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Description Level: Item

Collection: Habeas Corpus Papers

Description:

A writ of habeas corpus is a procedure for obtaining a judicial determination of the legality of an individual's custody. This collection includes petitions for writs of habeas corpus and the writs themselves, showing the names of petitioners, persons to be brought to court, nature of dispute or alleged crime, dates of writs and accompanying documents, names of judges, and names of persons that the writs are filed against. Petitioners include indentured servants, runaway slaves, free African-Americans, convicted prisoners, those awaiting trial, relatives of prisoners, parties in child custody disputes, and relatives of army recruits and draftees. Arranged chronologically by date of filing. Handwritten, handwritten on printed forms, and a very few typewritten.

System of Arrangement: Arranged chronologically by date of filing.

Date of Accumulation: 1800-1894, 1896, 1897

Year: 1872

Creator: Prothonotary's Office

People: Malone, Thomas M.
Mentzer, John W.

Subcategory: Documentary Artifact

Extent: 8 cubic feet

Object Name: Documents

Language: English

Condition: Fair

Object ID: Habeas 1872 F031

Case Number: 67.000

Classification: RG 01-00 2313

Location: Archives

Container: 011

Box Number: 011

Associated Material: Lancaster County Archives has Habeas Corpus dockets: 1799-1978, ten volumes, record of writs of Habeas Corpus written. 1895-1983, 43 boxes, original petitions.

Additional Notes: Guilty of vagrancy.
Filed against: Mentzer, John W. Occupation: prisonkeeper.
Habeas corpus, includes decision.
Return, includes copy of warrant of commitment.
2 items, 1 piece

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