

# Slave Sale Papers (SC139)

## *Introduction*

The Slave Sale Papers is an artificial collection that consists of a copied bill of sale for two slaves, a copy of a bill of sale for one slave, and an announcement for a slave auction. The names and ages of the enslaved persons are included.

## *Descriptive Summary*

Creators: Cleopatra Frazier; Theodore Duncan; Samuel McClure

Title: Slave Sale Papers

Dates: 1831; 1835; and 1859

Size: 0.02 linear feet, 2 folders

Collection Number: SC139

## *Donor Information*

Found in collection.

## *Citation Note*

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## *Biographical/Historical Sketch*

A woman named Margaret and her daughter Mary Jane were sold by Cleopatra Frazier of Marion County, Missouri to Isaac R. Campbell for \$300.00 in 1831.

A woman named Betsy was sold by Samuel McClure of Calloway County, Missouri to S. Cochran of St. Louis for \$162.50 in 1835.

Theodore Duncan of Clay County, Missouri was the administrator for the estate of William Duncan. He arranged for the auction of 10 people, Bill, George, Johnson, Billy, John, James, Amanda, Betty, Cynene, and Alice, to be held at the Clay County Courthouse in Liberty, Missouri on April 25, 1859.

## *Scope and Content Note*

This collection contains one bill of sale for two slaves sold by Cleopatra Frazier dated 1831, and one copy of a bill of sale for one slave sold by Samuel McClure dated 1835. It also contains a notice by Theodore Duncan announcing the auction of 10 slaves to take place on April 25, 1859. All three documents include the names and ages of the enslaved persons being sold.

The Samuel McClure bill of sale was previously part of the Vertical Files Special Collection. During reprocessing of the collection, it was decided to remove the bill of sale and add it to this artificial collection.

### *Collection Inventory*

- f. 1 Two bills and notice of sale, 1831; 1835; and 1859
- f. 2 Two bills and notice of sale, 1831; 1835; and 1859 (photocopies)

### *Index*

Alice, age 2  
Amanda, age 34  
Betsy, age 28  
Betty, age 12  
Bill, age 53  
Billy, age 13  
Cynene, age 4  
George, age 20  
James, age 5  
John, age 8  
Johnson, age 18  
Margaret, age 17  
Mary Jane, age 2

Campbell, Isaac R.  
Clay County, Missouri  
Cochran, S.  
Duncan, Theodore  
Duncan, William  
Frazier, Cleopatra  
Liberty, Missouri  
McClure, Samuel  
Marion County, Missouri

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