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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

SC 0016

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English .

Abstract

The Bill of Sale for Enslaved Girl Edny from J. Vanderveer to Mr. Ellison, July 1, 1858, consists of a single hand-written receipt documenting the monetary value and sale of an enslaved girl by enslaver J. Vanderveer to a Mr. Ellison.

Creator

Vanderveer, J.

source

Cohasco, Inc.

Extent

0.08 cubic feet 1 legal folder

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Bio/Historical Note

The document, dated July 1, 1858, describes Edny simply as a "Negro Girl...aged about sixteen years." As such, Edny was likely born into slavery at or around 1842. Her monetary value, as established by enslaver J. Vanderveer, was \$550.00. As this bill of sale documents, Edny was then sold to a Mr. Ellison. No further information is available about Edny or her enslavers.

Scope and Content

The Bill of Sale for Enslaved Girl Edny from J. Vanderveer to Mr. Ellison, dated July 1, 1858, is a handwritten receipt documenting the sale of Edny, a sixteen-year-old enslaved girl, by J. Vanderveer to a Mr. Ellison. Edny's monetary value is documented as \$550.00; payments were made to Vanderveer in five installments. The note details a guarantee of Edny's health, namely her eyesight.

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Arrangement

One document housed in a legal folder.

Description of Subordinate Components

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