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### Unit ID

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### Language

Materials in the collection are in English.

### Abstract

The Jacob Sherman Legal Documents contain a complaint of Jacob Sherman and the testimony of Burgess R. Linkous regarding the sale of an enslaved person in Western Virginia in 1858.

### Creator

Sherman, Jacob, b. 1781

### Creator

Linkous, Burgess Riley, 1827-1902

### Extent

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## Acquisition Information

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# Biographical Note

Jacob Sherman was born in 1781. He was a farmer living in District 21 of Pulaski County, Virginia.

Lynch Alexander Currin [1812-1871] was born near Newbern which was then a part of Montgomery County. He was the son of Captain William Currin and Rhoda Charlton, and married Elizabeth Nye Haller in August 1839. He served as Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pulaski County from 1839-1846 and as Clerk from 1846-64.

Andrew Steele Fulton [1800-1884] was a congressman, lawyer and judge from from Waynesboro, Virginia. He was admitted to the bar in 1825, became a member of the Virginia House of Delegates in 1840 and 1845, became prosecuting attorney of Wythe County Virginia in 1846 and was elected a Whig to the U.S. House of Representatives that same year, serving from 1847-1849. He continued practicing law when the term ran out and later was appointed Judge of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit and served from 1852-1869.

Edward Hower Kinzer [1831-1866] was the son of George Kinzer [1801-1877], fellow defendant. At the time of his death Edward was living in Nebraska.

# Scope and Content

The Jacob Sherman Legal Documents contain a complaint of Jacob Sherman and the testimony of Burgess R. Linkous regarding the sale of an enslaved person in Western Virginia in 1858.

The complaint of Jacob Sherman in the circuit court of Pulaski County, Virginia, against Edward H. Kinzer and Burgess Linkous, brings a case for the return of an enslaved woman and several of her children who were fraudulently purchased and sold off without his permission by the two men while he was recuperating from grievous injuries to his body and mind. The complaint is addressed to the Honorable Andrew S. Fulton, judge of the circuit court of Pulaski County, Virginia. The complaint was transcribed by Lynch S. Currin, clerk.

# Keywords

African Americans -- History

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

Montgomery County (Va.)

Slavery -- United States

Currin, Lynch Alexander, 1812-1871

Fulton, Andrew Steele, 1800-1884

Kinzer, Edward Hower, 1831-1866

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