Guide to the Slavery and Indentured Servitude Collection 1752-1864
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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract         Contains seven documents pertaining to indentured servants (1766-1785). The remaining documents relate to slavery and include bills of sale, a memorandum describing the slave trade in Havana (1783), estate inventories, public notices, letters, deeds, a will, and indemnity bonds. Many of the documents are facsimiles.

Acknowledgments

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Citation
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Scope Note
The forty-seven documents in this collection cover the period 1752 to 1864. Although acquired by the University Library from diverse sources they have been gathered together as a collection as a matter of convenience.

All the documents, a number of which are facsimiles, are in English with the exception of one bill of sale from New Orleans. Kentucky, South Carolina, and New Orleans are most frequently represented. Place could not be assigned to a number of documents in the collection.

The collection has been divided into two series. Series I: Indentured Servitude Documents, includes seven items concerning indentured servants from 1766-1785. Five of these relate to redemptioners transported in 1785 aboard the ship Favorite.

Series II: Slavery Documents, contains forty documents on slavery, including bills of sale, receipts, estate inventories and appraisals, public notices and other items documenting slavery and the slave trade.

The majority of documents, specifically the bills of sale, "deeds of inventory," and a number from the miscellaneous section, are in the hand of a clerk, who has himself signed the document on behalf of the person concerned. On the reverse side of many of the documents are acknowledgements of the transactions, or similar clerical notes, such as the information that this deed was recorded in the local County Court. The recurrence of certain names, such as that of Gideon Evans in the bills of sale in folders 13, 16, 17 and 23, indicates that these documents probably came to the Library together.

Related Resources
The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html

Subject Headings
• Indentured servants-United States-History.
• Slavery-United States-History.
• Slaves-United States-History.
• Bills of sale.
• Estates (Law)
• Slavery-Cuba-Havana-History

INVENTORY
Series I: Indentured Servitude Documents

Box 1
Folder 1
Indenture of James Sverilie by Roger Sterry etc., Preston, Conn., 1766 January 6 D.S. 1p.
View digitized documents. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/srcr/md/slavery-0001-001

Box 1
Folder 2
Bishop, C., Corck, to Captain Nicholas Vilana, on board the Ship Favorite, concerning the passage of the redemptioners on the Favorite, 1783 October 10 A.L.S. 1p.

Box 1
Folder 3
View digitized documents. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/srcr/md/slavery-0001-003

Box 1
Folder 4

Box 1
Folder 5
View digitized documents. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/srcr/md/slavery-0001-005

Box 1
Folder 6

Box 1
Folder 7
List of Indentured Servants on board the Vigor, 1785 January 30 D. 32p.
View digitized documents. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/srcr/md/slavery-0001-007

Series II: Slavery Documents

Box 1
Folder 8
Seagrove, James, Havana, to Messrs. Alexander & Co. [of Philadelphia], describing the state of the slave trade and urging the company to take part in it, 1783 March 3 A.L.S. 4p.

Box 1
Folder 9
Bill of sale, slave named Peter, sold to Jonathan Forbes by John Fitzgerald and John Robertson, Lincoln County, Ky., 1797 June D.S. 2p. (recorded in Lincoln County, Ky., 1797, July 11)
Box 1
Folder 10
Bill of Sale for one slave, Peliade, sold to Jean Chager by Paul Sacour Dubourg, New Orleans, 1834 October 22 D.S. 2p. (approved in New Orleans, 1834, November 11)
View digitized documents. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/scrc/md/slavery-0001-010

Box 1
Folder 11
Bill of Sale for one slave, Rachel, and her daughter Elizabeth, sold to an unknown person by Rufus Reid, n.p., 1836 July 25 A.D.S. 1p.

Box 1
Folder 12
Bill of sale for one slave sold to Doctor Richard Allen by Mary Allston, A.W. Campbell and R.F.W. Allston, the executors of Jos. W. Allston, Charleston, S.C., 1837 February 1 D.S. 1p. (including positive photostat)

Box 1
Folder 13
Bill of Sale for one slave, Matilda, and her son George, sold to James Johnson by Gideon Evans, Barnwell District, S.C., 1844 March 15 A.D.S. 1p.

Box 1
Folder 14
Bill of Sale for one [female] slave, sold to Thomas Humphries at public outcry, formerly the property of Jacob Collins, dec’d., Baldwin County, n.p., 1847 February 2 D.S. 1p.
View digitized documents. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/scrc/md/slavery-0001-014

Box 1
Folder 15
Bill of Sale for slaves sold and prices brought at an Auction Sale, New Orleans, 1851 January 28 D. 1p. (including positive photostat)

Box 1
Folder 16
Bill of Sale for a slave, sold to S.S. Evans by Gideon Evans, Barnwell District, S.C., 1853 April 4 D. 4p. (approved 1853 August 2)

Box 1
Folder 17
Bill of Sale for one [male] slave, sold to S.S. Evans by Gideon Evans, Aiken, S.C., 1854 April 1 D.S. 1p.
View digitized documents. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/scrc/md/slavery-0001-017

Box 1
Folder 18
Box 1
Folder 19
Bill of Sale for six slaves, Betsey, Roberta, Henry, John, an unnamed boy and an infant, sold to John w. Munn by Bartholomew and Jeanette M. Labuzan, Mobile County, Ala., 1857 April 22 D. 3p. (acknowledged the same day)

Box 1
Folder 20
Bill of Sale for one girl slave, sold to B.J. Brockman by W.C. Kilgore, n.p., 1858 September 13 D.S. 1p.

Box 1
Folder 21
Bill of sale for a slave named Charles of Charlot, sold to Ursin and Alfred Dellardes by Charles Arthur Gayarre, New Orleans, 1858 October 8 D.S. 4p. (recorded 1858 October 9)

Box 1
Folder 22

Box 1
Folder 23
Bill of Sale for one woman slave and her child, sold to Milledge T. Holly by Gideon Evans, Barnwell District, S.C., 1861 July 10 D.S. 4p. (recorded 1861 September 30)
View digitized documents. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/scrc/md/slavery-0001-022

Box 1
Folder 24
Bill of Sale for one slave, sold to Eugene Hacker by George W. Dunbar, New Orleans, 1862 February 8 D.S. 4p. (including positive photostat)
View digitized documents. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/scrc/md/slavery-0001-023

Box 1
Folder 25
Bill of Sale for the exchange of slaves between Bertrand Salay and Marie Justine Poche Keller, New Orleans, 1862 April 1 D.S. 4p. SEE ALSO Folder 47
View digitized documents. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/scrc/md/slavery-0001-024

Box 1
Folder 26
of the Estate of Moses Linton, dec’d., Fairfax County, [Virginia ?], 1752 October 18 D. 2p. (including positive photostat)

Box 1
Folder 27
and appraisement of the Estate of Arthur McClure, dec'd., n.p., 1796 November 23 D. 2p. (recorded in Lincoln County, Ky., 1798 October 9.)
View digitized documents. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/srcmd/slavery-0001-027

Box 1
Folder 28
and appraisement of the personal property of Richardson Tuggle, dec'd., n.p., 1864 June 4 D. 4p. (included positive photostat)

Box 1
Folder 29
Advertisement for a runaway slave, a Negro fellow named Jack, put out by Luke Troy and offering a reward, New York, 1760 December 31 D. 1p. (photograph)

Box 1
Folder 30
Announcement of a Trustee Sale of one Negro woman and her five children, to be held on September 20, Rockville, n.p., 1826 August 31 D. 1p. (negative photostat)

Box 1
Folder 31
Sheriff's notice of the intention of Benjamin Morgan to emancipate his slave, Helen, New Orleans, 1848 July 12 D. 2p. (and note that no opposition was filed, 1848 August 22 Includes positive photostat)

Box 1
Folder 32
Printed notice of a forthcoming Auction Sale of Negroes and Real Estate, to be held on Monday May 11, at 10 a.m., Mobile County, Ala., [18-] D. 1p.
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Box 1
Folder 33
Poster offering $300.00 reward for two runaway slaves, put out by A.D. Wroe, Prince William Country, Va., [18-] D. 1p.

Box 1
Folder 34
Last Will and Testament of James Shaw, Province of New York, 1772 April 18 D. 5p.

Box 1
Folder 35
View digitized documents. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/srcmd/slavery-0001-035

Box 1
Folder 36
Bill of Sale for goods and chattels, to John Coons from Jeremiah Williams, [Lexington District, Ky.], 1799 April 11 D. 3p. (acknowledged in Lexington District, Ky., 1799 April 11)

Box 1
Folder 37
Certification of the birth of a child to his slave, Lily, by Gilbert Pell, filed in New York according to law, 1801 April 18 D.S. 1p. (included positive photostat)
View digitized documents. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/scrc/md/slavery-0001-037

Box 1
Folder 38
Manumission from John and Betsy Allen to their Negro slaves, George, Simon, Hester, Hannah, Jack, Scipio, approved in the Harrison County October Court, [Ky.], 1823 D. 2p.
View digitized documents. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/scrc/md/slavery-0001-038

Box 1
Folder 39
Deed of gift of a Negro child named William, a slave for life, to Helen Duncan from William Duncan, [Harrison County, Ky.], 1828 November 28 2p. (approved in Harrison County Clerk's Office, Ky., 1829 April 13)

Box 1
Folder 40
Deed of mortgage on slaves, to Joseph Forges from Reuben Forbes, [Lincoln County, Ky.], 1830 February 23 D. 3p. (recorded in Lincoln County, Ky. 1830 February 24.)

Box 1
Folder 41
Memorandum concerning northern abolitionist sentiment, from the General Assembly of Alabama to the General Assemblies of the several states in the Union, signed by C.C. Clay, [Tuscaloosa ?] Ala., 1836 January 9 D.S. 2p. (negative photostat)

Box 1
Folder 42
Clay, C.C., Governor of Alabama, Tuscaloona, Ala. to His Excellency the Governor of Illinois, n.p., 1836 January 22 A.L.S. 2p. (negative photostat)

Box 1
Folder 43
Bond of indemnity to prevent emancipated slave, Rhoda, from becoming chargeable to the County, Lincoln County, Ky., 1844 April 1 D. 1p.
View digitized documents. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/scrc/md/slavery-0001-043

Box 1
Folder 44
Bondar, Thomas, New Orleans, to W.W. Hall, slave dealer, Norfolk, Va., re an enclosed check (missing) for proceeds of the sale of a Negro woman, Julia Downing, 1849 March 2 A.L.S. 1p.

Box 1
Folder 45
Order appointing commissioners to allot and divide the Negro slaves of Beverly Broaddus, dec’d., between his heirs, Lincoln County, Ky., 1855 September 7 D. 2p.

Box 1
Folder 46
Report of the commissioners on the allotment of the slaves of Beverly Broaddus amongst his heirs, Lincoln County, Ky., 1855 September 8 D.S. 2p. (recorded in Lincoln County, Ky. 1855 November 5)

Box 1
Folder 47
Grant of a petition for the sale of certain slaves, and Bill of Sale for one of them, sold to S.S. Evans by James Patterson, Barnwell District, S.C., 1863 March 2 D. 2p.

Box 1
Folder 48
Bill of sale for two adult slaves, Martin and Dilsa, for 800 dollars. Issued by Jacob Reinhardt to Henry Cauble, in Lincolnton, Lincoln County, North Carolina, 1834, November 7 D.S. 2p.