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Introduction

The Slavery Miscellaneous Manuscripts Collection consists of a variety of items from different sources relating to slavery, especially in the United States. The materials range in date from 1780 to the 1860s. The largest section of the collection is made up of seven scrapbooks titled "Tracts on Slavery in the United States, and on the U.S. Constitution and Organic Laws." They contain manuscript writings, printed pamphlets and tracts, and newspaper clippings on the subject of slavery and abolitionism, with most of the material dating from the 1850s and 1860s. The original compiler is unknown. The volumes were given to Yale University from the library of Louis R. Ehrich by his son Walter L. Ehrich in 1926

The next item is a manuscript book containing records of punishments administered to slaves in a South American mining camp. One hundred seventy-seven slaves are named, the reasons for their punishment are given, and the method of punishment is listed. The records, which are kept in English, cover the years from 1836 to 1847. The volume was given to Yale University by Stuart W. Jackson in 1937.

The next folder contains twenty deeds for slaves, dating from 1783 to 1848. The documents were acquired by the University from a variety of sources and come from North Carolina, Maryland, Kentucky, Alabama, and Tennessee. The next folder that follows contains nine newspaper clippings from the 1840s through the 1860s relating to the antislavery movement in Kansas, New Hampshire, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

The final item is a manuscript book containing the census of slaves in Chester County, Pennsylvania, from 1780 to 1815. It was given to Yale University by Abel Cary Thomas in 1936.

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