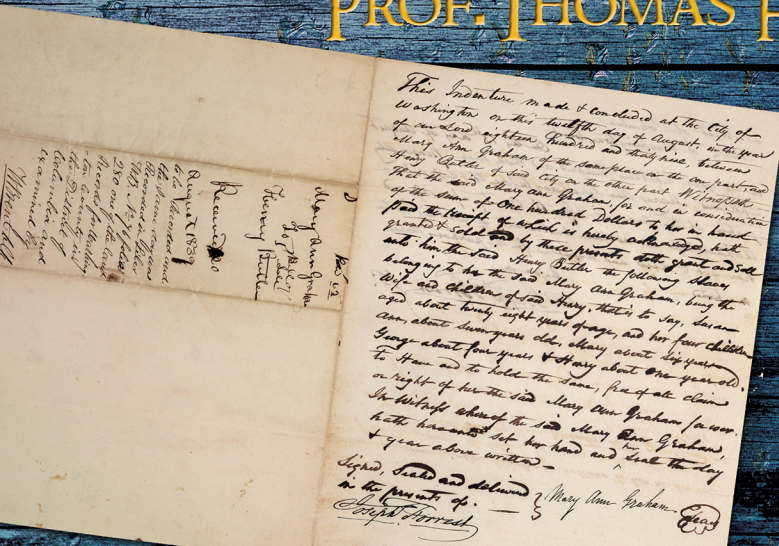


"NO MAN CAN BE PREVENTED FROM VISITING HIS WIFE":

HENRY BUTLER AND ENSLAVED MANLINESS IN FAMILY AND INTIMACY

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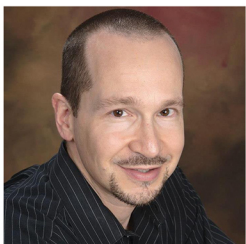
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When Henry Butler, a former slave, purchased his wife and children out of slavery, he was doing more than freeing his family. Butler was one of few slaves who were able to purchase enslaved family members. For a formerly enslaved man, the meaning would have had strong resonance beyond the individual ties of love and family. This talk examines the norms and ideals of black manhood for enslaved men that emphasized the importance of autonomy in affairs of love and family and the role of protector and guardian of family dependents.

This talk is part of a series of lectures organized by the American Studies Programme (SMLC) and inspired by the exhibition "Rising Above: The Kinsey African American Art and History Collection" which is on show at the University Museum and Art Gallery until February 26, 2017.

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