



African-Americans on Long Island Collection, 1764-

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The collection contains documents related to the history of African-American free men and women and slaves on Long Island in the 18th and 19th centuries. Included are court documents (including certificates of acquittal, certificates of conviction, petitions, and warrants); examinations and adjudgments from pauper hearings; servant and slave indentures (bills of sale); manumissions (formal emancipations from slavery); minutes of court proceedings, many of which concern manumissions; slave receipts; correspondence; and a poster.

Arrangement: alphabetically by format and then chronologically.

Box Listings

Box 1

Correspondence

Letter from H. Dering concerning the purchase of shoes for his family and for Jason Case, an African-American who lived on Dering's farm, 1813

Court Documents

1807-1825. (13 items)

1826-1829, n.d. (13 items)

Examinations and adjudgments

Queens County pauper hearings, 1830. (6 items)

Indentures

Slave indenture, 1764. Bill of sale for slave named Caesar. (1 item)

Slave indenture, 1779. Bill of sale for slave named Peg. (1 item)

Slave indenture, 1783. Bill of sale for female slave. (1 item)

Servant indenture, 1825. (1 item)

Manumissions

Manumission for female slave named Rozanna, 1801. Manumission was entered into the Town of Oyster Bay record books. (1 item)

Box 2

Minutes of Court Proceedings

Minutes of Queens County Court proceedings (possibly at court in Oyster Bay), 1797. Includes minutes concerning the manumitting of two slaves, and an assault case. (1 item)

Minutes of Queens County Court of General Sessions (court at North Hempstead), 1797. Includes minutes concerning the manumitting of seven slaves. (1 item)

Minutes of Queens County court proceedings (court at North Hempstead), 1799. Includes minutes concerning the manumitting of three slaves, and an assault case. (1 item)

Minutes of Queens County Court of General Sessions proceedings (court at North Hempstead), 1800. Includes minutes concerning the manumitting of two slaves and the discharge of a slave. (1 item)

Minutes of Queens County Circuit Court proceedings (court at North Hempstead), 1802. Includes minutes concerning assault cases involving slaves. (1 item)

Minutes of Queens County Court of Common Pleas, 1804. Includes minutes concerning the manumitting of a slave. (1 item)

Minutes of Queens County Court of General Sessions proceedings (court at North Hempstead), 1808. Includes minutes concerning the manumitting of a slave. (1 item)

Newspaper

New York Times, The, January 17, 1861. Includes one article concerning the slave trade and another regarding the report of the Senate Select Committee on Federal Relations (New York State Legislature). Resolutions made by the committee concerned the right to secede and slavery.

New England Loyal Publication Society, December 2, 1863, No. 143.

Poster

Long Island African-American Heritage, c.1987. Created by the Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities (SPLIA).

See: Map case 1-10

Receipts

Receipt for a slave used as settlement of an account, 1783. (1 item)

Receipt for sale of a slave named Stephen, 1795. Signed by Gilbert Carll, at Dicks Hills [sic]. (1 item)

See also:

Carman Family Collection

Rushmore Family Collection