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Abstract

This collection is a ledger or day book used by enslaver and farmer William Q. Thomson of Happy Valley, Louisa County, Virginia, dated 1845-1854, 1882-1891. The book includes debts to associates, purchases, and bills paid, including for family members. Some of the early entries are for hiring the labor of enslaved people. Thomson (ca. 1825-1891) enslaved at least 22 people, including Georgeanna and her baby Peter Dudley.

Creator

Thomson, William Q., ca. 1825-1891

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Biographical Note

William Q. Thomson (also Thompson) was born in Louisa County, Virginia, around 1825. He married Nicie H. Daniel on September 22, 1851, and they had three children together. Thomson was a farmer and plantation owner, who enslaved at least 22 people, including Georgeanna and her baby Peter Dudley. He died on April 25, 1891, at the age of 65 from paralysis.

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