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Guide to the

Jesse J. Jackson Slavery and Civil War documents collection

1974-1983

Sc MG 896

Summary

Collector: Jackson, Jesse

Title: Jesse J. Jackson Slavery and Civil War documents collection

Date: 1974-1983

Size: 0.21 linear feet (1 box)

Source: Gift of Ann and Judith Ann Jackson, December 1988.

Revision History: Finding aid updated by Lauren Stark.

Abstract: Jesse J. Jackson (1908-1983), the collector of these documents, acquired them over ten years while serving as a writer-in-residence at Appalachian State University. Jackson was born in Columbus, Ohio, and attended Ohio State University. He wrote 8 books for children, and often wrote for magazines, journals, and local newspapers. Jesse J. Jackson Slavery and Civil War documents collection consists of approximately 90 individual documents relating to Southern slavery and the Civil War. The majority of the documents are manuscript bills of sale and deeds of gift for enslaved persons, issued in North Carolina, 1800-1858. Each document generally gives the enslaved person's name, sex, approximate age, and occasionally other information such as occupation, prices, and names of seller and buyer. Other information provided includes mention that the enslaved person being sold is "at large" and an affidavit accusing a dealer of selling a man's runaway despite the fact that the owner had asked the dealer to hold the runaway until he could be retrieved.

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Separated Materials:

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Related Materials:

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Miscellaneous American letters and papers (MALP), Sc MG 76

Slavery and the Abolition of the Slave Trade collection, Sc MG 22

U.S. Colored Troops, Infantry, 100th Regiment, Company I collection, Sc MG 554

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Scope and Content Note

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Other documents in the collection include two petitions to courts in Wilcox County, Alabama, asking permission to sell the enslaved persons belonging to estates, dated 1859 and 1862, and four documents issued in Fredericks County, Maryland, attesting to the freedom of the individuals.

Key Terms

Subjects

African Americans -- History
African Americans -- Legal status, laws, etc
African Americans -- Southern States -- Social conditions
Slave bills of sale
Slave trade -- United States -- History
Slavery -- United States
Slaves--Emancipation

Geographic Names

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- African Americans

United States -- Race relations

Names

Jackson, Jesse

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 U.S. Colored Troops final statement papers 1864
- b. 1 f. 2 Wilcox Country, Alabama 1846-1862
- b. 1 f. 3 Frederick County, Maryland 1819-1829
North Carolina
- b. 1 f. 4 Bertie County 1802-1858
- b. 1 f. 5 Caswell County 1812-1842
- b. 1 f. 6 Franklin County, bill of sale 1800
- b. 1 f. 7 Granville County bills of sale 1826-1834
- b. 1 f. 8 Northampton County bill of sale 1803
- b. 1 f. 9 Orange County 1815-1853
- b. 1 f. 10 Pasquotank County 1800-1810
- b. 1 f. 11 Person County 1803-1850
- b. 1 f. 12 Raleigh bill of sale 1855
- b. 1 f. 13 Wake County 1827-1857
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