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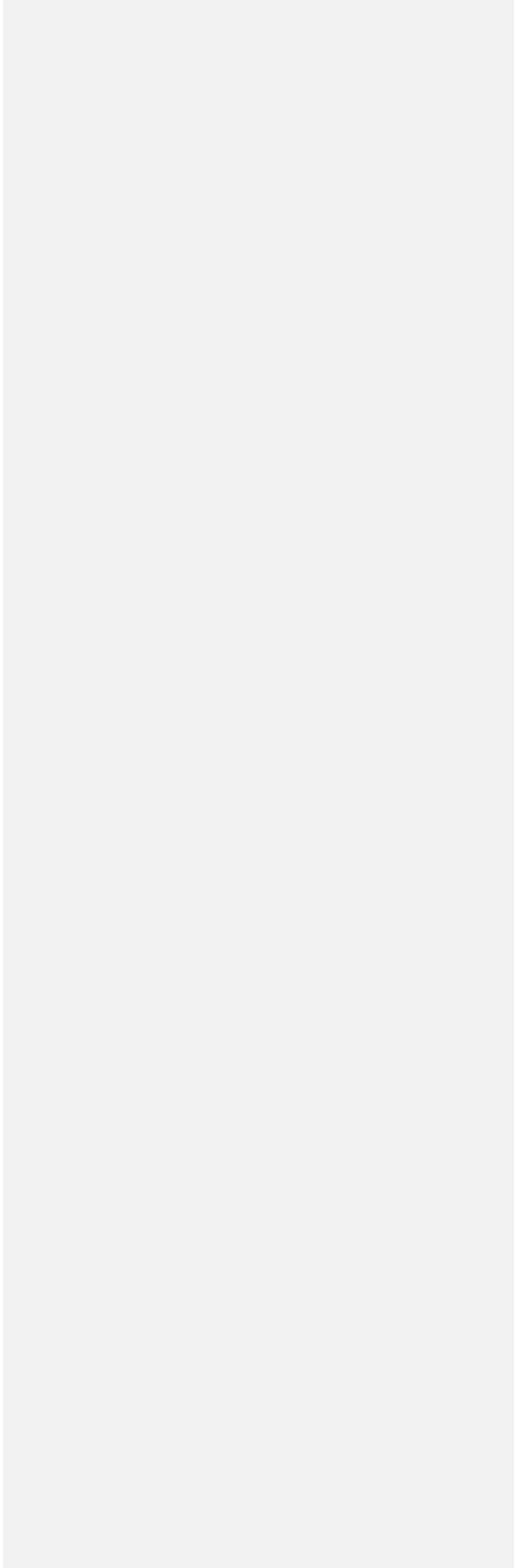
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The "Slave Bill of Sale," which is dated from 1848, is a handwritten legal document regarding the sale of an 11-year-old boy named Jacob in Wilcox County, Alabama. The artifact is currently held in the Museum of Southern History at Houston Christian University and is shown to be written in cursive on creased yellowed paper. In 2022, The University purchased the "Slave Bill of Sale" from Gallery of History, Inc. The Bill establishes a slave's representation as newly bought "property." In the Bill of Sale, the parties, dates, and prices are all accounted for to ensure proper legalization of the transfer. This former legality of the sale of another human being

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