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Thurmond-Tramwell Slave Papers. 1857 February 5

Summary Information

Creator	Parker and Miller Thurmond Family Tramwell Family
Extent (quantity/size)	1 folder
Language	English
Abstract	These papers include a document originating from Gonzales, Texas which gives an account of a legal dispute between Thurmond and Tramwell over an enslaved woman.

Subjects

African Americans -- Texas-- History / Families -- Texas. / Slavery -- America. / Texas -- Race relations.

Administrative Information

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Scope and Content

The Thurmond-Tramwell Slave papers were acquired by purchase in 2011 May from Jordan Antiquarian Books. The collection consists of one document, written in 1857 February 5. This legal manuscript describes a disagreement between Thurmond and Tramwell over an enslaved African American woman named Pheba. One party was trying to claim Pheba while the other was attempting to keep her. The letter details the history of the woman in question, her ownership history and other pertinent details to the case. The document was filed in Gonzales, Texas, but it is not clear if either party or Pheba were from Texas. Louisiana is mentioned several times in the letter. The Legal Documents series is the only series in the collection.

Administrative/Biographical History

These papers include a document which details a legal disagreement in five pages between the Thurmond family and the Tramwell family. Although it is not clear where the two families lived at the time the letter was written, it is most likely the families lived in Louisiana and Texas.

Archival Arrangement

The Thurmond-Tramwell Slave Document is currently arranged in one series: I. Legal Documents. Original order of the collection was preserved as part of producing this finding aid.

Series 1: Legal Documents. 1857 February 5

Administrative/Biographical History

This series contains one legal document detailing a disagreement between Thurmond and Tramwell about the ownership of an enslaved African American woman named Pheba.

Item List

Box 1. Folder 1. Legal Writ, 1857 February 5

Series 2: Legal Documents. 02/05/1857