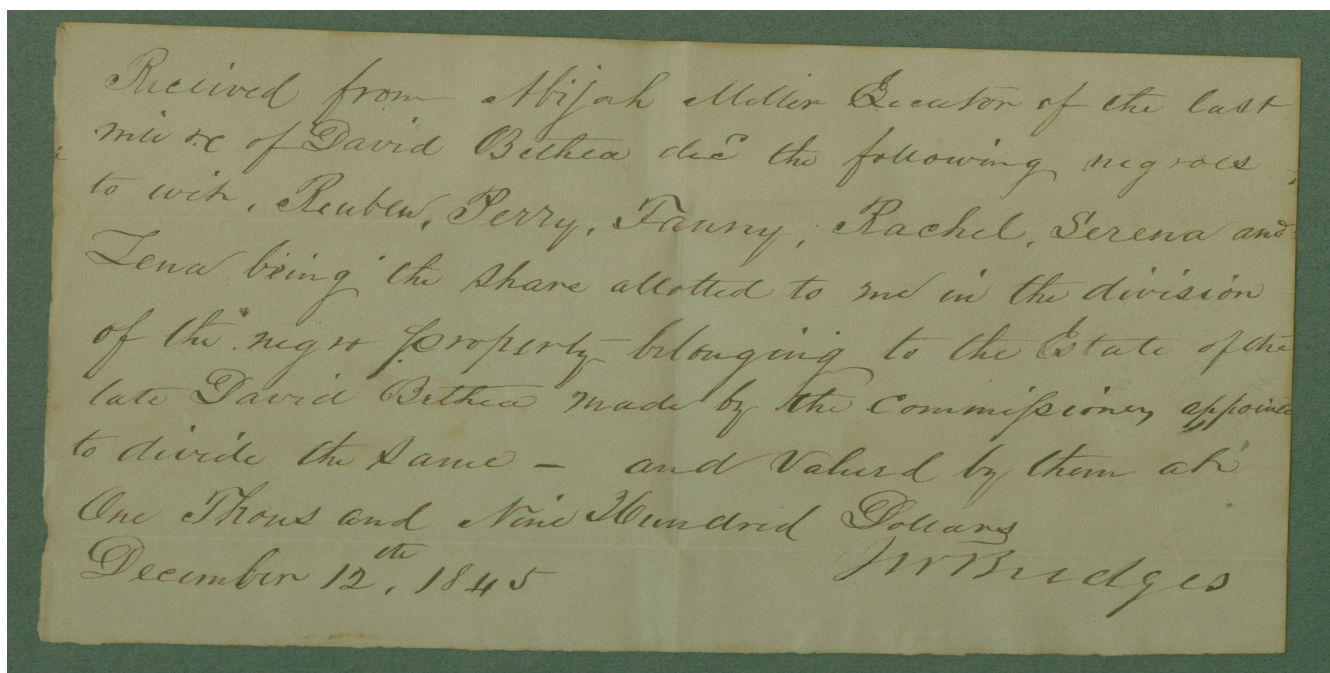


I have a receipt, from the estate of David Bethea, for slaves by J.W. Bridges. This is dated December 12th, 1845. The document is a very legible, and clean. David Bethea owned 50 slaves in Wilcox, Alabama. William Bethea, a 3 great nephew, asked me to donate it to your organization. I bought this at a shop in Virginia about 25 years ago. I was collecting items on Confederate economy. I really didn't research it until I joined Ancestry.com. I hope you can use it. Bob Wilson



Received from W. J. Miller Executor of the last will of David Bethea due the following negroes to wit, Reuben, Perry, Fanny, Rachel, Serena and Lena being the share allotted to me in the division of the negro property belonging to the Estate of the late David Bethea made by the Commissioners appointed to divide the same - and valued by them at One Thousand and Nine Hundred Dollars
December 12th, 1845 W. W. Bridges