before me
Clerk of the City of Chicago aforesaid, appeared
Mrs. A. M. Tower, who being duly sworn
deposes and says that she is the
mother of John Tower, a boy about the
age of ten years; that the said boy
on or about the 11th day of December
1855 was arrested and committed
to the reform school as a vagrant,
and that he there still remains.

This deponent declares and
says that she is desirous to have
the said boy released, and that upon
his release if it shall now be
obtained, that she will immediately
remove him out of the City of Chicago
and keep him out of said City until
he shall arrive at years of discretion
and further this deponent says
nothing.

Subscribed and sworn A. M. Tower
to before me this 11th
day of August AD 1856

H W Zimmerman

City Clerk