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Collection of Legal Documents Concerning Slavery

Collection Summary

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Content Note

This collection of legal documents contains various papers relating to the slave trade in the United States and territories prior to the Civil War. These documents contain wills, deeds of emancipation, registers of freed slaves for census purposes, and property appraisals. They provide some understanding of the slavery issue prior to the Civil War.

Detailed Description: Box and Folder Listing

Box 1	FF 1	Contains an official complaint issued against George Donoghue's slave who was not sold for the right price dated June 24, 1703 from Fredericksburg, Maryland (?) and a bill of sale of three slaves from William Greenleaf of Boston, Massachusetts to Robert Auchomuty, dated 1720.
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Box 1	FF 2	Contains a letter stating that Joseph Walsh attended to a slave belonging to Mr. George who was wounded in the head dated March 23, 1747 and a letter stating a complaint against a slave who stole three hogs from Benjamin Covelyent to Mumford Stevens, the slave's owner dated March 11, 1747.
Box 1	FF 3	Contains a bill of sale from George Criswell of Hanguier County, Virginia to Charles Bursufs for the purchase of one male slave dated April 30, 1771.
Box 1	FF 4	Contains proclamations of emancipation of slaves in Southampton County, Virginia, from James Stanton, August 13, 1782; Jordan Denson, August 27, 1782; Mary Picks, September 22, 1782; Jacob Ulrich, October 12, 1782; Thomas Prettons, November 29, 1782; Elizabeth and Ann Denson, December 1, 1782; Thomas Picks, February 10, 1785; and Richard Picks, February 19, 1785.
Box 1	FF 5	Contains legal documents dealing with the slave trade such as property appraisals, wills, and an emanicpation dated 1786-1789.
Box 1	FF 6	Contains legal documents dealing with the slave trade such as property appraisals, wills, and manumissions dated in the 1790s.
Box 1	FF 7	Contains documents relating to the slave trade such as property appraisals, deeds of emancipation, complaints against slaves for criminal offenses, and a document that lists names of freed slaves that lived in Fredericksburg dated from 1800-1805, issued from the states of Virginia, Tennessee, and Kentucky.
Box 1	FF 8	Contains documents relating to the slave trade such as property appraisals, issues of warrant for slaves of criminal offenses and wills dated from 1806 to 1807, issued from Virginia.
Box 1	FF 9	Contains documents relating to the slave trade such as property appraisals, issues of warrant for slaves of criminal offenses and a document written to the commandant of the 3rd regiment of Orange County, (?) stating that he needed to be aware of a slave rebellion being planned, documents dated from 1808 to 1809.
Box 1	FF 10	Contains documents relating to the slave trade such as property appraisals, list of freed slaves that lived in Fredericksburg, wills, and bills of sale dated from 1810 to 1811 from Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee.
Box 1	FF 11	Contains documents relating to the slave trade such as wills, deeds of emancipation, and property appraisals dated from 1812 to 1816 issuing from Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky, and Tennessee.
Box 1	FF 12	Contains documents relating to the slave trade such as wills, warrants of arrest and property appraisals dated from 1817 to 1819.
Box 1	FF 13	Contains documents relating to the slave trade such as wills, lawsuits, property appraisals, bills of sale, and a sales book dated from 1820 to 1824 issued from Virginia, Maryland, and Georgia.
Box 1	FF 14	Contains documents relating to the slave trade such as property appraisals and deeds of emancipation, dated 1825 issued from Virginia, Kentucky, and Missouri.

Box 1	FF 15	Contains documents relating to the slave trade such as property appraisals, deeds of emancipation, and wills dated 1826-1827 issued from Maryland and Missouri.
Box 1	FF 16	Contains documents relating to the slave trade such as wills, deeds of emancipation and bills of sale dated from 1830 to 1839 issued from Virginia, Maryland, Tennessee, and Missouri.
Box 1	FF 17	Contains documents relating to the slave trade such as bills of sale, deeds of emancipation, property appraisals dated from 1840 to 1848 issued from Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, and Maryland.
Box 1	FF 18	Contains documents relating to the slave trade such as bills of sale, deeds of emancipation, and property appraisals dated 1850 to 1859 issued mostly from the state of Missouri.
Box 1	FF 19	Contains documents relating to the slave trade such as deeds of emancipation, registers of free slaves, and notices of sale dated from 1860 to 1862 issued from the states of Missouri and Virginia.
Box 1	FF 20	Contains documents relating to the slave trade such as deeds of emancipation, property appraisals, and bills of sale of unknown dates from Louisiana and Tennessee.

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