

# A Guide to the Thomas A. Turk Letter, February 18, 1859 SC 0256

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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

SC 0256

### Unit Date

1859 February 18

### Language

English .

### Abstract

Single-page letter, written by Thomas A. Turk to a Mr. Larry, dated February 18, 1859. Turk writes from Staunton, Virginia, and requests information about a Mr. Lockridge in order to secure the purchase of one or more enslaved people.

**Creator**

Turk, Thomas A., 1808-1871

**source**

Jeffrey S. Evans & Associates

**Extent**

0.06 cubic feet 1 folder

**Repository**

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**Preferred Citation**

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## Bio/Historical Note

Additional records pertaining to Thomas A. Turk (1808-1871) reveal that he owned land, likely in Augusta County, Virginia. An 1850 letter written by lawyer and future Confederate general, John Daniel Imboden, to Alexander H.H. Stuart, discusses a lawsuit of Daniel Mosby against Thomas Turk over possession of a tract of land.

Pokahontas (Pocahontas) is in Tazewell County, in northwestern Virginia, near the West Virginia border.

## Scope and Contents

This is a single-page letter, written by Thomas A. Turk to a Mr. Larry, dated February 18, 1859. Turk discusses an upcoming trip to Pokahontas, and requests that Larry relay information about a Mr. Lockridge, so that Turk can secure the purchase of an enslaved person from him. He states, "if you can find out which Lockridge that has the negroes for sale and where he lives it is likely that I can make it on my way to see him before I return."

## Keywords

Slavery -- Virginia -- Staunton

Staunton (Va.) -- History -- 19th century

Letters (correspondence)

Jeffrey S. Evans & Associates

## Bibliography

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## Provenance

According to the record of sale, the letter was formerly the property of a private collector from Augusta County, Virginia.

## Arrangement

One document housed in a folder.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Thomas A. Turk Letter**

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**Mixed Materials [1000886358]** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)