

As you know, one of the ways in which slaves resisted their condition was by running away. Historians have discovered a multitude of advertisements describing the enslavers' attempts to recapture the person who had fled.

Read the ads pasted below. As you do, try to look beyond the text to make inferences about what the documents tell us about the persons involved. Also, ask yourself whether we should consider these ads reliable.



TEN DOLLARS REWARD.—Ranaway from the subscriber, on Sunday, the 4th inst., my boy, **JEREMIAH REED**, about 4 feet 7 inches high, dark complexion. Had on, an old drilling pair of pantaloons and an old cotton shirt. The above reward will be given to any person or persons delivering said boy to the undersigned, or securing him so that I shall get him again.

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E. BREWER, 5 Fish Market Space.



ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD—Ranaway from the Steamboat Isis, (in the capacity of a cook.) on or about the 27th June last, a light mulatto boy, named **SHERRY**, a slave. Said boy is about 22 years old, 5 feet 4 inches high, and stout; in walking has quite a roll, with both arms raised so that his elbows stick out considerably. When spoken to always smiles and stutters a little. The above reward will be paid on his delivery to the subscriber, or to any jail in this State, giving me information of the same.

JNO. PEARSON,

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Master of Steamboat Isis.




TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.—Ranaway from the subscriber, on Saturday, August 31, my negro man **EPHRAIM**. He is a bright mulatto, about 30 years of age, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, stout built, but not corpulent; pleasant countenance when spoken to, though slow of speech, and awkward in his manners; has been accustomed to farming, and occasionally employed in a saw mill and use of the whip saw, but for the last two or three months at housework, of which he knows very little. He has a wife in the city, who is free, and is supposed to have gone off with him. It is believed he has a forged pass; he has a variety of clothing. The above reward will be paid for bringing him home, or \$100 for such information as will enable me to get him.

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CHARLES G. WALKER.

\$5 REWARD.

 **RUNAWAY**, since the 29th of January 1851, the negro ANTOINE, alias WILLIAM, a well known journeyman baker, about 40 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches tall, yellowish complexion, strong constitution, large head, big nose, thick lips, large flat feet, a large burnt scar on the chest, a piece of one ear bitten off, and speaking English and French.

Any person who will give shelter to that negro, either on land or on board of any ship, will be sued according to the law.

The above reward will be given to any person who will bring back said slave to his master, No. 102, Orleans street, or will lodge him in any of the jails in New Orleans or Lafayette, where it is said his wife is now residing.

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Eight Dollars Reward.

RANAWAY from the subscriber, near Princeton, New-Jersey, the 4th inst. a Negro man, named JACK, a stout hearty fellow, 28 or 30 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, rather of a light complexion, heavy eyes, and unpleasant countenance, fond of spiritous liquors, and when intoxicated somewhat impudent, and more unpleasant than usual. He took with him sundry unknown wearing apparel, and it is conjectured he hath gone into the state of Pennsylvania. Whoever takes up said fellow, and returns him to his owner, shall receive the above reward, and reasonable charges, paid by

CHARITY MILLER.


Stony Brook, June 16th, 1791.

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\$10 REWARD.—Absconded from the subscriber's dwelling, on the 6th instant, the negro girl **FANNY**, aged about 50; speaks English and French; has lost her front teeth; very dark skin: took with her her daughter, a mulatto, aged about 7. She has a daughter on Girard street, No 189, and may go there at night. She has been seen at the St. Mary Market.

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J. A. BRAUD, 18 Bienville st,
or 227 Rampart st. 

RUNAWAY NEGROES.



RUNAWAY from the plantation of the undersigned, near Barre's Landing, in this Parish, on the 20th July last, two Negro-men of a redish color; one by the name of *Samford*, aged 23 years, 6 feet high; and the other one by the name of *Gerry*, 5 feet 10 inches high, both speaking English only.

Ten dollars reward will be given for each of these slaves to whoever will bring them back to the undersigned, or lodge them in the Parish Jail.

J. C. LEBLANC.

Barre's Landing, 12th August, 1854.—tf

JAMES CITY county, *November 1, 1775.*

R UN away from *Drummond's* neck, the 27th of last month, a young negro man named HARRY, who can read and write, and carried with him several suits of clothing. I purchased him of mr. *James Donald*, who brought him from *Scotland*, where he had been many years. He has had the smallpox, can speak *Scotch*, and sings *Scotch* songs. Whoever brings him to me shall have 20 s. reward, besides what the law allows.

JOHN AYLETT.

TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD.

Ranaway from the plantation of Colonel S R Proctor, at Terraux Bocuff, on the 31st ult. Grif Slave WILLIAM, stout made, about 5 feet 6 inches high, and well spoken; as he has formerly been a sailor, it is likely he may try to get on board some vessel or steam boat. Captains of vessels and steam boats are cautioned against harboring said slave. The above reward will be paid to any person who may lodge said slave in the Jail in this city, and all expenses paid if taken out of the state, on application to

HUGO C GILDEMEESTER,

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67. Royal st.

NOTICE.—The undersigned, testametary executor of the estate of John Hill requests



R UN away from the subscriber

in *Albemarle*, a Mulatto slave called *Sandy*, about 35 years of age, his stature is rather low, inclining to corpulence, and his complexion light; he is a shoemaker by trade, in which he uses his left hand principally, can do coarse carpenters work, and is something of a horse jockey; he is greatly addicted to drink, and when drunk is insolent and disorderly, in his conversation he swears much, and in his behaviour is artful and knavish. He took with him a white horse, much scarred with traces, of which it is expected he will endeavour to dispose; he also carried his shoemakers tools, and will probably endeavour to get employment that way. Whoever conveys the said slave to me, in *Albemarle*, shall have 40 s. reward, if taken up within the county, 4 l. if elsewhere within the colony, and 10 l. if in any other colony. from

THOMAS JEFFERSON.

Fifteen Dollars Reward.

RANAWAY from the subscriber, in the month of July, 1801, about the 28th or 30th day, a yellow girl about 12 years of age, by the name of AILCEY, which I bought of James Wilfon and Robert I. Taylor, of this place. She is a girl of a bold countenance, tolerable straight hair, quite a large mouth, and a small flesh mold on one side or the other of her face, just by her nose; no other marks that I recollect. It is more than probable that she is now lurking in the neighborhood of Alexandria, as her mother lives with Major Wm. Reily of that place. The above reward will be paid for apprehending and securing the said girl so that I get her again.

Jesse Thompson.

July 28.

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\$100 REWARD



Ranaway from the Franklin Hall on the evening of the 17th instant, the slave PETER, aged about 12 or 13 years, very black, high forehead, and shows his teeth very much when he laughs; has a small hand and foot. I will give the above reward for the recovery of the boy if lodged within any jail in the state, and \$500 for the conviction of any white person harboring said slave.

June 22 if

L. A. GALDWELL

\$100 REWARD — Runaway, the mulatto boy BEN COLEMAN, or BROWN, aged about 22 years, five feet two or three inches high, is of light complexion and well set—has been in the habit of making permits to go up and down the river, unmolested, but the wiling is not free—has no beard, and looks like a Mexican. The above reward will be paid if taken out of the State, and Fifty Dollars if taken in the State.



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G. BOULIGNY, 45 Dauphine st.

\$25 REWARD.



Ran away, the boy GRIFFIN, or Garrison, as he sometimes calls himself—he formerly belonged to Richard Murphy, of this city. Said boy is about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches in height, 27 years old, and a very light mulatto, (in fact some persons would mistake him for a white man), hair straight, has a slight scar on his chin, and has lost a tooth, which would be noticed when he is speaking. He has some knowledge of the carpenter's trade, painter's, whitewasher, &c., and is no doubt employed about some of the buildings going up in the city. The above reward will be paid to whoever lodges him in gaol, so that I can get possession of him.

A. E. FORBUSH,
79, Common street.

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ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD—For the delivery of BRAZILE, in either of the city prisons. He ran away last July; has been seen dressed in women's clothes several times in the city, and also in genteel male-apparel; he is a regular attendant of the balls, speaks French and English, is about 21 years old, a dark mulatto or copper color, has a Roman nose, rather slender, genteel person. He formerly belonged to Henry Hopkins, Esq., of this city. He came from Charleston, South Carolina, five years ago; and in the Charleston brogue when speaking English. Inquire at No. 73 Baronne street.

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GEO. A. HOTTS.