

# Ellington Family Collection (AC43)

## *Introduction*

The collection consists of a bill of sale for a slave girl sold by William L. Chew on March 29, 1815, and related documents.

## *Descriptive Summary*

Creator: Ellington Family  
Title: Ellington Family Collection  
Dates: 1815-ca. 1973  
Size: 0.04 linear feet, 1 box  
Collection Number: AC43

## *Donor Information*

Donated by Beulah G. Ellington, 04/17/2014.

## *Citation Note*

Ellington Family Collection (AC43), Black Archives of Mid-America, Kansas City, Missouri.

## *Administrative Information*

Reproduction Restrictions: Unrestricted.  
Access Restrictions: Unrestricted.  
Additional Forms Available: The 1815 bill of sale and the 1846-1847 letters have been digitized and are available for viewing in the reading room.

## *Historical Sketch*

William L. Chew of Adam County, Mississippi Territory, sold one slave girl to Thomas Brabston on March 29, 1815. The slave is named in the bill of sale as Sarah.

The bill of sale and related documents came into the Ellington family through marriage with the Killion / Ferguson families. William J. Ferguson was a friend of James M. Brabston of Vicksburg, Mississippi, son of Thomas Brabston.

## *Scope and Content Note*

The collection consists of a slave bill of sale, two letters, and an Ellington family history arranged in chronological order.

The 1846 letter from William J. Ferguson to James M. Brabston has been removed to Oversize Box 1.

***Collection Inventory***

The notation "OS" indicates the materials are located in Oversize Box 1.

- f. 1 Slave bill of sale and related documents, 1815, 1846-1847 (OS)
- f. 2 Slave bill of sale and related documents, 1815, 1846-1847 (photocopies)
- f. 3 Family history, ca. 1973

**Processed by Michael Sweeney, Collection Librarian, March 2015.**