



James Williams Narrative c.00584

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Summary Information

Repository:	University Archives and Historical Collections
Creator:	Whittier, John Greenleaf, 1807-1892
Creator:	Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society
Creator:	Williams, James, 1805-
Source:	Michigan State University. Libraries. Special Collections Division
Title:	James Williams narrative
ID:	c.00584
ID [aspace_uri]:	/repositories/2/resources/1740
Date:	circa 1838
Physical Description:	0.1 Cubic Feet , 1 folder
Language of the Material:	English .

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

The Anti-Slavery Examiner was a newsletter distributed by the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society. The society was founded in 1833 by William Lloyd Garrison and Arthur Tappan.

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Scope and Contents

The collection contains a partial issue of the *Anti-Slavery Examiner* featuring the narrative of an escaped enslaved person, James Williams (born 1805). In his narrative, Williams details the daily life of enslaved people in Virginia and Alabama in the first half of the nineteenth century. He extensively discusses methods of torture used to punish them and recounts his experiences as a field driver on an Alabaman cotton plantation. Williams eventually successfully ran away to the North, but his wife and children were left in Virginia. The narrative was written by J. G. Whittier from the verbal narrative of Williams. This issue was bound sometime after publication and is in poor condition; half of several pages are missing.

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- Fugitive slaves -- United States
- Enslaved persons -- Biography
- Slavery -- Alabama
- Williams, James, 1805-
- Michigan State University. Libraries. Special Collections Division

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
Bound issue of the "Anti-Slavery Examiner", circa 1838	folder 1