



Papers for people enslaved by Frederick A. Hamilton (C2026)

Collection Number: C2026

Collection Title: Papers for people enslaved by Frederick A. Hamilton

Dates: 1837-1844

Creator: Hamilton, Frederick A.

Abstract: The papers contain a deed of trust between Frederick Hamilton and B.F. Sharp and Beston Callahan, indenturing three enslaved people as security for notes, along with a bill of sale for enslaved people.

Collection Size: 0.02 cubic feet
(1 folder)

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-Columbia](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at columbia@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 William R. Gentry, Jr. on July 29, 1955.

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Biographical Note:

Frederick A. Hamilton was married to Margaret J. Sharp, whose father and brother were both named Benjamin Sharp. Margaret Sharp's sister, Hannah, was married to Beston Callahan. Hamilton was a newspaper owner who published the *Columbia Patriot* from December 1835 to December 1842.

Hamilton was also an enslaver who indentured Maria/Mariah and her daughter Mary Eliza, and William to B.F. Sharp and Beston Callahan. He later sold Maria/Mariah and William to Benjamin Sharp.

Frederick Hamilton died on July 18, 1845, and is buried in Montgomery County, Missouri.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content Note:

The papers include a deed of trust between Frederick Hamilton and B.F. Sharp and Beston Callahan, indenturing Maria/Mariah, Mary Eliza, and William as security for notes. Also included is a bill of sale for Maria/Mariah and William to Benjamin Sharp.

Container List:

f. 1 Enslavement papers, 1837-1844

Index:

Index Terms	Folder
Callahan, Beston	1
Hamilton, Frederick A.	1
Mariah (enslaved)	1
Mary Eliza (enslaved)	1
Sharp, Benjamin F.	1
Slavery	1
William (enslaved)	1