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Abstract

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Historical Note

The Virginia Central Railroad Company started as the Louisa Railroad Company. Formed in 1836, the Louisa Railroad Company built several railroad lines in south and central Virginia. In 1850, the company name was changed to the Virginia Central Railroad Company. The company's trains and tracks became vital to the Confederacy during the Civil War, transporting men and supplies throughout Virginia. Most of the rail lines belonging to the Virginia Central Railroad Company were destroyed by order of Generals Ulysses S. Grant and Phillip Sheridan. Although heavily damaged at the end of the Civil War, the railroad was rebuilt and fully operational by the end of 1865. The Virginia Central Railroad Company merged with the Covington and Ohio Railroad in 1868 to form the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad.

Scope and Content

This collection contains a rental receipt for the labor of Isaac, an enslaved man. The receipt was issued by the Virginia Central Railroad Company in 1855 to Mrs. Elisabeth S. Lindsay and promises a payment of \$175 to Lindsay after the one year rental period ends. The receipt is a check-sized form made out to Mrs. Elisabeth S. Lindsay. The receipt promises to pay Mrs. Lindsay \$175 in exchange for the enslavement of Isaac to the railroad for the year 1856. The document also states that money is to be paid after the first day of January 1857 and that the railroad must return Isaac with a hat and blanket and be "well clothed". The receipt is signed by E. Fontaine, president of the Virginia Central Railroad Company. The back of the document bares the signature of Lindsay and states that the sum was paid out on January 15, 1857.

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Arrangement

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