



Sikes Family Papers (CG0019)

Collection Number: CG0019

Collection Title: Sikes Family Papers

Dates: 1845-1859

Creator: Sikes, William, 1814-1853

Abstract: The Sikes Family Papers contain eight enslaved bills of sale to William Sikes of New Madrid County, Missouri. These documents reflect the name, age, and price of each enslaved person. Three additional documents show land transfers and a tax assessment of personal property.

Collection Size: 0.02 cubic feet
(2 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Cape Girardeau](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at capegirardeau@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Stephen W. Sikes on July 20, 2017 (Accession No. CGA0018).

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Historical Note:

William Washington Sikes was born in New Madrid County, Missouri, on February 8, 1814, to Needham Sikes and Mary Shields. His brother, John would found Sikeston, Missouri, in 1860. William married Lydia Stallcup around 1850. Three children were born to this union, Laura, Francis, and William. Sikes was a farmer who owned fourteen slaves in 1850. He died on December 26, 1853. He is reportedly buried in the Sikes Family Cemetery near Sikeston, though he has no grave marker.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged chronologically into a single series.

Scope and Content Note:

The Sikes Family Papers contain eight enslaved bills of sale to William Sikes of New Madrid County, Missouri. These documents reflect the name, age, and price of enslaved persons. There are also three additional documents showing land transfers and a tax assessment of personal property.

Container List:

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	f. 2	Land transfers and property list, 1852, 1859

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