

Henry Burdens Bill - Horse Boat

The image shows a handwritten receipt on aged, yellowed paper. The text is written in cursive. At the top, it says 'Mr John A. Thomson executor, & John R. Hollenbeck'. Below that, '1822' is written, followed by 'To Henry Burden On'. The main body of the receipt describes the payment: 'June To one horse boat complete for Catskill Ferry. - \$1750. 00'. Then, 'To Dist on sale for - \$157. 00'. The total is calculated as '\$1750. 00 - \$157. 00 = \$1593. 00'. The date 'Jan. 15. 1823.' is written. Below this, it says 'Rec^d the above'. At the bottom, there is a summary: 'J. A. Thomson preparation 1098. 12, 783' and 'R. Hollenbeck do 658. 88, 783', which sum to '\$1757. 00'. The name 'Henry Burden' is written at the bottom right.

Receipt of payment from Henry Burden for the building of a horse boat for John A. Thomson and John R. Hollenbeck. Thomson was the principal shareowner of vessel. The Thomson family operated numerous ferries out of Catskill up and down the Hudson River. A horse boat was a long, flat boat powered by horses driving a paddle wheel.

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