Celebrating 175: Henry Ossawa Tanner, Writings & Notes, circa 1900-1930s

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had good references - 10 yrs in his last job - in fact the same kind of a job as you want a man for. Why did he leave - "his boss died" What did we give Henry, $20- a week & he was asking for more- in fact he got a job so he said for $25. - You think he might do - yes I do & you know we never pay niggers as much - in fact they dont [[don't]] need it. I am sure we could get him for $15. - Well go ahead & do as you like.

So when the "nigger" returned he was told by [[?]] "You see" we had a white man before in fact Mr S - is not very keen of having a colored man but if you can give satisfaction he will try you & give you $15. a week. The "nigger" ventured to remark that he thought they paid $20 a week

Oh! yes we did - you know we never pay colored men as much as white, as you know" but if I should do the work as well - You can take it or leave it as you like - as I said Mr. S is not keen on having you. He took it [[strikethrough]] & staid for 8 years - until during the. [[/strikethrough]]

The telephone rang - Mr S - in yrs

Well how are you this morning "friend?" I have told that 3 are of land in the country with that cabin upon it. Yes & I got $300 more than we had ben asking. It was like this a "nigger" came in who had ben looking around for a place quite a while - I told him we did not care I sell to colored people - but if he really wanted it why he could have it for $2.00 - he said he heard it was $1800 - I told him take it or leave it not as he liked - we did and care to sell to him. Any how He paid $1000. down Myself shouted we would have had a hard time & have gather 1500. There I think you are wrong but whatever you do is all right, If he is suffering to gain $400 I must be worth it to [[underlined]] him [[underlined]].
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