

# Wallace and Montgomery Cumming bills of sale and receipt

## Descriptive Summary

<b>Repository:</b>	Georgia Historical Society
<b>Creator:</b>	Cumming, Montgomery, 1824-1870.
<b>Creator:</b>	Cumming, Wallace, approximately 1827-1877.
<b>Title:</b>	Wallace and Montgomery Cumming bills of sale and receipt
<b>Dates:</b>	1852-1863
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## Biographical/Historical Note

Montgomery Cumming (1824-1870) and his brother, Wallace Cumming (ca. 1827-1877) were natives of Savannah, Georgia, and prominent citizens in the community. Montgomery was a local merchant and an agent for W.H. Gibbons and Co. Wallace served as the assistant cashier of the Bank of the State of Georgia from circa 1858-1869. In approximately 1870, he formed Wallace Cumming and Company, a banking firm; the company opened an office on Johnson Square, Savannah. Wallace's children included Sarah Gilbert Cumming (Mrs. James P.S. Houston) and Mary Cuthbert Cumming, who died of yellow fever in 1876. Wallace died shortly after the yellow fever epidemic of 1876.

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## Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of a receipt for hire of a male slave belonging to the Cumming family and seven bills of sale (1852-1863) recorded in Chatham County and Bibb County, transferring five slaves, including March (male), Sam, Frank, Maria, and an unnamed male.

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## Index Terms

Bills of sale.  
Cumming, Montgomery, 1824-1870.  
Cumming, Wallace, approximately 1827-1877.  
Receipts (financial records)  
Slave trade--Georgia.  
Slavery--Georgia.

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## Administrative Information

### Custodial History

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### Acquisition Information

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### Container List

Receipt. Macon, 1852 March

Received of Montgomery and Wallace Cumming \$80 for wages in full for his male slave employed by them; signed by Benjamin Edward Stiles.

Bill of sale, state of Georgia. Bibb County, 1852

Ds. Benjamin Edward Stiles sells to Montgomery and Wallace Cumming for \$720 a male slave named March; signed by Benjamin Edward Stiles, witnessed by E.E. Brown, J.P.

Bill of sale, A.P. Longstreet to Mr. Cumming. Rome, Floyd County, Ga., 1856 April 17

Montgomery Cumming sells to Wallace Cumming for \$500 his half interest in slave, March; signed by Montgomery Cumming; witnessed by Wm. J. Bulloch, No. Pub., C.C.

Bill of sale, State of Georgia. Savannah, Ga., 1863 July 14

Montgomery Cumming sells to Wallace Cumming for \$500 his half interest in slave, March; signed by Montgomery Cumming; witnessed by Wm. J. Bulloch, No. Pub., C.C.

Bill of sale, State of Georgia. Savannah, Ga., 1863 July 14

Executors of Robert Hutchison sell to Montgomery Cumming for \$800 slave named Frank; signed by Anthony Porter and Wallace Cumming, Excrs; witnessed by Andrew M. Ross, Not. Pub., C.C. On verso, recorded in Clerk's Office, Chatham County, Book VVV, folio 537 by Thos. J. Bulloch, Deputy Clerk, S.C.C.C., September 22, 1863

Receipt, Savannah, Ga., 1863 September 19

Wallace Cumming pays \$2,500 for slave, Maria; signed by D.H. Baldwin; witnessed by Andrew M. Ross, Not. Pub. C.C. On verso, recorded in Clerk's Office, Chatham County, Book VVV, folio 542, September 1863, by Thos. J. Bulloch, Deputy Clerk, S.C.C.C.

Bill of sale. State of Georgia, Chatham County, 1863 September 21

Montgomery Cumming sells to Wallace Cumming for \$800 slave, Frank; signed by Montgomery Cumming; witnessed by Andrew M. Ross, Not. Pub., C.C. On verso, recorded in Clerk's Office, Chatham County, Book VVV, folios 537 and 538 by Thos. J. Bulloch, Deputy Clerk, S.C.C.C., September 22, 1863.