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Ms.1994.010

Unit Date

1853-1861

Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

This collection includes a journal of an unidentified overseer - possibly Erastus Bishop of Petersburg, Virginia - with names of enslaved people and amount of crops each person picked, including cotton, peas, corn. It also lists when and which enslaved person was sick each day, money obtained for a crop, home remedies for common illnesses, and the journey itinerary for a cargo ship.

Creator

Bishop, Erastus R. , b. ca. 1828

Extent

0.1 Cubic Feet 1 folder

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Biographical Note

This journal was maintained from 1853-1861 by an unidentified overseer - possibly Erastus R. Bishop of Bertie County, North Carolina.

In the 1850 U. S. Federal Census, Erastus R. Bishop is listed as a white male, age 22, living with several others, possible relatives, in Sussex County, Virginia. The 1860 U. S. Federal Census lists Erastus Bishop as an overseer living in Bertie County, California. The journal in this collection mentions locations in Bertie County.

Scope and Content

This collection includes a journal of an unidentified overseer with names of enslaved people and amount of crops each person picked, including cotton, peas, corn. It also lists when and which enslaved person was sick each day, money obtained for a crop, home remedies for common illnesses, and the journey itinerary for a cargo ship.

The name Erastus R. Bishop of Petersburg, Virginia, appears several times throughout the journal, and Bishop may be the creator.

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Folk, historical, and patent medicine

Slavery -- United States

Traditional medicine

Virginia -- History

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