

Arkansas Runaway Slaves: 1820-1865

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**1820**

20 July 1820

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 9, 1820)

30 Dollars Reward

Ran away from the subscriber, near St. Francisville, on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June last, a Negro Man, named PHILL, he is of a light complexion; broad flat nose and large mouth, lips turning out; about five feet 10 inches high, speaks free, and rather through the nose; he can read print, and has a bible and psalm book with him; he took with him two silver and one gilt watch, the latter an old one; he also has a free paper, in which he is called John Winson; and has some ruffled shirts marked "J. Miller", which he carried in a knapsack. A reward of 20 dollars will be given, if confined in any jail so that I can get him again; or the above reward, with reasonable charges, if brought home.

BARTLETT COLLINS

Parish of E. Feliciana, Lou.

4 November 1820

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 6, 1821)

\$150 Reward

Ran away from my plantation, Lincoln county, Tennessee, on the first day of August last, a Negro man named JACK. He is about 6 feet high, a dark mulatto, broad shoulders, rather inclined to be round, high cheek bones, thin jawed, thin lips, large hands and feet, and rather an impediment in his speech, dejected countenance when spoken to, and very fond of spirituous liquors, a large scar on his breast, on the left side, and under the left nipple, and has been passing by the name of DAVE; he is a tolerable good shoemaker, and an excellent hand at the whip-saw. Any person apprehending said fellow and confining him in any jail in Tennessee or Kentucky, shall have the above reward, or one hundred dollars, if confined to any jail in the United States, so that I get him again; or the above reward for the delivery of said fellow to me, at Bradshaws Creek, Giles county, Tennessee, with common expenses. Any person taking up said Negro, will direct their letters to Pulaski, Giles county, Tennessee.

JOHN HOLCOMB

November 4, 1820.

The editors of the following newspapers will please insert this advertisement six times in their papers, and forward their papers to the Editor of the Nashville Whig, to whom, or to their or the money will be paid according to their usual terms of advertising viz the editor of the Natchez

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State Gazette, Arkansas Gazette, St. Louis Enquirer, Louisville Public Advertiser, Cincinnati Western Spy, and Pittsburgh Gazette  
JOHN HOLCOMB.

## 1821

7 April 1821

*Arkansas Gazette* (April 7, 1821)

20 Dollars Reward

Ran away from the subscriber, on the night of the 1<sup>st</sup> inst. on the river, about six miles below the town of Arkansas, my Negro Man, AUSTIN. He is about 35 years of age, five feet 8 or 9 inches high, slender make; he lived a considerable time in the old Cherokee nation, and was owned there by the ROGERS', and sold by them to Maj. McELMURRY, near Cadron. He is a keen, sensible fellow, and will no doubt endeavor to make his escape to the Cherokees, either in Tennessee or on the Arkansas river. The above reward will be given for his delivery to me, at New-Orleans, or to JOHNSTON & ARMSTRONG, Post of Arkansas.

WM. WATSON

Arkansas.

22 June 1821

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 25, 1821)

200 Dollars Reward

Ran away from my plantation on Tensaw, Alabama, about the 10<sup>th</sup> of May last, two Negro fellows of the following description BASIL, About fifty years of age, six feet and upwards high—very black; speaks English and French, and is a plausible fellow at telling a story. NED, Between thirty and thirty-five years of age, five feet eight or nine inches high; of a complexion between a mulatto and black, and is very shrewd, but will hesitate when closely questioned. The above Negroes left this neighborhood on the same evening with a certain Stephen Stapleton, who left his wife and family in distress and absconded with another woman, taking with him two small Negroes of his own, and I have reason to believe stole mine. Stapleton is about forty-five years of age, five feet seven or eight inches high, of a ruddy complexion; black hair, a good deal mixed with grey; is supposed to have gone to East or West Tennessee, or perhaps to Red river, Louisiana. I will give the above reward for securing the above Negroes in any jail, if taken out of the State, and half that sum if apprehended within the State.

E. MONTGOMERY

The Editors of the Alabama Republican, Knoxville Register, Nashville Whig, Natchez Correspondent, and Arkansas Gazette, will give the above three insertions, and forward their bills to this office, together with the papers containing the advertisements, for payment.  
Blakely, Alab.

8 September 1821

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 24, 1821)

## 50 Dollars Reward

Ran away from the subscriber, from a flat boat lying at the Grand Cut-off on the night of the 2d August, a Mulatto Fellow, who calls himself JOHN BIRD. He is 27 years of age, about 5 feet 6 inches high; lately belonged to Mr. TAYLOR, of Louisville. Took with him an olive colored surtout of superfine cloth, half worn, a pair of dark velvet pantaloons, and a rifle. I have understood that said mulatto fellow was in the custody of some person in the neighborhood of White river, and that the person who had secured him wished to have him forwarded, but that the owner of the boat to whom he applied would not be detained to receive him. I will give the above reward, if he is delivered to me in New-Orleans, or Twenty Dollars, and all reasonable costs, if he is lodged in any jail on the Mississippi, so that I can get him again.

FREDRICK LEWIS.

## 1822

19 March 1822

*Arkansas Gazette* (May 14, 1822)

\$100 Reward

Ran Away on Monday night, the 13<sup>th</sup> instant, a Mulatto Man named PETER, about twenty-five years of age, five feet six or seven inches high, of a surly countenance and heavy eye-brows, a shoe-maker by trade. He was formerly the property of PAPE SALVADOR, and was purchased by me of JAMES JOHNSON, at Alexandria, Red river. Should Peter have been stolen, which I have some reason to suspect is the case, I will give the above reward of one hundred dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the boy to me at Baton Rouge, and the conviction of the thief, or twenty dollars for such information as will lead to the recovery of said slave.

CHARLES HUBBS

Baton Rouge, La.

19 March 1822

*Arkansas Gazette* (May 14, 1822)

\$100 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber on Monday night, the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. a Negro Man named ABRAHAM; about thirty-six years of age, five feet ten or eleven inches high, black skin, limps a little in his right foot, and is very talkative; when in low white company, of which he is very fond, he pretends to be a free man. He was formerly owned by Mr. OVERACRE near Natchez, and was purchased by me of WILLIAM T. WALKER of that place, about three months ago. Abraham may probably attempt to reach Natchez, if he has gone off without persuasion, but should he have been stolen, which I have some reason to suspect is the case, it is likely he will be taken up Red river, or to the neighborhood of Ouachita. The above reward will be paid upon the delivery of the Negro to me at Baton Rouge, and the conviction of the thief, or twenty dollars for such information as will enable me to recover the Negro.

JOHN NOLAN

Baton Rouge, La.

16 April 1822

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 9, 1822)

Was committed to the Jail

Of the county of Arkansas, for safe keeping, a Negro Man who calls himself ISAAC, and says he belongs to a Mr. ISAAC BROWN, living at the Chickasaw Bluffs; and also states that he belongs to a Mr. JAMES MOORE, living in Madison county, Alabama, and says he was persuaded away by two men by the name of Stump and Kirkland, and taken to Warrenton and Port-Gibson, state of Mississippi. The above Negro Isaac, is a stout likely fellow, about six feet high, and about 20 years of age. The owner or owners of said slave are hereby notified, that, unless they appear within three months, and prove their property and pay all proper charges, he the said Negro Isaac, will be sold for the jail and other fees, as the law in such cases directs.

JAMES HAMILTON

Sheriff and Jailer Ark's Co.

17 December 1822

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 14, 1823)

A Runaway Negro

Who says his name is JACK, has been delivered into the hands of the subscriber, by Mr. Morrell, who apprehended him. He says he belongs to a Mr. PALONCE, living near Baton Rouge, Lou. The owner is requested to prove his property, pay charges, and take him away, or the said Negro will be disposed of according to law.

ANDREW LATTING

Point Chicot, A. T.

## 1823

10 January 1823

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 28, 1823)

100 Dollars Reward

Stolen

From the custody and possession of the subscriber, on the 30<sup>th</sup> of December last, the following described property, viz: One Mulatto Woman, named FANNY, and her Child [CHILD]—the latter nearly white. One Negro boy [BOY], and 4 years old. One bay Horse, and One roan Colt, 2 years old. The above property is supposed to have been stolen by William Boyce. Said Boyce is about 25 years of age, five feet nine inches high, red complexion, heavy made, and inclined to be bald. One hundred dollars reward will be paid for the apprehension of the thief and securing the property, or fifty dollars, for the property alone.

A. S. WALKER, Sheriff Hempstead county

Hempstead county.

23 March 1823

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 1, 1823)

\$50 Dollars Reward

Ran away from SIMEOM TRUE, where he was hired, in Scott county, Kentucky, on the 22d of this month, a Negro Man named JAMES; belonging to the heirs of J. COOPER, deceased. He is about 30 years of age, quite black, thick lips, shows his teeth very much when spoken to, his upper fore-teeth are quite open, about 5 feet 10 inches high, his weight about 180 pounds. He had on, when he went away, a green cloth coat, black pantaloons, and a wool hat, but will no doubt change them—his other clothing not known. It is supposed he was persuaded away by a worthless white man, 35 or 40 years of age, about five feet ten inches high—fond of drink, and a blacksmith by trade. Said man has been to Arkansas, and will probably return there. Two or three other Negroes are believed to be in company with them. The above reward, and all reasonable charges, if taken out of this state (Kentucky), and returned to the subscriber, or secured in any jail; or Thirty Dollars, if taken in the state, and secured as above, so that I get him. He will no doubt change his name.

DANIEL COOPER, Guardian for the heirs of J. Cooper, dec'd.

1 July 1823

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 1, 1823)

Stop The Runaway

Ran Away from the subscriber, about the middle of last month, a dark mulatto man named ISAAC, about 20 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches in height, branded, with the letter C on one cheek, and with an S on the other, and cropped. Had with him two dogs, one a black and the other a brindle, and has been heard of since he ran away, on the Saline. A reasonable reward will be paid for apprehending said runaway, and returning him to me, living on the Little Missouri, on the lower road, in Hempstead county, or securing him in any jail, and giving me information, so that I can get him again.

ROBERT FIELDS

Hempstead county.

4 August 1823

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 20, 1823)

Fifty Dollars Reward

Was missing from the neighborhood of the Chickasaw Bluff, about the middle of December last, CLARA, a Negro girl about 12 years of age, middle size, African face, heavy built, toes somewhat turned inwards and scattering—she is talkative when indulged and was originally purchased of Mr. RICHARD B. TUNSTAL, of Louisville, KY. At the same time, LOUISA, a black girl, about twelve years of age, small for her years, with slender feet for a Negro, bad face, and bad expression of countenance; she was purchased from THOMAS HARGRAVE and J.W. CROCKETT, living in the Green river country, on the Nashville road. Louisa may possibly be recognized by speaking of her brother George, a small boy, who is also owned by her mistress; and either of them, of their former masters. About the time the Negroes disappeared from the Bluffs, two horses were also missing, which have not been heard of, one a bright sorrel, raw boned, slim, with a switch tail, and one white hind foot. The other a brown bay mare, small, round and well made, with a heavy switch tail: No other marks, nor any brands recollected. The Negroes are the property of Mrs. HENRIETTA JACOBS, a helpless widow with three little children. They comprise the chief part of their estate, and that portion of it upon which the relied

much for their immediate support. It is supposed they were decoyed from the Bluffs by one McClellan, who lately escaped from the jail at the Bluffs, and his accomplices. That they were carried off on horses, either to Alabama or Missouri, and there sold. There is most reason to suspect they were carried to the former state. The above reward will be paid for the apprehension and delivery of the Negroes, or half that price for securing either of them. A liberal reward will also be paid for the return of the horses, and any information relative to them will be thankfully received, and generously rewarded if required. Should this advertisement meet the eye of those in whose hands the Negroes now are, it is to be hoped, that they will communicate the circumstance and unite their endeavors in bringing the offenders to justice. The editors of the Nashville Whig, Huntsville Republican, Florence Gazette, Arkansas Gazette, and St. Louis Enquirer, will please publish this advertisement for six successive weeks, in each of their papers, and forward their bills for payment to Nichols Berthoud, Louisville, Ky, or to WINCHESTER & CARR, Memphis, Ten.

14 October 1823

*Arkansas Gazette* (October 21, 1823)

Ten Dollars Reward

Broke From the Jail of this County on Wednesday night last, a Negro woman named CELIA, committed to the Jail by the Sheriff of Pulaski County under an attachment. She is a large likely woman, inclined to be fat, black complexion, no particular marks remembered. She was lately the property of WALTER WEBBER, (a Cherokee) [sic] and will, in all probability make for the nation. She is supposed to have went away in company with two Negro men belonging to said Webber. Any person returning said Negro woman, shall receive the above reward.

ISAAC WATKINS, Jailer

Little Rock.

## 1824

21 September 1824

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 28, 1824)

Runaway Negro Man taken up

Was brought before me, Joseph Bennett, a justice of the peace in the township of Mississippi, Arkansas county, A.T. [Arkansas Territory] and by me a warrant issued to commit to jail in this county, on the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. A Negro Man, traveling along without any written pass. Said Negro is about 23 years of age, has a band of iron round his left leg, says his name is ROBERT, and that he belongs to a man by the name of FOOY, at the Post of Ouachita. Given under my hand, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1824

JOSEPH BENNETT J. Peace.

20 September 1824

*Arkansas Gazette* (October 26, 1824)

Runaway Negro Man taken up

Was committed to the Jail of Arkansas County, for safe keeping, on Sunday, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September inst. a Negro Man who calls himself BOB, and says he belongs to a Mr. FOY, at the Post of Ouachita. The said Negro is about 30 years of age, five feet seven inches high, and had on, when committed, a large band of iron round his left leg. The owner or owners of said Negro Bob, are hereby notified, that unless they appear within 90 days, prove property, pay charges, and take said Negro away, he will be sold agreeable to law, to satisfy the Jail fees, costs, & c. T. FARRELLY, Sheriff and Keeper of the Jail of Arkansas County, Arkansas Territory.

## 1825

3 September 1825

*Arkansas Gazette* (October 11, 1825)

\$30 Reward

Ranaway from the subscriber, living near Lawrenceburg, Lawrence county (Ten) [sic] about the first of August last, a black Negro Woman named BETSEY, about 15 years of age, spare made stammers a little in her speech at times, and when walking makes long steps—no particular mark recollected. The above reward of Thirty Dollars will be given if taken out of the State, and confined so I get her, and Twenty Dollars if taken in the state and confined so I get her.

PETER WINN.

## 1826

18 April 1826

*Arkansas Gazette* (June 16, 1826)

\$50 Reward

Ran away from the subscriber, on Tuesday last, 11<sup>th</sup> inst. a Negro Man named JACOB, about 40 years of age, and not exceeding 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high. He is large, stout, and heavy, for one of his height, and has only one sound eye, having lost the other many years ago. I will give Twenty Dollars for the delivery of him to me, on my farm, 7 miles below Little Rock, and pay all reasonable charges; or \$20, if confined in any jail so that I can get him; or Fifty Dollars, if taken up out of the Territory, and delivered to me.

BENJAMIN JOHNSON

Little Rock.

28 March 1826

*Arkansas Gazette* (June 20, 1826)

Territory of Arkansas

County of Independence,

Circuit Court, March Term, 1826

It appearing, to the satisfaction of the court, that a Negro Man slave, calling himself HENRY, about thirty years of age, and who says he belongs to M. FOCHE, about twenty-five miles above New-Orleans, on the Mississippi river, state of Louisiana, (having lately been in the possession of ASA McFELCH, of the county of Independence, and Territory of Arkansas) [sic], has been

taken up and confined in the jail of said county of Independence: It is therefore ordered, That the owner or owners of said Negro slave have notice, that, unless he, she, or they be and appear at the next term of the circuit court, at a court to beholden at the town of Batesville, in and for said county, on the second Monday of July next, and prove his, her or their ownership, or unless he be sooner legally discharged, he will be sold according to the form of the statute in such case made and provided. And it is further ordered, That this order be published in the Arkansas Gazette, ninety days before the next term of this court.

A true copy

JNO. L. DANIEL, Dy. Clerk.

27 June 1826

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 11, 1826)

\$25 Dollars Reward

Ran away from the subscriber, on the 3d of May last, a Negro Man, named LUKE, about 26 years of age, about five feet eleven inches high, large and very heavy built, very black, has a down look, and is a tolerable blacksmith by trade. It is probably that he will endeavor to get in the Sheboleth Lead, Mines, in Missouri, where he formerly lived, and to which place he appeared to be attached. A reward of Twenty Five Dollars will be paid to any person who will take up and secure the above Negro Man in any jail, and give me notice so that I can get him again; or the same reward, together with all reasonable expenses, if taken up and delivered to me, at my residence, fifteen miles south of Little Rock,

A.T. WILLIAM ROBINSON

Pulaski Co.

1 July 1826

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 8, 1826)

Twenty Dollars Reward

Ran away from the subscriber, on the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of June last, a Negro man named JACOB, about five feet four inches high, stout and well made, about 40 years of age; and on when he went away a blanket coat, made of a yellow or brown blanket, with red and black stripes, a good deal worn, a pair of brown cloth pantaloons, and some old clothes. Any person who will take up the above Negro, and secure him in any jail so that I can get him, or deliver him to me at Crittenden court house, shall have the above reward of twenty dollars.

WM. D. FERGUSON

Crittenden C.H., Ark's Terr.

5 September 1826

*Arkansas Gazette* (December 26, 1826)

Forty Dollars Reward

Ran away from the subscriber, on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June last, a Negro Man named ABRAM, about five feet eight or ten inches high, about twenty-five years of age, yellow complexion; no scars or other marks recollected. Any person taking up the above described Negro, and delivering him at my plantation on the Arkansas river, near the residence of Mrs. Embree, in Vaugine township,

Pulaski county, or lodging him in any jail and giving me due notice so that I can get him again, shall be entitled to the above reward of Forty Dollars.

A.W. MITCHEL.

17 October 1826

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 28, 1826)

\$20 Reward

Ran away from the plantation of the subscriber on the 1<sup>st</sup> instant, a Negro man named PHILL, about 30 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, yellow complexion, slender made, rather knock-kneed, turns out his toes when walking, branded on both cheeks, an S on the one and a C on the other, also marked with notches or slits on both ears; had an iron on his neck and one on his leg when he went off. It is supposed that he will endeavor to get to Little Rock, or Davidsonville, Arkansas Territory; as he was once stolen, taken to that place and sold, and has since made several attempts to go back to that place. The above reward of twenty dollars if taken in the Territory of Arkansas, or ten dollars, if taken in this state, will be paid to any person who will apprehend said Negro, and secure him so that I get him again.

PENNINGTON TUCKER

Natchez.

6 December 1826

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 23, 1827)

\$150 Reward

Stop The Villain!!!

On the 1<sup>st</sup> day of last November I employed a young man as an overseer, who called himself William M. Abrams, and who stated that his parents lived near Fort Cumberland in the state of Maryland, and that he had lived for the last two years in the State of Ohio; that in the spring of the present year he went to New-Orleans to work at the Hatter's business, but in consequence of ill health, was advised to return to Ohio or Kentucky in order to recover his health. On the night of the 30<sup>th</sup> November, my two Negro Boys, HENRY & JERRY, made their escape from my house without any known provocation. Henry is a black boy, about 19 years of age; heavy and awkwardly made; round shouldered; has a down look when spoken to; about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, and quite thick lips. He took with him a pair of yellow jeans pantaloons, and a pair of striped twilled cotton ones; a black fur hat about half worn; a new pair of coarse shoes, with a number of tacks in the bottom, and a pair of white woollen socks. Jerry is a Yellow Boy, about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, and has a down look when spoken to; he is about 17 year of age, and awkward in his deportment. He took with him a pair of pantaloons of yellow jeans, and a pair of black cloth ones; a super fine blue cloth coat, about half worn; a cotton shirt; a black fur hat, about half worn; a pair of new shoes similar to Harry's; and a pair of new coarse white socks. They also took a pair of new boots, and a blue cloth frock coat, belonging to the subscriber. On Friday night the 1<sup>st</sup> of December, Abrams made his elopement (whilst the subscriber was in search of the Negroes) [sic] and there is reason to believe, that he has decoyed them off; he may take them to a free state; but as there seems to be no inducement for him to do so, it is thought much more probable that he will attempt to take them to the South and there dispose them.

William M. Abrams is about 24 or 25 years of age, dark skin, and rather sallow complexion; dark

auburn hair; about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high; blue eyes; rather handsome, and possessed of a modest, unassuming and prepossessing appearance. He was seen with a large roll of U.S. Bank Notes, which probably were either counterfeit, or by some unlawful means. It is supposed that he is connected with a band of counterfeiters, horse thieves, or mail robbers. He will no doubt change his name (if Abrams be his real name) [sic] and assume some other. The interest of society require that so accomplished a villain should be detected, and it is hoped that persons on the Southern route will be vigilant. I will give the reward of \$100 for the apprehension and confinement in jail, of the two Negroes, and a reward of \$50 for Abrams alone, if apprehended with them.

THOS. A. RUSSELL  
Near Lexington, K.

## 1827

16 January 1827

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 16, 1827)

A Negro Man In Jail

A Negro Man named ALLEN, about five feet 6 or 7 inches high, 25 or 30 years of age, belonging to JAMES SHANNON, of Crawford county, has been taken up and lodged in the Jail of Pulaski county. The owner is requested to come forward and claim his property; pay charges, and take him away, or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

S.M. RUTHERFORD, Sh'ff  
Pulaski County, A.T.  
Little Rock.

30 March 1827

*Arkansas Gazette* (May 8, 1827)

Runaway Negro in Jail, Nacogdoches, Province of Texas

Was committed to the Jail in Nacogdoches, Texas, a Negro man [MAN] who says he belongs to a Mr. JOHN FLOWERS, who lives on the Arkansas river, near the old Fort, about one hundred miles above the old factory. Said Negro says he was stolen from near his master's farm by a man, of the name of Robertson. Said Negro will be detained here until his master calls for him, proves property and pays coast of apprehension and other expenses.

THOS. F. MCKINNEY  
Nacogdoches, Texas.

10 August 1827

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 27, 1827)

A Runaway Negro Taken Up

Taken Up, and committed to the jail of Phillips county, Arkansas Territory, as a Runaway Slave, a dark mulatto or yellowish black Negro man who says his name is HENRY, and says he is free, but has no papers that show it, but has some papers which prove him to be an impostor. He is about forty years of age, about five feet 10 or 11 inches high, stout and well made, talkative,

insolent, and given to intoxication; is well acquainted on the coast between Natchez and New Orleans, and has probably run away from some farm on the coast. I understand he has been for some years about New Madrid, and other places, passing for a free man.

W.B.R. HORNER

Helena, A.T.

15 October 1827

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 1, 1828)

Stop the Runaway

Ran away from the subscriber, on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst, a Negro Man named JACOB, about 45 years of age, stoutly built, about five feet eight or ten inches high, has a remarkable scar on his breast, and another on one of his eyes, occasioned by a burs. He has been seen near Davidsonville, on the road to Jackson, Mo. Any person delivering said Negro to me, at my residence 7 miles below Little Rock, or securing him in jail, so that I may get him again, shall be liberally rewarded.

BENJAMIN JOHNSON.

## 1828

15 March 1828

*Arkansas Gazette* (May 21, 1828)

Villany Rare & Shameful

Were Stolen, or decoyed off from the late residence of CHARLES KING, deceased, on Wednesday night last. Six Negroes viz: a Woman, a Girl, and four Boys—MIMA, a woman, about 40 years old, very thick, heavy built, quite bow-legged, and when walking, her toes turn very much in, very wide and open teeth, very bushy head of hair, with many white hairs just above the forehead—ORRY, a girl about 13 or 14, stout and well made; ALFRED, a boy about 14 or 15 years old, quite a likely boy—ISAAC, a boy about 10 or 12 years old, of very stupid and obstinate appearance, has a scar on his breast occasioned by a cut several years ago; WESLEY and WILLIAM, about six or eight years old, near the same size, frequently supposed to be twins, one of which, Wesley, has a small scar on his forehead; all clothed when they disappeared in cotton clothes of white warp and dark filling, except the girl, who had on a striped copperas coat with buttons behind; their clothes were dirty and much worn. The two largest boys had old white wool hats, the other two black ones, their clothing may be changed. All have quite black skin. From the manifest appearance of there being several coadjutors in this villainy, the person conveying them cannot be signalized. The description of the Negroes is deemed sufficient to detect. It is hoped that all men, and believed that every honest man, will use all due diligence in bringing to justice, a wretch thus depriving a disconsolate widow, and many helpless and innocent children, of that which an honest and industrious husband and father had acquired for them, and supposed to be done or contrived by one that justice and Christianity would say should have been the last to have done it. For the securement of the Negroes, with information to the subscriber, a generous reward will be paid.

CALVIN J. KING

English's Spring, Limestone County, Ala.

27 June 1828

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 30, 1828)

\$10 Reward

Escaped from the custody of the jailor of Crittenden county, Arkansas Territory, on the night of the 26<sup>th</sup> inst., a Negro Man named JESS, about five feet two inches high, square made, black complexion; had on when he escaped, white pantaloons, and a light colored homespun coat—no shirt. Says that he belongs to JOSIAH COTTON, living in Fayette county, Tennessee. It is excepted [sic] he went away in a large skiff, by water. Any person apprehending said Negro, and delivering him to me, at Greenock, Arkansas Territory, or securing him in any jail so that I get him, shall have the above reward.

HORATIO N. FERGUSON, Jailor, Crittenden county, A.T. [Arkansas Territory]  
Greenock, A.T.<sup>2</sup>

## 1829

22 March 1829

*Arkansas Gazette* (May 13, 1829)

Runaway Negro taken up

Taken up, in Crawford county, Arkansas Territory, by the undersigned, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February last, two Negro Men, namely: ROBERT and JACK, alias Moses and Wililam [sic], as runaway slaves. The said Robert, alias Moses, is about five feet eleven inches high, of black color, and about thirty years of age. William alias Jack, is of a yellow complexion, about five feet 10 inches high, and about 30 years of age. Said Negroes afterwards escaped from the custody of the undersigned, and Moses was, on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March, retaken and is now in my custody, in the County and Territory aforesaid. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away.

JAMES WILSON, Sheriff of Crawford county, A.T.

19 May 1829

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 12, 1829)

150 Dollars Reward

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<sup>2</sup> See also *Arkansas Gazette*, 13 February 1829 [in March 25, 1829]

\$50 Reward

Ran away from the subscriber, in June last, a Negro Man named JESSE; rather under size, about 25 years old, thinks he is witty when spoken to, and has a good deal of impudence. He has no marks recollected, except there may be some occasioned by the whip. He left Memphis in company with another run away, belonging to John Grider, who was shot about Little Rock, and put in jail there, and has been brought home by a Mr. Montgomery. I have since heard, that Jesse had surrendered himself, 75 miles above Little Rock. I will give the above reward for the delivery of said Negro to JONAS J. BELL, in the town of Memphis, Tennessee, or Twenty Dollars, if secured in any Jail, so that I get him.

JOSEPH COTTON  
Fayette county, Tenn.

For HARRY,

Who ran away from me, in Haywood county, Tennessee, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1829. Harry is about 25 or 25 years old, and somewhat of yellowish complexion, low and well set, about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, and small feet and hands for a fellow of his size; has lost one of his upper fore teeth, and is a blacksmith by trade, but not of the first order, and is not fond of his trade. He was raised in Jones county, North Carolina, by Mr. NEEDHAM SIMMONS, and sold to me by Mr. GEORGE C. HATCH, when I brought him here, about three years ago. I will give the above reward to any person who will deliver the said fellow to me, at my residence in Haywood county, Tenn, or Fifty Dollars, if confined in any jail so that I get him.

LEWIS FOSCUE  
Haywood co. Tenn.

8 June 1829

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 15, 1829)

Stop the Runaway

Ran away from this place on the 11<sup>th</sup> May last, a Negro Man named GABRIEL, about forty years of age, about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, stout made, bald headed, with large whiskers, and if I mistake not is crippled in one of his hands. He took with him an old blue cloth big coat, and a buffaloe robe, with a number of articles of clothing. His coarse clothes much worn. Gabriel is dark complected, and the property of WM. F. FLEMING of Kentucky. A reasonable reward will be paid, by me, to any person who will secure said Negro, and deliver him to me, or give such information that I can get him again.

G. MARSHALL  
Crawford C.H.A.T.

8 June 1829

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 1, 1829)

Ran Away

From the subscriber, near Batesville, in Independence county, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April last, a Negro Boy named AARON, of yellow complexion, about twenty years of age, something upwards of 5 feet high, tolerably well made, and thin visage; when spoken to, shows his teeth, and appears to be very good natured. Had no clothing when he left home, except a mixed suit of cotton. I will pay all reasonable charges, if said boy is lodged in any jail so I can get him again.

SAMUEL R. HENTON  
Batesville.

9 June 1829

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 15, 1829)

Fifty Dollars Reward

Stolen, from the subscriber, on Thursday night, the 2d inst., a very bright Mulatto Male Child [CHILD], with dark eyes and hair, six months old, supposed to have been taken by a deserted soldier, by the name of John Westley, of Cantonment Gibson. The said J. Westley is about 23 or 24 years of age, 5 feet 8 ½ inches high, dark complexion, hazel eyes, and dark hair, rather

impertinent, very shrewd in his remarks, and when closely pushed has rather a down cast in his look, very flippant with his tongue, tolerable education, and square built, steps quick and short, and when under the influence of liquor, is very wry faced; had on, when he deserted, soldiers' clothing, not properly known, but composed of cotton; has India ink marks, with an image of a woman, on one of his arms, supposed to be the left, together with letters of the same, such as J.W.J. and others; he is fond of liquor, and a great brag.

P.S. There will be a reward of Thirty Dollars given by the United States, for the delivery of the Soldier; and I will give Fifty Dollars.

CHARLES ROGERS

Cherokee Nation

Finley's Springs.

12 June 1829

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 16, 1829)

A Negro In Jail

Capt. REAN, of the steamboat Oregon, left in my custody, for safe keeping, a runaway Negro Boy, who calls himself ELI JACKSON, about 18 years old, spare made, 5 feet 2 inches high, two short toes on each foot. His clothing consists of a gray cassinet roundabout, linen pantaloons, and checked shirt. Says he belongs to a Mr. JOHNSON, residing on the right bank of the Mississippi, about forty-five miles below New-Orleans. The owner of said boy is requested to come forward, pay charges, and prove his property, otherwise he will be dealt with as the law directs.

HENRY L. BISCOE, Sh'ff & Jailor of Phillips county, Ark. Terr.<sup>3</sup>

25 August 1829

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 17, 1829)

Two Negroes in Jail

Left in the custody of the undersigned, Sheriff of the county of Arkansas, A.T. by Hiram Brown, two Negro Men, taken up as runaways. One of them calls his name GEORGE, is about 35 years of age, and says he belongs to JOHN GILLISPIE, living 15 miles below Natchez, Miss. The other calls his name LEWIS, and is about 23 years of age. He says he formerly belonged to HENRY CRITTENDEN, of Kentucky, and since to a Mr. STONE, who left him with one Buchanan, about 150 miles below Natchez, Miss. Both are black, and neither have on any of the clothing which they sat out with. Lewis has a scar on the back of his left hand, which he says was

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<sup>3</sup> See also *Arkansas Gazette* (24 September 1829) [in November 3, 1829]

A Negro for Sale

By virtue of an Order of the Circuit Court of Phillips county, Arkansas Territory, made at the September term, 1829, there will be sold, at the Court-house door in said county of Phillips, on Saturday, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November next, for cash in hand, a Negro Man, who has been confined to the Jail of said county, as a runaway slave, since the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April last. Said Negro is about 18 years of age, spare made, 5 feet 2 inches high, two short toes on each foot, calls himself ELI JACKSON, and says he belongs to a Mr. JOHNSON, a Frenchman, who resides on the right bank of the Mississippi river, about 40 miles below New Orleans. Sale will be made at 12 o'clock of said day, unless the owner of said Negro shall appear, on or before that time, and reclaim his property.

HENRY L. BISCOE, Sheriff and Jailer, Phillips county

Helena.

occasioned by an injury received by him in the rope-walks in Lexington, Kentucky. The owner or owners of the above described Runaway Negroes are requested to come forward, prove their property, pay charges, and take them away, within ninety days, otherwise they will be disposed of as the law directs.

A.B. K. THETFORD, Sheriff and Jailer  
Arkansas county, Arkansas Terr.  
Arkansas.

24 September 1829

*Arkansas Gazette* (December 23, 1829)

A Runaway Negro in Jail

Was recently committed to my custody, as Sheriff and Jailer of the county of Phillips, in the Territory of Arkansas, a Negro Man, who says that his name is AUSTIN, and says that he belongs to JOHN C. MILLER, of Georgetown, Kentucky; and that he ran away from a plantation of his master's on Lake Washington, where a Mr. Jinkins is overseer. Says that he was raised by ISAAC ADAMS, near Georgetown, aforesaid. He is five feet six inches high, ordinary build, of a light black color, good countenance, and the appearance of a smart boy. Has an ugly scar on his right foot, so as to disfigure his middle toe, which he says is from the cut of an axe. Says that he is in his 30<sup>th</sup> year, but does not look older than 21 or 22. The owner of said Negro is required to come forward, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away.

HENRY L. BISCOE, Sheriff and Jailer, Philips county  
Helena.

20 October 1829

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 19, 1830)

A Negro in Jail

Left in my custody of the undersigned, by Wiley M. Squires, a Negro Boy, who calls himself WILSON, and says he belongs to ANANIAS PATE, of Jefferson county, state of Miss. Said Negro is 5 feet 9 inches high, about 20 years old, and a stout well made fellow. His clothing consists of a brown linen shirt, coarse cotton pantaloons, and an old gray cassinet waistcoat; the same, and the only clothing, he state, that he took with him, when he ran away from his master's plantation. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away, otherwise, he will be disposed of as the law directs.

J.W. BOONE, Sheriff of Chicot county, A.T.

4 November 1829

*Arkansas Gazette* (February 16, 1830)

A Negro In Jail

Left in the custody of the undersigned, by A.S. Smith, A Negro Man, who, calls himself BENNETT, and says he belongs to Mr. ROBERTS, near Natchez, in the State of Mississippi. Said Negro is 5 feet 9 inches high, well made, and about 38 years of age. His clothing consists of a blue jeans coat and pantaloons and cotton shirt. He says they were the only clothing he started with, when he ran away from his master's plantation. The owner of said Negro is requested to

come forward, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away, otherwise, he will be disposed of as the law directs.

S.M. RUTHREFORD, Sheriff by S.D. Roar, Dep. Jailer  
Pulaski county  
Little Rock, A.T.

19 November 1829

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 26, 1830)

\$100 Reward

Ran away from the subscriber, on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August last, two Negro fellows, named MOSES and WILLIAM. Moses, is about 30 years of age, about 5 feet 7 inches high, weighs about 165 lbs, black complexion, frowning countenance, and inclined to be knavish. I purchased him from a Mr. BYRNE, of Madison county, Tenn. he bought him from EDMUND CHILDRESS, of the same neighborhood, several years ago; and he formerly belonged to Col. JAMES JOHNSON, of Kentucky. He ran away from Mr. Childress, last year, and was apprehended in Crawford county, A.T. by Mr. Abraham Smith. William is about 20 years of age, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, weighs about 184 lbs., yellow complexion, large white eyes, thick lips, good countenance, and very likely. I purchased him on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August last, from a Negro Trader from the State of Delaware. It is likely that they may have obtained passes before they ran away; but if they produced any, I wish no attention to be paid to them, as they are fraudulent. I will pay One Hundred Dollars reward for the delivery of said Negroes to me, at my residence in Crittenden county, A.T. [Arkansas Territory] or Fifty Dollars, if secured in any jail so that I get them again.  
ELIJAH BUFORD.

## 1830

7 January 1830

*Arkansas Gazette* (April 20, 1830)

A Negro in Jail

Left in the custody of the undersigned, Sheriff and Jailer of Phillips county, on the 16<sup>th</sup> December last, by Capt. Robert Wallace, of the steam boat Harenles, a runaway Negro, who calls himself HARRY, and says that he belongs to a Doctor THOMAS WALTON residing in Robertson county, Tennessee. Harry is about twenty four years old, square and heavy made, bow-legged, of a light black color, and about five feet five inches high, no scars observable; he says his master sent him down the river with a Mr. WILLIAM KEMP, who left him in the city of Natchez, from which place he absconded. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, pay charges, and prove his property, otherwise he will be dealt with as the law directs.  
HENRY L. BISCOE, Shff & Jailor of Phillips county  
Helena.

15 April 1830

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 25, 1830)

Runaway Negro in Jail

Was recently committed to the custody of the undersigned, a Negro man, who says his name is PLEASANT, that he belongs to a Mr. STOKES, a Negro trader, who bought him in North Carolina, and that he ran off from his master, when passing through the Choctaw nation of Indians towards Natchez, a short time before Christmas last. He is a stout made fellow, five feet and five inches high, about twenty-six years of age, and has a small scar over his right eye. The clothing he wore when committed to jail was a pair of striped cotton pantaloons, and a coarse cotton shirt, and carrying a bundle consisting of two pair of blue cotton jeans pantaloons, one striped cotton vest, two cotton and one fine linen shirts. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away, otherwise he will be disposed of as the law directs.

J.W. BOONE, Sheriff  
of Chicot county, A.T. [Arkansas Territory].

28 August 1830

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 22, 1830)

Twenty Dollars Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, living in Richland township, Arkansas county, on the 16<sup>th</sup> inst., a Negro Man named BOB, between 30 and 35 years of age, about 5 feet 7 inches high, well made, a down look when spoken to, has a scar on his throat, but has no other particular flesh mark. He took with him a large bundle of clothes, consisting of five shirts, five pair pantaloons, three coats and vests, one pair leather leggings, and five yards domestic, and he wore off a new fur hat. He also took with him a small bored rifle gun, wit brass mounting, and a short-pouch and powder-horn. I will give Twenty Dollars reward to any person who will take up said Negro and deliver him to me, or who will confine him in any safe Jail so that I get him again.

H. HARRINGTON

Arkansas co.

21 September 1830

*Arkansas Gazette* (October 26, 1831)

Ran Away

From Newberry, living in the Chickasaw Nation, on the Reynoldsburgh road, four Negroes, viz: BILL, a black man about twenty years of age, common size, scar on his face and neck, and a blemish in one eye, (not recollected which,) [sic] speaks the Chickasaw tongue very well. Also—a black woman [WOMAN] about the same age, of common size, speaks Chickasaw; also two small children, a boy [BOY] and girl [GIRL]. The girl about three or four years of age, speaks Chickasaw only—the boy one year old. They carried away with them a black stud horse, common size, blind; also a small gray mare, branded thus [similar to upside down U] as he believes, not recollected where, also an old rifle gun. There is good reason for believing that the above Negroes have been run from the Nation by white men. A liberal reward will be given for the securing the slaves in any jail and information given to this Agency, to Col. Joseph McKane of Bolivar, or Carr, Wood & Co. of Memphis Tenn. All good citizens will feel an interest in lodging in jail the thief or thieves and giving information as above, that justice may be done.

BENJ. REYNOLDS, Agent.

25 October 1830

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 17, 1830)

\$50 Reward

Ran away from the residence of Mr. SAMSON GRAY, 12 miles from Little Rock,, on the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. a light Mulatto Man, belonging to the subscriber, named JERRY. He is about 5 feet 11 inches high, from 35 to 38 years of age, has tolerably large whiskers, and some gray hairs in his head; is slim and well-made, has sharp piercing eyes, is fond of drinking and gambling, speaks very quick , and is, on the whole, a very likely, cunning and artful fellow. He was raised, I understand, in the neighborhood of Georgetown, Kentucky, from when he was brought, some five or six years ago, to this country, and sold to Mr. Samson Gray, from whom I purchased him. When he left me, six or eight months ago, I gave him a pass authorizing him to hire himself out at Little Rock, or its vicinity; but it is probably he has procured a forged pass, and perhaps forged free papers, and will endeavor to pass himself as a free man. It is possible that he may endeavor to get back to the place where he was raised, in Kentucky, but most probably will make for a free state, if he has not been seduced away by some one who may intend to sell him in the lower country. As he had a variety of clothing, generally of good quality, it is impossible to describe his dress. He has worked considerably at the carpentering business, and is very handy at most kinds of work required about a plantation. Any person who will take up the said man Jerry, and deliver him to me, at the Choctaw Agency, near Fort Smith, or to Mr. Wm. E. Woodruff, at Little Rock, shall receive the above reward of Fifty Dollars, and all the reasonable expenses; or Twenty-five Dollars, for securing him in any Jail, and giving me information so that I can obtain possession of him again.

RANSOM MOORE

Fort Smith,

P.S. Since the above advertisement was written it is ascertained Jerry was in Conway county on Friday last.

## 1831

7 May 1831

*Arkansas Gazette* (May 18, 1831)

Stolen,

From the subscribers, living in Lawrence county, Territory of Arkansas, a Negro Boy, named REUBIN, about five feet high, light complexion, and about 17 years old. Said Negro is a boy that belongs to one WILLIAM PERKINS, an orphan, and is claimed by one Mrs. POLLY ROLAND, who lives near Greenville, Missouri. Said Perkins gave the subscribers a power of attorney to recover said boy was found in the possession of one Carter, who is living high-up on Current river; and, on presentment of said power of attorney, the said Carter gave him into the possession of the subscribers, peaceably, and the subscribers have had him in peaceable possession for about 18 months, and on the night of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst. The said Negro boy was stolen from the house of Daniel Plott, in the county aforesaid; supposed to have been by her, the said Polly Roland, or some other person or persons for her. We therefore forewarn all and very person or persons from trading, harboring, or in any way secreting him, the said boy.

P.R. PITMAN  
DANIEL PLOTT.

8 May 1831

*Arkansas Gazette* (June 22, 1831)

Runaway Slaves

Were committed to the care of me, the undersigned, Sheriff of St. Francis county, Arkansas Territory, on the 18<sup>th</sup> inst., Five Runaway Slaves, to wit: BEN, a stout black man, about 35 years old, a large beard, and slight impediment in his speech. BILL, a stout likely young fellow, 23 or 24 years old, about 5 feet 9 inches high, stout built. HANEY, the wife of Bill, about 24 or 25 years old, black, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high. HETTY, wife of Ben, about 22 years old, of a yellow complexion; and NANCY, of a yellow complexion, a sister to Hetty, stout built, and thick lips, about 18 years old. The said Negroes say they belong to JULIUS BETTIS, living on Bayou Fidelle, Thirty-five miles above the Grand Gulph, on the Mississippi, and that they ran away about the middle of December last, and took with them, a rifle and shot gun, and ten dollars in money, belonging to their master. They have also in their possession, a rifle gun, and shot bag, two axes, sundry bed clothing and wearing apparel, stolen from different persons on their route by way of the Post of Arkansas, White river, and on the United States' road, to this neighborhood, where they were taken up. They say there was another Negro man in company,<sup>4</sup> when they left home, also belonging to Mr. Bettis, who left their company about 45 miles below the Post of Arkansas. The owner of said slaves is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take them away, otherwise they will be dealt with according to the law.

WM. STRONG, Sheriff of St. Francis co., A.T. [Arkansas Territory]

The Editors of the Mississippi papers will no doubt very much oblige the owner of the above slaves, by giving the above a place in their columns.

20 June 1831

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 13, 1831)

\$50 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, living on Bayou Vidal, Parish Concordia, State of Louisiana, about the 10<sup>th</sup> of December last, one Negro Man named PHIL, in company of five others.<sup>5</sup> He left the others near the Post of Arkansas. Phil is about 35 or 40 years of age, upwards of six feet high, very dark complexion. He has a scar in his breast, and two scars on his right foot. I will give the above reward of Fifty Dollars if lodged in Jail so that I can get him, or Seventy Five Dollars, if delivered to Wm. Strong, of St. Francis, in this Territory.

JULIUS BETTIS.

28 June 1831

*Arkansas Gazette* (October 12, 1831)

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<sup>4</sup> See succeeding entry: *Arkansas Gazette*, 20 June 1831 [in July 13, 1831], *infra*.

<sup>5</sup> See preceding entry: *Arkansas Gazette*, 8 May 1831 [in June 22, 1831].

### Negro Woman in Jail

The commander of the steamboat, Brandywine, on the 3d inst., left in my custody, as Jailor, a Negro Woman, who is reported to have secreted herself on board said boat, when lying at the port of New Orleans. She was committed under the name of ANN; but she says her right name is ZABETT, and that, during her servitude in New-Orleans, which has been for the last three years, the persons to whom she was commonly hired out, changed her name to ROSANNA, by which name she is now most known. This Negro woman pretends that she is free; that she was born a slave near Culpepper Court-house, Virginia, in the family of Mr. WALLACE, with whom she came to Louisville, Ky., about seven years ago; and that, four years after, was moved by one of her young masters, Mr. ARTHUR WALLACE, to New-Orleans. She asserts, that said Wallace recently emancipated her; but she has no free papers, in her possession. Said Negro woman is black, about 25 years of age, 4 feet 10 inches high, and of rather slender and space person. Her outer garment is an old calico gown, and she has with her a small trunk, containing one old baize dress, and one or two old cotton handkerchiefs. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take her away, otherwise she will be disposed of as the law directs.

J.C. JONES, Jailor of Chicot county, A.T.  
 Villemont, Point Chicot.

15 July 1831

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 27, 1831)

\$20 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, living in Jefferson county, on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., a Negro Man named HENRY. He is between 30 and 35 years of age, five feet 8 or 9 inches high, stout made, weighing from 175 to 190 lbs, black complexion, has a scar on one of his shoulders, caused by the stab of a dirk, and another on the left side of the back, resembling a burn. He took with him a variety of clothing, among which were the following; 1 pair of fine shoes, 1 black broadcloth coat, 1 ruffled shirt and 2 cotton shirts, 1 cassinet coatee, 1 pair coarse linen pantaloons, 1 pair black do., and 2 pair cotton do., 1 black fur hat, &c. He has a wife and children at Mr. Thomas Massengill's, in the Maumelle settlement, Pulaski county, and may probably be found lurking in that neighborhood. Any person apprehending said Negro, and lodging him in any jail so that I can get him again, shall be entitled to the above reward of Twenty dollars, and all reasonable charges for their trouble.

JOHN D. MOSBY  
 Jefferson County.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> See also *Arkansas Gazette*, 27 November 1831 [in December 28, 1831]

Fifteen Dollars Reward

Ran Away from the subscribers, living in Jefferson county, about two or three months since, a Negro Man named HENRY, recently the property of Capt. John D. Mosby. He is between 30 and 35 years of age, five feet 8 or 9 inches high, stout made, weighing from 175 to 190 lbs., black complexion, has a scar on one of his shoulders, caused by the stab of a dirk, and another on the left side of the back, resembling a burn. He took with him a variety of clothing, which he has probably changed before this time. He has a wife and children at Mr. Thomas Massingill's, in the Maumelle settlement, Pulaski county, and is probably still lurking in that neighborhood, as he has been seen several times, since he ran away, in that vicinity. Any person apprehending said Negro, and lodging him in any jail so that we can get him again, shall be entitled to the above reward of Fifteen Dollars, and all reasonable charges for their trouble.

13 August 1831

*Arkansas Gazette* (October 26, 1831)

\$20 Reward

Ran away from the subscriber, on the night of the 3d inst. a likely young Negro Man named PETER, aged about 22 years—five feet ten and a half inches high—speaks through his nose—has a scar on the left shoulder, from a burn—with one leg shorter than the other. It is thought that he has been decoyed away; and suspicions rest upon one Thomas Caldwell, who broke Jail from Shelby county, Alabama, on the night of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst. Caldwell is a stout, raw-boned man, 45 or 50 years of age—with downcast looks—blue eyes—light complexion—a small piece bit out of his nose—supposed to be cropped—has the marks of a rifle buck-shot on his hips. I will give Twenty Dollars for the apprehension of the Boy, so that I get him again; and One Hundred Dollars for the apprehension of the white man who decoyed him away, if prosecuted to conviction.

WILLIAM SOWDEN

Shelby county, A.

5 October 1831

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 11, 1832)

Fifty Dollars Reward

Ran away from the subscriber, on the 25<sup>th</sup> July last, a Negro Man named ELLICK, about 25 years of age, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, yellow complexion, with a large scar on his head, caused by a scald when a child, nearly half of his head is naked, had on when he went away a cotton shirt, and a pair of corded pantaloons; and is a blacksmith by trade. I will give the above reward, if delivered to me on Lake Bolivar, State of Mississippi, or secured in any jail so that I get him again.

MILES FLEETWOOD

Lake Bolivar, Miss.

SAMUEL TAYLOR

CREED TAYLOR

Jefferson co.

see also *Arkansas Gazette*, 30 January 1832 [in February 8, 1832]

\$25 Reward

We will give the above reward for the apprehension and delivery to us, or for securing him in any jail so that we get him, of a Negro Man named HENRY, recently the property of Capt. JOHN D. MOSBY, and now belonging to us. He is about 30 and 35 years of age, five feet 8 or 9 inches high, stout made, weighing from 175 to 190 lbs, black complexion, has scar on one of his shoulders, caused by the stab of a dirk, and another on the left side of the back, resembling a burn. He took with him a variety of clothing, which he has probably changed before this time.

Said Negro ran away from Capt. Mosby several months ago, and has been running at large ever since. His wife, named ANN, and her three children, belonging to Mr. THOMAS MASSENGILL of Maumelle Settlement, in this county, decamped, in the absence of her master, on Thursday night last, and are supposed to have gone off in company with him, and have probably descended the Arkansas.

COCKE & LEE

Little Rock.

15 October 1831

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 18, 1832)

A Runaway Slave,

Has been committed to my care, who calls his name CHARLES, and says he belongs to a Mr. JOHN WILLIAMS, residing in Madison county, in the State of Mississippi. He is a Negro Man, stout built, five feet 7 1/2 inches high, one of his fore teeth is partly broken out, producing a slight impediment in his speech. Has a scar running square across his forehead, and also a scar in his left eyebrow. Said slave was taken up on the United States Road, traveling in the direction of Little Rock, A.T. The owner of said slave is requested to come foreword, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be dealt with according to law.

WM. STRONG, Sheriff and Jailor, St. Francis county.<sup>7</sup>

18 October 1831

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 30, 1831)

\$25 Reward

Ran away from the subscriber, living in Crittenden county, A.T. on the Mississippi river, 25 miles below Memphis, T., a Negro Man, named HARRY. He is about 25 or 26 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, black color, stout made, and had an iron collar around his neck made of an old wagon tire. Had on when he went away, an old big coat of coarse bear-skin cloth, a flax linen shirt made in the form of an over-shirt, with a pocket in front, and a new wool hat—other clothing not recollected. He has a small lump or mole near the corner of his left eye-brow, a small sink or scar on his right jaw occasioned by a bite, and a scar on his left wrist occasioned by the bite of a dog, and has some marks on his back occasioned by the whip. Said Negro has recently confined in the Jail at Helena, as a runaway, and is supposed to be now lurking about Islands No. 62 and 63 in the Mississippi river. I will pay the above reward, of Twenty-five Dollars, for the apprehension of said Negro on his delivery to me, at my residence as above; or Ten Dollars, for securing him in Jail so that I can get him again.

DANIEL HARKLEROAD, jr.

Crittenden Co.

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<sup>7</sup> See also *Arkansas Gazette*, 11 April 1832 [in May 16, 1832]

Twenty Dollars Reward

Ran away from the undersigned, Sheriff of St. Francis county, A. T., on the night of the 10<sup>th</sup> April, CHARLES, a Negro man, about five feet seven inches high, one tooth out before, a scar over his right eyebrow and also across his forehead; dark complexion, can read and write a little, has with him a hymn book; wore off a cap, and a drab round coat and pantaloons. The said Negro was committed to the care of the late Sheriff, Wm. Strong, in September, 1831. I will give the sum of Twenty Dollars, for the delivery of said Negro to me, if taken up out of the county, or Ten Dollars, if taken up in the county.

THO'S J. CURL, Sheriff

St. Francis, co. A.T.

St. Francis, A.T.

18 December 1831

*Arkansas Gazette* (March 21, 1832)

Runaway Negroes in Jail

Was committed to my custody, on the 2d inst., by Jacob Buzzard, Esq., the following named and described Negro Slaves, to wit: CHARLES, a Negro Man, about 45 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches high, light complexion and stout built. PENNY, a Negro Woman, about the age of 35 years, 5 feet 2 inches high, light complexion, says that she is the wife of Charles. MARY, a Negro Girl, about 13 years of age, complexion rather darker than either Charles or Penny; and HARRIET, a Negro Girl, about the age of 9 years. The two last mentioned girls say that they are the children of Charles and Penny. All the above described Negroes say they belong to the Estate of a Mr. HAILE, who died sometime ago, in Allen's Settlement, in the State of Louisiana; that, when they ran away, they were in the possession of a Mr. PALMER, who married the widow of Mr. Haile, and who now resides in the same Settlement and State; but that their rightful owner or owners are by the name of Haile, residing the State of Missouri. The owner or owners of said Negroes, are requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take them way, otherwise they will be disposed of as the law prescribes.

JOSHUA MORRISSON, Sheriff and Jailor of Lafayette county, A.T.

Lagrange.

29 December 1831

*Arkansas Gazette* (April 4, 1832)

\$150 Reward

Was Stolen,

On or about the 1<sup>st</sup> of June last, from my plantation, near Rankin, Yazoo county, Mississippi, an African Negro Man, by the name of JOE—5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, rather slender made, black complexion, about 23 years of age, speaks very broken English, quick spoken, fond of spirits, went off in company with two other Africans, by the name of SAM and JOHN. Sam is very large, upwards of six feet high, speaks tolerably good English, though broad and harsh, about 30 years of age. John is about 25 years of age, near the size of Joe, with some scars of his native marks, does not speak any English to be understood. They say they are brothers. They were brought to Mobile and sold out by the Custom-House Officer, and brought here. Sam and John belong to a man by the name of ROBUCK, of this county. I will give Fifty Dollars for the delivery of Joe in any jail in this State, and all reasonable expenses paid, provided I get him again, and One Hundred Dollars for the thief. Any information from any gentlemen, by letter or otherwise, will be thankfully received by

WILEY DAVIS

Rankin, Miss.

## 1832

9 January 1832

*Arkansas Gazette* (April 25, 1832)

A Runaway Slave

Was committed to the jail of Chicot county, from the steamer Louisville, Acy, master, on the 8<sup>th</sup> December last, a Negro Boy, who says he belongs to a Mr. JOHN HYATT, of Louisville, Kentucky. He calls himself FORTUNE, and is about 16 years of age, five feet four inches high, a scar in his right eyebrow, also a large scar on his left arm, with some slight marks of the last on his back. The owner of said slave is requested to come forward, prove property, and pay charges, otherwise he will be dealt with according by law,  
 ABNER JOHNSON, Sheriff  
 and Jailor of Chicot county.

30 January 1832

*Arkansas Gazette* (February 8, 1832)

\$15 Reward

Ran away from my father, THOS. MASSENGILL, living in Maumelle Settlement, Pulaski county, A.T. on Thursday night last, 26<sup>th</sup> instant, a Negro Woman named ANN, about 26 or 27 years of age, black complexion, low in statue and stout built. She took with her, her three children, viz: PETER, a mulatto, about 7 or 8 years old; ALLEN, black complexion, about 5 years old; and BETTS, black complexion, about 2 years old. Said woman is the wife of Henry, a Negro fellow belonging to Drs. COCKE & LEE, and late the property of JOHN D. MOSBY, and it is supposed that she and her children have gone off in company with said Henry.<sup>8</sup> It is also believed that they went off by water, as a canoe was missing from the landing on the following

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<sup>8</sup> See preceding *Arkansas Gazette*, 18 October 1831 [in November 30, 1831]

\$25 Reward

Ran away from the subscriber, living in Crittenden county, A.T. on the Mississippi river, 25 miles below Memphis, T., a Negro Man, named HARRY. He is about 25 or 26 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, black color, stout made, and had an iron collar around his neck made of an old wagon tire. Had on when he went away, an old big coat of coarse bear-skin cloth, a flax linen shirt made in the form of an over-shirt, with a pocket in front, and a new wool hat—other clothing not recollected. He has a small lump or mole near the corner of his left eye-brow, a small sink or scar on his right jaw occasioned by a bite, and a scar on his left wrist occasioned by the bite of a dog, and has some marks on his back occasioned by the whip. Said Negro has recently confined in the Jail at Helena, as a runaway, and is supposed to be now lurking about Islands No. 62 and 63 in the Mississippi river. I will pay the above reward, of Twenty-five Dollars, for the apprehension of said Negro on his delivery to me, at my residence as above; or Ten Dollars, for securing him in Jail so that I can get him again.

DANIEL HARKLEROAD, jr.  
 Crittenden Co.

see also *Arkansas Gazette*, 30 January 1832 [in February 8, 1832]

\$25 Reward

We will give the above reward for the apprehension and delivery to us, or for securing him in any jail so that we get him, of a Negro Man named HENRY, recently the property of Capt. JOHN D. MOSBY, and now belonging to us. He is about 30 and 35 years of age, five feet 8 or 9 inches high, stout made, weighing from 175 to 190 lbs, black complexion, has scar on one of his shoulders, caused by the stab of a dirk, and another on the left side of the back, resembling a burn. He took with him a variety of clothing, which he has probably changed before this time. Said Negro ran away from Capt. Mosby several months ago, and has been running at large ever since. His wife, named Ann, and her three children, belonging to Mr. Thomas Massengill of Maumelle Settlement, in this county, decamped, in the absence of her master, on Thursday night last, and are supposed to have gone off in company with him, and have probably descended the Arkansas.

COCKE & LEE  
 Little Rock.

morning, and have probably descended the Arkansas river. They took with them a feather bed and a variety of clothing. Any person taking up said woman and children, and delivering them to me, or securing them in any jail so that I can get them again, shall be entitle to the above reward.

HENRY MASSENGILL

Little Rock.

19 April 1832

*Arkansas Gazette* (May 30, 1832)

\$200 Reward

Ran away from the subscriber, living near the falls of Coosa river, Antauga county, Ala., about the 1<sup>st</sup> of January last, two Negroes, named WILLIS and STEPHEN. Stephen is about 22 years of age, full face, black smooth skin, thick short feet, and is I suppose, five feet 4 or 5 inches high. Willis is a yellow lad, 17 years of age, no particular marks recollected. He had an iron ring round one of his legs when he left me. These Negroes carried off with them a large yellow dog with the end of his tail cut off. The last certain account I have of them they were making for the Cherokee Nation. I have good reason to believe that they have been run from there to the Creeks or Cherokees west of the Mississippi, by some white villain or Indian. I will give the above reward for the apprehension of the villain and the Negroes, with sufficient proof to convict him—or fifty dollars will be given for the delivery of the Negroes to me, at my residence as above mentioned, or twenty dollars for securing them in some safe jail, so that I get them, and all reasonable expenses paid. Any information of them will be thankfully received.

HOWELL ROSS.

2 August 1832

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 29, 1832)

Stop the Kidnappers

Notice to all whom it may concern:

On Or about the first of August (inst.) [sic] were forcibly Kidnapped, in the county of Saline, in the State of Missouri, Four Children, of red or mulatto color, free persons—one, a male, about 15 years old, and three females, the oldest about 13, and the others about 2 or 4 years younger, brother and sisters, and children of a free woman of color by the name of PATIENCE. These children and their mother once belonged to one ISHAM REONIS, in his life time, who died in said county of Saline; and it is believed hat one Costello and others have taken said children into Arkansas Territory, or south of that, to sell and enslave them. The names of the children are SHELBY, or Shelvy, JULIA, TIMY and ELIZA. It is to be hoped that all good citizens will use their best exertions to detect the villain or villains, and forward any information they may be able to gain n relation to said unfortunate children, or their brutal kidnappers, to the undersigned directed to the Post office at Booneville, Missouri, as soon as may be.

PHILIP SHIRKEY,

Boonville, Mo.

19 August 1832

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 12, 1832)

### Stop the Runaways

Ran off from the subscriber, on Wednesday last, a large likely Negro Man, by the name of Bill, calls himself WILLIAM. Said Negro is stout and strait built, about 6 feet high, 35 years old, and will weigh about 200 lbs. Had on, when he left, a pair of white cotton pantaloons—the balance of his clothing not recollected. He left me without a hat. Said Negro is a first-rate Hewer and Sawyer, and calls himself a Carpenter. I will give Ten Dollars for the delivery of him to me in Jackson, A.T. or for his confinement in any Jail so that I get him.

TH. H. FICKLIN

Jackson, A.T.

8 September 1832

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 26, 1832)

### Stop the Runaway

Ran Away from the Subscriber, living in the Cherokee Nation, on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August last, a small Negro Man named JOE, thirty-five or forty years of age, four feet eight or ten inches high, has the features of a monkey; his voice is very small, speaks very proper and distinct. Had, on when he left me, an old Jeans pair of pantaloons and a shirt. I will give Ten Dollars to any person who will apprehend and deliver the said Negro to me, living near Dwight Mission, in the Cherokee Nation, or securing him, in any jail so that I can get him, and all reasonable expenses will be paid.

JAMES WAND

Cherokee Nation.

13 September 1832

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 26, 1832)

### Runaway in Jail

Was committed to the Jail of Chicot county, on the 3d day of September, 1832, by James Blaine, a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, a Negro Boy, who calls his name HARRY, and says he belongs to a Mrs. PHILLIPS, in Orleans. Said Negro is four feet five inches high, and about eleven years old. He was left by the steam-boat James Monroe in the Cypress Bend, in said county. Had on, when committed, a check shirt and linen pantaloons. He has some small-pox marks in his face. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away otherwise he will be dealt with as the law directs.

H.S. SMITH, Dep. Jailor, Chicot county, A.T.

Villemont.

20 September 1832

*Arkansas Gazette* (October 31, 1832)

### Runaway In Jail

Was committed to the Jail of Chicot county, on the 3d day of August, 1832, by James Blaine, Esq. A Justice of the Peace in and for said county, a Negro Man, who calls his name JOHN, and says he belongs to JOHN VURTNER, living in Miligin's Bend, Louisiana. Said Negro is about eighteen years old, four feet eleven inches high, rather dark complected, his left eye nearly or

quite out, and has a small scar just forward of the left ear. Had on, when committed, a pair of coarse linen pantaloons and shirt, and a black wool hat very much worn. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

B.S. SMITH, Deb. Jailer  
Chicot county, A.T.  
Villemont.

20 October 1832

*Arkansas Gazette* (December 26, 1832)

Runaway

Ran Away from the subscriber, eastern part of Adams county, Mississippi, on the 3d inst., a Negro man named ABRAM, of the following description: about 25 or 26 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, has a large scar on the back part of his neck, and several large scars on his back and breast, and one or two small scars on his face, near the edge of the hair. Ten dollars Reward will be paid for the apprehension of said Negro, if taken in this State, and Thirty Dollars, if taken out of the State; or secured in any jail so that I get him. Any information relative to said runaway, will be thankfully received at Prospect Hill Post-office, Adams county, Mississippi.

ISHAM GRIFFIN  
Natchez.

28 October 1832

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 28, 1832)

\$10 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, living in the county of Washington and state of Mississippi, three miles from Point Chicot, A.T., on the tenth day of September last, Two Negro Men. One by the name of SOLOMON, about the age of 30 years, five feet two inches high, and has a very pleasant countenance. His teeth are somewhat affected, walks with his toes inclined inward; and ABRAHAM, mulatto, about 20 years of age, short and heavy, no scars except on one of his hands. I will give the above reward, for each of the said Negroes, to have them delivered or secured in any Jail so that I can get them again. The above Negroes are making an attempt to get to the state of Alabama. I hereby, forwarn [sic] all persons from harboring said Negroes. Letters respecting said Negroes will be directed to the subscriber living at Point Chicot, A.T.

JAMES DASWELL.

29 November 1832

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 23, 1833)

A Runaway in Jail

Was committed to the Jail of Washington county, on the—day of November, 1832, a Negro fellow who calls his name GEORGE, and says he belongs to SAMUEL DYER, in Fulton, Callaway county, Missouri. He also says he was in search of his wife, who was brought from Missouri to this country, by his young master, JOSEPH DYER. Said Negro is about 5 feet 6 inches high, and near 40 years old. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay

charges, and take him away, otherwise he will be dealt with as the law directs.  
A.W. SWEENEY, Deputy Jailer Washington county, A.T.

### 1833

25 January 1833

*Arkansas Gazette* (March 13, 1833)

\$300 Reward

In December, 1831, Two Negro Men, were stolen, from the subscriber, living 8 miles east of Huntsville, Alabama. One named SHADRACK, between 30 and 40 years of age, tolerably stout, but not very tall, complexion a little inclined to be yellow, and has a very daring or brazen look. The other named ISHAM, about 30 years old, is a stout black fellow, has very perceivable scars about his head—agreeably to me recollection, one over his left eye, and one over the left ear; of the precise place however I may be mistaken—has, I believe, one or more fore teeth out, and a down look, particularly when spoken to. I have every reason to believe that said Negroes were stolen by some white villain or villains, and taken to the Indian nation in the Mississippi, and in all profanity sold to the Choctaws, or others, or traded for cattle; and possibly may be taken to the Arkansas, with the Emigrating Indians. Persons living with the Indians, or in the Indian country, will do me a favor by making inquiry after these Negroes, and should they be apprehended and delivered to me, near Huntsville, as above state, I will pay the above reward of Three Hundred Dollars—or if secured in any jail in Arkansas, and information given to me so that I get them again, I will give One Hundred and Fifty Dollars—and Two Hundred Dollars if secured in jail in Mississippi, or any other State, and information given me thereof. Said Negroes have no doubt changed their names.

RICHARD HAUGHTON

Madison county, Ala.

7 February 1833

*Arkansas Gazette* (March 27, 1833)

25 Dollars Reward

Ran Away from NE-TA-KI-JAH, a Choctaw Chief, residing in the Choctaw Nation on Red river, about the last of January, a Negro Man named EAF or EPHRAIM, who formerly belonged to Mr. STEPHEN HARRIS, of Conway county, and more recently to Dr. M. CUNNINGHAM, at Little Rock, who sold him last winter to Ne-ta-ki-jah, from whom the subscriber bought him. Said Negro is about five feet six or seven inches high, well made, countenance rather pleasant than otherwise, between 25 and 30 years of age, very talkative, fond of drinking and gambling, has a strong propensity to be roguish, and is a pretty shrewd fellow. He has been seen prowling about Little Rock since he ran away, and, I understand, was subsequently apprehended near the Saline, in Pulaski county, but broke custody, and made his escape. I will pay the above reward to any person who will apprehend said Negro, and secure him in jail, so that I get him again, and all reasonable charges in addition, if delivered to me at Doaksville, near Fort Towson.

JOSIAH DOAK

Doaksville.<sup>9</sup>

18 February 1833

*Arkansas Gazette* (April 3, 1833)

Twenty-five Dollars Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, living on the road leading to McLean's Bottom, three miles from Crawford Court-house, Crawford county, A.T., a Black Man, named MOSES, formerly the property of the widow PRICE, of said county. The above named Moses is 22 years old, about 5 feet 11 inches high, one scar on his right shoulder, I believe; as he has different clothing, he will of course change his dress. The above named Negro ran away on the 25<sup>th</sup> December last. All reasonable expenses will be paid by me.

CALEB B. WILLINGHAM

Crawford county, A.T.

25 April 1833

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 17, 1833)

\$100 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, living on Lake Washington, Mississippi, in May last, a Negro Man [MAN] and WOMAN. The woman was taken up by Mr. William Geiger, in Chicot county, A.T. and brought home. The man was last seen on the Boggy bayou, A.T. He is about twenty seven years of age, stout made, five feet eight inches high, very dark complexion—has a gun in possession. I will give the above reward for the delivery of said Negro to me, in Washington, county, Mississippi.

GEO. W. WARD.

4 July 1833

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 31, 1833)

A Negro In Jail

Was committed to the Jail of Chicot county, on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May, 1833, by John Gibson, Justice of the Peace in and said county, a Negro Man who calls himself HILLARY, and says he belonged to JOHN BROWN, one half miles below Guyandott, Va., and was taken from that place to

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<sup>9</sup> See also *Arkansas Gazette*, 15 May 1833 [in November 27, 1833]

\$100 Reward

Ran Away from Ne-ta-ki-jah, a Choctaw Chief, residing in the Choctaw Nation on Red river, about the last of January, a Negro man named EAF or EPHRAIM, who formerly belonged to Mr. STEPHEN HARRIS of Conway county, and more recently to Dr. M. CUNNINGHAM, at Little rock, who sold him last winter to Ne-ta-ki-jah, since when, he was sold to Mr. JOSIAH DOAK, from whom the subscriber bought him. Said Negro is about five feet six or seven inches high, well made, countenance rather pleasant than otherwise, between 25 and 30 years of age, very talkative, fond of drinking and gambling, has a strong propensity to be roguish, and is a pretty shrewd fellow. I will pay the above reward of One Hundred Dollars for the apprehension and delivery of said Negro to me, near Little Rock; or Fifty Dollars for securing him in any jail, so that I get him again.

SAM'L M. RUTHERFORD

Little Rock.

Natchez, by one DOUGLASS BROWN, from which place he made his escape, on the 30<sup>th</sup> April last, viz the steamer Tippecanoe, which said boat brought him to this place on the 5<sup>th</sup> May. Said Negro is about 21 years of age, five feet eight and a half inches high; has on his right arm immediately below the shoulder a large scar, and one on the same arm at the elbow; of rather pleasing countenance than otherwise, light complexion and bushy hair. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, prove property, and take him out of jail; otherwise he will be dealt with as the law directs.

HENRY S. SMITH Dept. Jailer Chicot county, A.T.

26 August 1833

*Arkansas Gazette* (October 2, 1833)

\$105 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, living on the Mississippi river, 15 miles above Columbia, Chicot county, Arkansas Territory, on Thursday night, 8<sup>th</sup> August (inst.) [sic] A Negro man named PLEASANT, about five feet 7 or 8 inches high, some of his fore teeth out, a scar on the top of his head, and has some scars on his arm, from his shoulder to his hand, occasioned by a burn. He took with him a rifle gun, the property of James Russell. I will pay a reward of Seventy-Five Dollars for his apprehension and delivery to me, at my residence. Also—A Negro man named PETER; he is about five feet high, and about thirty years of age. I will give Fifteen Dollars reward for his apprehension and delivery to me at my house. Also—A yellow woman named TENEZ, about thirty-five years of age, about five feet high. She is the property of Mr. WILLIAM GOZEY. I will give Fifteen Dollars for her apprehension and delivery to me at my residence.

JOHN FULTON

Chicot county.

9 November 1833

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 8, 1834)

Two Runaway Negroes in Jail

On the sixth of November, A. D. 1833, two Negro men were committed to my custody, as Jailer of the county of St. Francis, who say that they belong to CHARLES WILSON, living near Doke's Stand, in the county of Madison, State of Mississippi. One of said slaves is about twenty eight years of age, five feet eight inches high, and is afflicted with a disease said to be venereal, of a dark complexion; he says that his name is PETER. The other slave is about thirty years of age, five feet ten inches high. They were taken up on the road leading from Memphis to Little Rock, A.T., in company with the emigrating Choctaw Indians. The one last described speaks lively, calls his name BEN, and says that he has a wife belonging to an individual who has resided and is now emigrating with the Choctaw Indians. He states that he is his master's wagoner. The owner of said slaves is requested to come forward, prove his property, and pay charges, or they will be dealt with according to law.

THO'S J. CURL, Sheriff and Jailer, St. Francis county, A.T.  
St. Francis.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> See also *Arkansas Gazette*, 12 December 1833 [in January 1, 1833]  
\$30 Reward

9 November 1833

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 8, 1834)

A Runaway Negro in Jail

A Runaway slave [MAN] was committed to my custody, as Jailer of the county of St. Francis, on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November, A.D. 1833, who states that he belongs to RICHARD ANDERSON, living near Hardinsville, Madison county, Mississippi. Said slave is about five feet six inches high, supposed to be about eighteen or nineteen years of age, and has a remarkable scar on the left side of his head, near the ear. He speaks quickly, and has a down look. He was taken up on the road leading from Memphis to Little Rock, A.T., in company with the emigrating Choctaw Indians. The owner of said slave is requested to come forward, prove his property, and pay charges, or he will be dealt with according to law.

THO'S J. CURL, Sheriff and Jailer St. Francis county, A.T.

St. Francis.

5 December 1833

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 1, 1834)

\$150 Reward

Was stolen, by some unknown persons to the subscriber, living at the head of Island No. 66 on the Mississippi river, on the night of the 31<sup>st</sup> of October, a Negro man by the name of KIT, aged about 27 years, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, heavy made, very black, and has a bushy head of hair, and a down look when spoken to. He had on when he went away, a brown linsey roundabout and a pair of yellow linsey pantaloons patched with blue cloth, an old white hat, and a pair of low quartered square toed shoes. He took with him a pair of black fustian pantaloons, a pair of dark gray cassinet pantaloons and roundabout of the same; 2 cotton shirts and 1 tow linen shirt, a buffaloe robe, 1 quilt, 1 blanket, and an old rifle gun with a new lock; the stock of the gun is split in several places and tied with strings, the sight is very coarse and has a place cut in the breech to put tallow in. I bought Kit last February in Missouri, near a place called Troy, from a man called BURKHEAD, where I expect he will aim to make for, if he is not prevented by the thieves who have taken him off. I will give \$25 if he is taken within the Territory, or \$50 if taken out of it, and secured in jail so that I may get him, or the above reward will be paid for the Negro and thieves, if brought to justice. Any information respecting the said slave, directed to Eli J. Lewis, P.M. at Helena, or to the subscriber at the head of Island No. 66 Arkansas Territory, will be

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The undersigned hereby offers a reward of Thirty Dollars for the apprehension of the following described three runaway Negroes, who broke Jail in St. Francis county, Arkansas Territory, on the night of the 27<sup>th</sup> November, 1833, viz: PETER, BEN, and another whose name is unknown, but supposed to be Irwin. Peter is about 28 years of age, five feet eight inches high, dark complexion, and is afflicted with a disease supposed to be venereal. Ben is about 30 years of age, five feet ten inches high, speaks lively, and says his wife belongs to an individual who has resided in the Choctaw nation, and has emigrated with the Choctaw Indians. The other Negro, whose name is supposed to be Irwin, says he belongs to Richard Anderson, living near Hardinsville, Madison county, Mississippi. He is five feet six inches high, supposed to be about 18 years of age, speaks quickly, and has a down look. I will give the above reward for the apprehension of the above described Negroes, on their delivery to me, at the Jail of ST. Francis county, Arkansas Territory, or Ten Dollars for either of them.

THOMAS J. CURL, Sheriff and Jailer of St. Francis county, A.T.

gratefully acknowledged.  
FIELDER OFFUTT.

12 December 1833

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 1, 1834)

\$30 Reward

The undersigned hereby offers a reward of Thirty Dollars for the apprehension of the following described three runaway Negroes, who broke Jail in St. Francis county, Arkansas Territory, on the night of the 27<sup>th</sup> November, 1833, viz: Peter, Ben, and another whose name is unknown, but supposed to be IRWIN.<sup>11</sup> Peter is about 28 years of age, five feet eight inches high, dark complexion, and is afflicted with a disease supposed to be venereal. Ben is about 30 years of age, five feet ten inches high, speaks lively, and says his wife belongs to an individual who has resided in the Choctaw nation, and has emigrated with the Choctaw Indians. The other Negro, whose name is supposed to be Irwin, says he belongs to RICHARD ANDERSON, living near Hardinsville, Madison county, Mississippi. He is five feet six inches high, supposed to be about 18 years of age, speaks quickly, and has a down look. I will give the above reward for the apprehension of the above described Negroes, on their delivery to me, at the Jail of ST. Francis county, Arkansas Territory, or Ten Dollars for either of them.

THOMAS J. CURL, Sheriff and Jailer of St. Francis county, A.T.

## 1834

11 January 1834

*Arkansas Gazette* (February 11, 1834)

Stop the Runaway

Ran away from the subscriber, on Saturday morning, the 4<sup>th</sup> inst. a Negro man named HENRY, about twenty years of age, about five feet high, tolerably black, leans forward when walking; left my wagon about 22 miles south of Little Rock, near Mr. Owen's. Had on when he left, an old fur hat, half worn, a pair of kersey pantaloons, and roundabout coat of the same. He also took with him a pair of blue cotton pantaloons, an old blue cloth coat, half worn, some women's clothing, and other clothing not recollected. I will give a liberal reward to any person who will deliver him

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<sup>11</sup> See preceding *Arkansas Gazette*, 9 November 1833 [in January 8, 1834]

Two Runaway Negroes in Jail

On the sixth of November, A. D. 1833, two Negro men were committed to my custody, as Jailer of the county of St. Francis, who say that they belong to CHARLES WILSON, living near Doke's Stand, in the county of Madison, State of Mississippi. One of said slaves is about twenty eight years of age, five feet eight inches high, and is afflicted with a disease said to be venereal, of a dark complexion; he says that his name is PETER. The other slave is about thirty years of age, five feet ten inches high. They were taken up on the road leading from Memphis to Little Rock, A.T., in company with the emigrating Choctaw Indians. The one last described speaks lively, calls his name BEN, and says that he has a wife belonging to an individual who has resided and is now emigrating with the Choctaw Indians. He states that he is his master's wagoner. The owner of said slaves is requested to come forward, prove his property, and pay charges, or they will be dealt with according to law.

THO'S J. CURL, Sheriff and Jailer, St. Francis county, A.T.

St. Francis, Nov. 9, 1833.

to me in Lost Prairie, Lafayette county, or secure him in jail so that I get him again.

EDWARD WEST

Lost Prairie.

24 January 1834

*Arkansas Gazette* (March 11, 1834)

250 Dollars Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber living near Tuscumbia, in the State of Alabama, two large and very likely Mulatto Negro, men, named COLIN and DAVID. Colin is 28 years old, rather thin face, about 6 feet 1 or 2 inches high, and weighs about 175 pounds. David is 25 years old, full face, 6 feet 2 or 3 inches high, weighs about 190 pounds, very likely and very stout. They are brothers, and favor each other very much; pleasant spoken, very intelligent, and artful. I think they both had small whiskers. About the 15<sup>th</sup> December last, they were seen going down the Tennessee river in a canoe, dressed as Indians, and passing themselves as such. They can both speak some words of the Chickasaw language, and I am told that their disguise is so complete that it will be difficult to detect them, unless their hair is examined, and their hands, which are harder than those of Indians. They may perhaps throw off their disguise when they get far from home. They each took with them blue broad-cloth round jackets, and pantaloons of gray twilled woolen goods. They had several blankets, on of which had yellow stripes at each end. The above reward will be given for their apprehension, and delivery to me, or to C. Bishop, Postmaster at Tuscumbia, or Two Hundred Dollars, if secured in any Jail so that I get them again, or one half that sum for either, and all necessary expenses paid. If taken, they must be well secured, and whoever takes them must have plenty of help and be well armed.

WYATT BISHOP

Tuscumbia, Al.

27 January 1834

*Arkansas Gazette* (April 29, 1834)

A Runaway Negro In Jail

A Runaway slave was committed to my custody, as Jailor of Chicot county, Arkansas Territory, on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January, A.D. 1834. He calls himself DAVE, and says he belongs to JOSHUA WILLIAMS, in Humphrey county, Tennessee, opposite Reynoldsburg, on the Tennessee side. Said slave is about 26 or 28 years of age, 6 feet high, and of a dark complexion with rather a down look. His dress consists of a blue linsey hunting shirt, a yellow cotton vest, a domestic shirt, a worn pair of linsey pantaloons, and a wool hat, partly worn. The owner of said slave is requested to come forward, prove his property, pay charges, or he will be dealt with according to law.

JOHN T. WHITE

Sheriff and Jailors of C.C.

Columbia, A.T.

4 March 1834

*Arkansas Gazette* (April 1, 1834)

### Fifty Dollars Reward

Will be paid for the apprehension of HAMLET, a Negro man, aged about 25 or 30 years, five feet eight inches high, dark complexion, flat nose, and thick lips; a scar on the big toe of the right foot made by a cut, and also a scar on the left arm above the elbow caused by a burn, and some marks of the whip on his back. Hamlet left my plantation on the 26<sup>th</sup> of December last. He took away with him a black broadcloth dress coat two-thirds worn, a pair of blue cassimere pantaloons, a snuff-colored fur hat half worn, a pair of russet colored brogan shoes. He reads and writes tolerably well, and is intelligent for a Negro. I will pay the above reward for him on delivery to me or my overseer at Point Chicot, Chicot county, Arkansas, or for his confinement in jail so that I can get him.

H. F. WALWORTH

Villemont,

The Helena Herald will please to give the above three insertions, and forward account. H.F.W.

15 March 1834

*Arkansas Gazette* (May 27, 1834)

A Negro in custody.

There was this day committed to my custody, as Deputy Sheriff and Jailor of Miller county, Arkansas Territory, a Negro Boy, who says his name is CAMMEL, and that he belongs to BENJAMIN HAWKINS. He says he ran away from his master when he was about to move away from the old Creek nation to the Spanish country. He is about twenty years of age, black and likely. There being no Jail in this county, I have placed him in the hands of John Robbins, and taken his bond for the delivery of said boy when called for. The owner of said boy is requested to prove his property, pay charges, and take him away, otherwise he will be dealt with as the law directs.

JOSEPH SAVAGE, Dep. Sh'ff  
and Jailor, Miller county A. T.

21 March 1834

*Arkansas Gazette* (April 29, 1834)

\$100 Reward

Ran away from the undersigned, about the 27<sup>th</sup> December last, a Negro man named TONEY, quite black, and about 5 feet 10 inches high, between 30 and 5 feet 10 inches high, between 30 and 35 years old, smart and intelligent—Also, a yellow man named HENRY, about the same height, and about 28 years old; limps, one leg being shorter than the other, occasioned by hurting his hip. It is supposed the above Negroes were enticed away by a white man of the name of Purcell. The above reward will be given for the thief and Negroes, or twenty-five dollars for either of the Negroes, and all reasonable charges paid.

JOSEPH SESSIONS

Natchez, Miss.

21 April 1834

*Arkansas Gazette* (May 13, 1834)

Stop the Runaway!

Ran away from old SPOUK-OKE HAR-YO, one of the Chiefs of the Creek nation west of the Mississippi, a Negro man named HARRY, about 40 or 50 years of age. He is deaf, and stutters, and appears to talk with considerable difficulty, making signs and a kind of stuttering noise when trying to talk. Has a hole or slit in his left ear, a little piece of it hanging down. When he ran off, he took with him one rifle gun, ten beaver traps, one falling axe, and a canoe. Any person hearing any thing of, or personally knowing where said Negro is, will confer a favor on a helpless old man, by giving information where he is to be found, so that he may be recovered. Information respecting said Negro, communicated by letter to the subscriber, directed to Western Creek Agency, via Fort Gibson, will reach the owner.

JOSEPH BLAIR.

23 June 1834

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 12, 1834)

Two Runaways!

Were committed to my care, on the 17<sup>th</sup> June, 1834, by H. Smith, Esq., two Negro men, of the following description, to wit:—DANIEL, black complexion, about 25 years old, 5 feet 6 or 8 inches high, and pleasant when spoken to. BILL, yellow complexion, about 22 years old, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, a scar on his right wrist, which he says was done by the accidental discharge of a short gun, before he left his master. They say they both belong to a man by the name of JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, on the Bayou Bartholomew, La. They say they were stopped by a man of the name of Ward, and that they left him about two weeks ago. The owner of the above named slaves is requested to come forward, prove property, and pay changes, or they will be dealt with according to law.

H. MOSS, Deputy

For J.H. CORNISH, Sheriff and Jailor of Union county, A.T.

3 July 1834

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 29, 1834)

Stop the Runaways!

\$100 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, living in Little Red River township, Pulaski county, A. T. on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, 1834, Five Negroes: A Negro Man named TOM, Supposed to be 5 feet 8 inches high, 28 years of age, well proportioned, two or three fore teeth out, and a scar on the right side of his head above the temple. A Mulatto Woman named NANCY, 26 years of age, with a large scar on her neck. A Boy named DAN, 6 years of age, a likely fellow. A bright Mulatto Boy named GEORGE, three years old. And a girl [GIRL] eighteen months old. The above reward of \$100, will be given to any person who will secure said Negroes, so that I can get them again.

Said Negroes went off with a white boy named Wm. Terry, and Patsey Terry, his sister. Said Terry is 16 years old, dark complexion, stoop shouldered, has many flesh moulds on his body, and is left-handed. Patsey is about 18 years old, about 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, handsome figure, blue eyes, fair complexion, good looking, and has a scar on her upper lip. Said Negroes are supposed to have other conductors.

JESSE TERRY

N. B.—The young man Terry has lost his little toe from his right foot.  
Little Red River.

10 July 1834

*Arkansas Gazette* (12 August 1834)

\$100 Reward

Absconded from the subscribers, living in the town of Jackson, Hinds county, Mississippi, a Negro man named FARO, aged about 25 years. Faro is a very black Negro, about 5 feet 6 or 8 inches high, tolerably heavy made, rather bow-legged, and very full under the chin; has a bad set of teeth, his front teeth above and below are good, and some of his jaw-teeth, the balance out, and his gums rather black: he has a pleasing appearance when spoken to, and is quite a dull, weak-minded Negro, (he cannot count twenty) [sic]. He took with him one pair of white jean pantaloons, and one pair of green Manchester cord pantaloons, and roundabout of the same, one or two shirts, a black fur hat, and a pair of square toed brogans. I have every reason to believe that said fellow was stolen and run off by a man who calls himself Marsh. This Marsh says he is from Arkansas; he is a young man about 22 or 23 years old, about 5 feet 10 inches high, dark skin, full eyes, well made and strait, would weigh from 150 to 170 pounds, and has very good clothes, dresses tolerably decent, although he left Jackson in his shirt sleeves, and had on a pair of blue pantaloons, a new white hat, short fur. I have heard of his being in company with the Negro between Clinton and Big Black, abut afterwards the Negro was accompanied by a young man about 19 or 20, rather spare, made, and of a swarthy complexion, badly clothed; it seems this young man had exchanged hats with Faro, as Faro had on a broad brimmed low-crowned wool hat, and the young man had on a hat answering the description of the one Faro carried with him. The above reward of one hundred dollars will be given for the detection of the thief and boy, or fifty dollars for the boy, if secured in any jail so that we can get him again, or delivered to us in Jackson. The boy Faro is the property of THOMAS HUNDLEY, and hired to WM.

HARE for the present year,

WILLIAM HARE

THOMAS HUNDLEY

Jackson.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> See also [duplicate] *The Vicksburg Register*, 10 July 1834 [in July 10, 1834]

\$100 Reward.

Absconded from the subscribers living in the town of Jackson, Hinds County Mississippi, a negro man named FARO, aged about 25 years. Faro is a very black negro, about five feet 6 or 8 inches high, tolerably heavy made, rather bowlegged, and very full under the chin, has a bad set of teeth, his front teeth above and below is good and some of his jaw teeth, the balance out and his gums rather black, he has a pleasing appearance when spoken to, and is quite a dull weak minded negro, (he cannot count twenty.) [sic] He took with him, one pair of white jeans pantaloons and one pair of green Manchester cord pantaloons and roundabout of the same, one or two shirts, a black fur hat, and a pair of square-toed brogans. I have every reason to believe that said fellow was stolen and run off by a man who calls himself Marsh. This Marsh says he is from Arkansas [sic], he is a young man about 22 or 23 years old, about 5 feet 10 inches high, dark skin, full eyes, well made and strait, would weigh from 150 to 170 pounds, and has very good clothes, dresses tolerably decent, although he left Jackson in his shirt sleeves, and had on a pair of blue pantaloons, a new white hat, short fur; I have heard of his being in company with the negro between Clinton and Big Black, but afterwards, the negro was accompanied by a young man about 19 or 20, rather spare made and of a swarthy complexion, badly clothed; it seems this young man had exchanged hats with Faro, as Faro had on a broad brim low crowned wool hat, and the young man had on a hat answering the description of the one Faro carried with

21 July 1834

*Arkansas Gazette* (October 28, 1834)

A Runaway Negro in Jail

Was committed to my custody, as Jailor of the county of Jackson, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, A.D., 1834, a Negro Boy, who states that he is free, was raised in the State of Ohio, and came to this Territory eighteen months ago, and has lived in the town of Little Rock ever since, except one trip on the steam boat Ottawa, to the mouth of Black river, and says his name is JOHN HAWKINS. Said Negro is about 20 years old, dark, and well made, and 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high. He says that Gov. Pope has got his emancipation papers—which, on inquiry, proves to be false. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, prove his property, and pay charges, or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

ISAAC GRAY, Sheriff

and Jailor, Jackson county, A.T.

Litchfield.

13 October 1834

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 25, 1834)

100 Dollars Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, living in Yazoo county, State of Mississippi, on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August, 1834, three Negro men, of the following description; SAMSON, aged about 35 years, 6 feet high, has no fingers or thumb on the right hand, except the two middle fingers. —ISAAC, aged 28 years, about 6 feet 2 inches high, and a little hard of hearing; he pretends to be a shoemaker by the trade, and can make a very good shoe. ARTHUR is yellow complexioned, aged about 35 or 40 years; he is a little bald-headed, has lost some of his front teeth, and is bow legged. I think the said Negroes are endeavoring to make their way to Tennessee or Arkansas. I will give \$50 dollars for the apprehension of said Negroes, or \$100 for the deliver of them at home.

H.D. WRIGHT

Benton.

17 October 1834

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 18, 1834)

Fifty Dollars Reward

Will be given for the apprehension of WILLIAM, SAM, JOHN, & WILLIAM, who absconded from the subscriber about the 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. last. William, is a coppered colored fellow, aged about 22. Sam and the other William, black, about the same age. John, black aged 18 or 19. They are

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him. The above reward of one hundred dollars will be given for the detection of the thief and boy, or fifty dollars for the boy is secured in any jail so that we can get him again, or delivered to us in Jackson. The boy Faro is the property of THOMAS HUNDLEY, and hired to WILLIAM HARE for the present year.

WILLIAM HARE, THOMAS HUNDLEY, [sic] [...] The Little Rock Gazette will give the above 3 insertions, and the New Orleans Bulletin will insert the above twice in their City and once in their country paper and forward their account to this office for collection. Jackson.

all likely boys and well clothed, and will probably make for a free state. John has one or two fingers on the left hand slightly crippled, from a gun. The above reward will be given to any one who will have them committed to any Jail, so that I get them again, and in proportion for either of them.

JAMES H. WALKER

Saline township, Hempstead Co.

1 November 1834

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 25, 1834)

\$50 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, about the first of August, living 21 miles north of Memphis, a copper colored boy, by the name of PETER, chunky built, four feet 8 or 10 inches high, fifteen or sixteen years old, a bushy head, has a bold countenance, and is very intelligent in conversation, no marks or scars recollected. The above boy I understand was employed for a month, to work on the Arkansas road, by John Caruthers, since his elopement, which time expired about three weeks since, and I have never been enabled to hear from him since. He calls himself Isaac. The above reward will be given for the apprehension and delivery of said Negro, if caught out of the state, and twenty-five dollars if caught in the state.

JOHN BOLTON

Memphis.

3 November 1834

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 18, 1834)

Ran away

From the subscriber, on the 24<sup>th</sup> ult., a Negro Man named DICK, and his wife LUCY, both the property of Mr. BENJAMIN WILLIAMS, living on the Saline, in this county. Dick is about 45 years of age, about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, slender built, dark complexion, both feet and both hands somewhat deformed from the effects of rheumatism, thin visage, and effeminate voice. He had a variety of good clothing, which it is deemed unnecessary to describe. He is well known about this place, having drove a horse-cart for me during the last two years. Lucy is about 40 years of age, small but well proportioned, tolerably dark complexion, has lost nearly all her front teeth, and has also a great variety of good clothing. A liberal reward will be paid for the apprehension and return of the above Negroes, to the subscriber, or for their being committed to jail so that he can get them again.

THOMAS THORN

Little Rock.

4 November 1834

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 11, 1834)

\$80 Reward

Ran Away from the subscribers, at Little Rock, within a few days past, four Negroes, viz: DICK, a Negro man about 40 years old, about 5 feet 10 inches high, and spare made; and MIMA, his wife, about the ordinary size, and about the age of her husband—both black—and belonging to

B. JOHNSON. Also, two women, belonging to A.H. SEVIER, each having a young child [CHILD] [CHILD]with her, viz: MARGERY, a bright mulatto, about 25 years of age, and CLARISSA, a large corpulent woman, about 30 years of age, and black. We will give the above reward for securing the above Negroes in any jail, so that we get them again, or \$20 for either of them.

BENJAMIN JOHNSON,  
A.H. SEVIER  
Little Rock.

### 1835

27 February 1835

*Arkansas Gazette* (March 3, 1835)

\$100 Reward

Ran Away or stolen, from the subscriber, on the night of the 19<sup>th</sup> instant, two Negroes, viz: RALPH, a man about 50 years old, 6 feet high, black, likely and stout of his age; and JUDITH, a woman about 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high, 25 or 26 years of age, black complexion, and likely for her age. The said Negroes carried with them a variety of clothing. I will give the above reward of \$100, for their delivery to me at Little Rock, or \$50 for either. They are supposed to have been taken off by a band of villains, and will probably be taken to Texas or the lower country for sale.

DAVID ROYSTER  
Little Rock.

31 March 1835

*Arkansas Gazette* (April 21, 1835)

\$150 Reward

Stop The Murderer and Villians [sic]!!!

The above reward will be paid, by the subscriber, for the apprehension of the following described persons, who were this night, rescued from the jail in this town viz: Morgan Williams, Committed for the murder of Isom Pelton; Fielding G. Secret, Committed on a charge of stealing Negroes, and other crimes; and A Negro fellow named HIRAM belonging to EMZY WILSON, and committed to jail for safe-keeping. Williams is about 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, between 25 and 28 years of age, and can be easily recognized by having his right leg drawn up at right angles with his knee, which occasions him to walk with a crutch. Secret is about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, about 21 or 22 years of age, fair complexion, light straight hair, and is believed to have a scar on one of his cheeks, and generally wears a seal-skin cap. The Negroes [sic] is about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, stout made, very black and likely. The above villains were rescued from the Jail by six persons, with blackened faces, who came suddenly on the guard, and, with their guns aimed at him, made him surrender the key, with which they liberated the prisoners. It is hoped that all good citizens will render their aid in apprehending the said fugitives and securing them, so that they may be brought to punishment.

JOHN K. TAYLOR, Sheriff and Jailer, Pulaski Co.  
Little Rock.

17 May 1835

*Arkansas Gazette* (June 16, 1835)

Fifty Dollars Reward

Benjamin Clark, Having absconded from Hempstead county, and taken with him nine Negro Slaves, the property of the undersigned viz:

A Negro man named JESSE,

Do woman do RACHEL,

Do do do LUCY,

Do girl do LYDIA

Mulatto girl do MARY

Negro do do CAROLINE

Do do do JANE

Do boy do SAM and

Do girl do CLARA

I will pay Fifty Dollars reward to any person who will give me information that will enable me to find said Negroes. Said Ben. Clark is about 50 years of age, about 5 feet 10 inches or 6 feet high, very spare made, sallow complexion, face deeply furrowed, lantern-jawed, speaks quick, plausible manners, and is a keen, artful, and cunning fellow, particularly among those unacquainted with him. He has been a resident of this county for many years. Any information concerning said Negroes, or any of them, will be thankfully received; and, if by letter, to be addressed to me at Washington, Hempstead county, Ark. Terr.

DANIEL Y. GRAYSON

Washington.

May 1835 [sic]

*Arkansas Gazette* (June 23, 1835)

\$200 Reward

The above reward will be given for the apprehension and delivery to the subscriber, residing in Long Prairie, Lafayette county, of the following slaves: BOB, (Stark), about thirty-five years of age, six feet high, dark complexion; his wife EMILY, about sixteen, full face, copper color. DAVE, about twenty-five, stout made, black, pleasing countenance, five feet eight inches in height. GEORGE, twenty-five, very black, long arms, large hands and feet, five feet ten or eleven inches. Bob (Stark), the leader, has a part of each ear off, and a scar near his ankle. He has been in Ohio, and will, most probably, direct his course to that State. He took with him a rifle, &c. The Negroes above described, were seen near Washington, Hempstead county, A.T. about ten days since.

TH. T. WILLIAMSON

Lafayette county.

13 July 1835

*Arkansas Gazette* (October 20, 1835)

A Negro Man In Jail

Committed to the Jail of Chicot county, Arkansas Territory, on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July, 1835, by James

Blaline, a justice of the Peace, in and for said county, a Negro Boy who calls himself JOHN, and says he belongs to Mr. FOSTER, living ten miles from Natchez, Mi, about 24 years of age, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, dark complexion, slender made, very down look; had on, when committed, an old blue cloth coat and dark cassinet pantaloons, and black fur hat. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him out of jail, or he will be dealt by as the law directs.

JOHN T. WHITE, Sh'ff Chicot county, A.T.  
Columbia, A.T.

17 July 1835

*Arkansas Advocate* (August 7, 1835)

\$60 Reward

Runaway from the plantation of the subscriber on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May last a Negro man named ABRAM, about five feet eight inches high, stout and heavy made, about 25 years of age, large lumps on his body, about the thickness of a man's fingers caused as he says from the bursting of a still, his complexion black, beard, grows in small bunches, face large and round and remarkably cunning. Owners before the subscriber Mr. FORD & ISHAM GRIFFIN: Also a Negro girl named EVE of small stature, and a good seamstress color such as traders term chesnut, skin remarkably fine and smooth for a Negro, eyes small and black, wears ear rings, and is very active in her movements. She was brought from Charleston, S.C. last year. I am of opinion that she is lurking about Washington, Mississippi. I will give thirty dollars reward for each, to any person who will secure them in any jail, and give me information or if now in jail any where out of this country I will give the above reward for information to that.

C. STEPHEN SMITH  
Natchez (Mi.).

28 July 1835

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 1, 1835)

\$50 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June last, two Negro fellows, named CHARLEY and JIM. Charley is between thirty-eight and forty years of age, five feet eight or ten inches high, black skin and well made. Jim is about twenty-seven years of age, five feet six or seven inches high, black skin and slender made, and can speak the Cherokee language very well. I will give Fifty Dollars Reward for the apprehension of said Negroes, on their delivery to me, at my residence in Long Prairie, Lafayette county, Arkansas Territory, or on their being confined in any safe jail and secured until I can get them again.

JASON C. WILSON  
Long Prairie.

31 July 1835

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 8, 1835)

\$50 Reward

Ran Away From the Walnut Ridge Plantation, in Washington county, Mississippi, on the 25<sup>th</sup>

April last, a Negro man named ISAAC HATCHET, 20 years old, five feet five inches high, rather of a copper color, very full and red eyes, slow to answer when spoken to; had on when he went away, red jeans coat and pantaloons; and a common fur hat; he was brought to the State by Mr. ISAAC FRANKLIN from Virginia, in April last. The above reward will be paid to any person who will secure him in jail, either in or out of this State, and inform me of it, so that I may get him again.

JOSEPH NEIBERT

Natchez.

The Little Rock Gazette, Memphis Gazette, Nashville Republican, and Louisville Journal, will insert the above once a week for three week, and send their accounts to this office.

Natchez Courier.<sup>13</sup>

11 September 1835

*Arkansas Advocate* (September 11, 1835)

Runaway Negroes

Were apprehended and are now in the custody of the Sheriff of Arkansas country the following described Negroes:—One Negro man, who calls himself SAM. Says he belongs to a Mr. JAMES TODD, living near Lexington, Ky. He is about 35 or 40 years of age, about 5 feet 6 inches high, of very black complexion, cunning, and down look. Also one Negro man who calls himself JIM. Says he was stolen from Mr. JOHN FISHER in Lexington Ky, some 8 or 9 years ago an [sic] sold to a Mr. WALKER living in Arkansas territory, above Memphis Ten. No doubt Jim has lived in or near Lexington Ky. Said boy is about 25 or 30 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, slender made, dark complexion, and fine countenance. He has a scar on his forehead. Neither of the Negroes had any clothes but very common and very little of that.

WM. PRICE

Sheriff of Arkansas County.

4 September 1835

*Arkansas Gazette* (March 15, 1836)

\$150 Reward

Ran Away or stolen from the subscriber, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May last, a mulatto boy, named WILLIAM, between eighteen and twenty years of age, about five feet six or seven inches high, rather a slender make; skin of a bright yellow and inclined to freckly; a very handsome set of teeth, and altogether a very agreeable countenance; his hair he generally wore combed strait up, so as to show very little curl; he is by trade a carpenter. About two months after he came into my possession, he told me that he was stolen from the eastern part of Tennessee, and brought round through the Arkansas territory to Natchez, where he was sold to JOHN L. HARRIS, from whom I bought him; he often expressed himself very apprehensive lest he should be stolen again. I will give \$100 for the apprehension of the boy or his delivery to me, or his committal to any jail in the United States, so that I can get him again, and \$50 more for the apprehension of the thief.

W. BURCH

Fayette, Jefferson county, Mi.

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<sup>13</sup> Not in Mississippi Collection (I).

The Memphis Gazette, the New-Orleans Bulletin, and the Arkansas Gazette, will insert the above for six months, and forward accounts to this office for collection. Natchez Courier & Journal.<sup>14</sup>

10 October 1835

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 24, 1835)

A Negro Man in Jail

Committed to the jail of Chicot county, Arkansas Territory, on the 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1835, by James Blaine, an acting justice of the peace, in and for said county; a Negro boy who calls himself BAKER, and says he belongs to a Mr. DAYTON near Natchez, Mississippi. Said Negro is about 28 years of age, about five feet 10 or 11 inches high, dark complexion, full face, with a scar on his left jaw; had on, when committed, a gray cassintte roundabout, and vest, black fur hat partly worn, and a pair of white domestic pantaloons. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be dealt by, as the law directs.

JOHN T. WHITE, Sheriff, C.C.

Columbia, Chicot county.

28 December 1835

*Arkansas Gazette* (March 15, 1836)

\$100 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, near Jackson, in Missouri, on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September last, a Negro fellow named SQUIER, 30 years old, 6 1/2 feet high, a brown skin, with a scar upon his left temple. Wore a white hat, checked shirt, cassinet pantaloons. I bought this fellow from HENRY DICKSON, of Jefferson City, Missouri, and he has been hired at Mr. MASEY's iron works, for some time, and I think that he will make for one of those places, or to a free State, or to Arkansas. I will give One Hundred Dollars for him, if delivered to me in this place, or Twenty Dollars if secured in some jail, so that I can get him again.

JAMES C. ESSELMAN

Cornersville, Giles county, Tenn.

## 1836

15 January 1836

*Arkansas Advocate* (January 15, 1836 )

Runaway Negroes

Were Apprehended on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst and are now in the custody of the Sheriff of Pulaski County A.T. the following described Negroes

One Negro man who calls himself JO. He is a black Negro, about 23 or 24 years of age, and a bout 6 feet high—intelligent countenance, and very large, weighing nearly 200 pounds. Had on, when taken, an old blue coat, and pantaloons of drab woolen. Also one Negro man who calls himself FIELDING. He is a dark brown Negro, about 23 years of age, and 5 feet 8 or 9 inches

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<sup>14</sup> Not in Mississippi Collection (I).

high—intelligent and rascally face—and dressed throughout in drab woolen. The aforesaid Negroes state that they belong to HOLD & SPEIR, living near Louisville, or in Bourbon county, Ky or to ABRAHAM & JOHN SPEIR. They say that on their way down the river, on board the steamboat Swiss Boy, they left the boat at Point Chicot, and made their escape. Fielding states that he was recently purchased in Virginia. There were three of them in Company. The third whose name was Jefferson was also apprehended but made his escape.<sup>15</sup> It is stated that he belongs to the same owners. His description is dark brown, flat face, flat nose one fore tooth out drab coat and trousers and black vest, with a white fur hat. He is still on the road between this place and the South. The aforesaid Negroes had with them a green blanket coat, two frock coats, one of blue cloth, an old percussion shot gun, some cooking utensils, an old silver watch with a brass chain, and a large silver spoon handsomely marked on the handle with an eagle, and the words “G. Leftwich.”

JOHN K. TAYLOR

Sheriff of Pulaski County.

2 February 1836

*Arkansas Gazette* (February 4, 1836)

\$100 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, on the 24<sup>th</sup> ult, a Mulatto Man named REUBEN, about 30 years of age, tall and well made, weighs about 200 lbs. And is a pretty good steam-boat engineer. He was seen in little Rock [sic], on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup>, and is probably still lurking in the neighborhood. I will give \$100 reward for his apprehension and delivery to me at my residence near the mouth of the Palarm, if taken out of this county, or \$50 if taken in the county.

EMZY WILSON

Palarm.<sup>16</sup>

30 January 1836

*Arkansas Gazette* (February 2, 1836)

A Runaway Negro killed

On the night of the 18<sup>th</sup> inst., a runaway Negro camped near my residence in Hot Spring county.

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<sup>15</sup> See below, *Arkansas Gazette*, 30 January 1836 [in February 2, 1836].

<sup>16</sup> See also *Arkansas Gazette*, 2 February 1836 [in February 16, 1836]

\$100 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, on the 24<sup>th</sup> ult, a Mulatto Man named REUBEN, tall and well proportioned, weighs about 300 [sic] lbs., pleasant countenance, some scars on his head discoverable on examination, about 27 or 28 years old, a pretty good steamboat engineer, and formerly belonged to ELI BENTLEY, of Arkansas. Said boy is pretty well known on the Mississippi and Cumberland rivers, where he was employed several years, as an engineer. I will give \$100 reward for his delivery to me at my residence at the mouth of Palarm, 20 miles above Little Rock, if apprehended out of this county, or \$50, if taken in this county.

EMZY WILSON

Palarm.

The Louisville Public Advertiser, and the papers printed at Paducah and Southland, Ky. , will publish the above advertisement once a week, for three weeks, and send their accounts to the Arkansas Gazette office, for payments.

We attempted to take him, but he resisted—drew his knife, declared he could not be taken, and commenced battle. In the scuffle that ensued, he made several passes with his knife at the company, in one of which he cut the hunting shirt of one of the young men and netted hold of the gun held by the latter, and in endeavoring to wrest it from him, it was discharged and its contents lodged in his (the Negro's) [sic] body. He even then resisted, and continued to make battle until he was again shot. He was then subdued, but his wounds proved mortal, and he died shortly afterwards. He said he belonged to ABRAHAM SPEARS, living in the state of Mississippi, and said his name was JEFFERSON. He was of yellow complexion, about 32 years of age, one upper tooth out, the little finger of his left hand crooked, and supposed to be about six feet high.

DAVID TRAMEL

Hot Spring county.

18 February 1836

*Arkansas Gazette* (March 1, 1836 )

\$100 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, on the night of the 24<sup>th</sup> January, Five Negroes, viz: RANDAL, a blacksmith, about 26 years of age, a heavy well-set fellow, rather inclined to be thick-lipped, and can read and write; also, his Wife [WOMAN], about 22 years of age, inclined to be fleshy, thick-lipped, and has bad teeth. AARON, a small light complected fellow, about 19 years of age, has a scar under the cap of one knee, caused by the kick of a horse. MARIA, a small woman, very dark complexion, and about 16 years old. HIRAM, a boy about 20 years old, very dark complexion, rather inclined to be slim. They have four guns with them, viz: a very large shot gun, a small double-barrel do., a small single barrel do, and a musket. The above Negroes intended crossing the Mississippi about Old River Lake, near Point Chicot. There are also two others in company, belonging to H.B. JOHNSON, one a fellow about 40 years old, called JACOB, tolerably slim and dark complexion; the other, a small copper colored fellow called JUBE, 29 years old. I have no doubt but their master will pay a liberal reward for their apprehension.

ROBERT LITLES.

5 March 1836

*Helena Constitutional Journal* (March 8, 1836)

\$100 Reward

Will be paid for the recovery of my Negro man, HENRY SURGET, who was left on shore by the steamer Native, on her last trip up. He was left somewhere between the Mouth of Arkansas and Columbia. He is about 5 feet 8 inches in height, 23 years of age, black and strong built, of a lively and cheerful disposition. I am confident he did not purposely leave me. The above reward and all expenses will be paid on delivery of said Negro to Bennett and Co at the Mouth of White River or to the sheriff of Adams county Miss, or to myself at Elgin, on Black River in this Territory.

ROBT. T. DUNBAR

Helena Arks.

31 March 1836

*Helena Constitutional Journal* (March 31, 1836)

Runaway Negro in jail

Was committed to the Jail of this county on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> Instant, a Negro man, who says his name is WILLIAM, and belongs to a Mr. JOHNSON living opposite the steam boat landing in New Orleans. He is about 25 years old, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, a very light mulatto, and has straight hair. He was left in my custody by the captian [sic] of the steam boat Far West, on her passage up. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

MILLER IRVIN,  
Sherriff .

21 March 1836

*Helena Constitutional Journal* (March 31, 1836)

50 Dollars Reward

Runaway from the subscriber on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst, a Negro man named MITCH, aged about 40 years, of yellow complexion, about six feet high, stout and robust in his appearance. Said Negro was purchased by me, a short time since of PETER FLETCHER Esq of Crittenden County A.T. and I think is likely to be lurking about there unless he may have attempted to reach the Chickasaw Nation where he is acquainted. He performs well on the violin, and carried off with him a rifle gun and hunting apparatus. I will give the above reward for his apprehension and delivery to me in Memphis, or his confinement in any jail so that I recover him again.

LAWSON H. BEDFORD  
Memphis.<sup>17</sup>

25 March 1836

*Arkansas Advocate* (May 2, 1836)

\$25 Dollars Reward

Ran Away in October last from the subscriber his Negro fellow NATHAN, about 33 years old, weighs 130 pounds, is pert and active, he is somewhat yellowish, but not mixed blood, is a blacksmith and fiddler, and very fond of both. He is an intelligent and smart boy. I will give the above reward, if delivered to me near Lafayette Court house on Red River and will pay other reasonable charges for securing or taking him home for me, if taken at a distance.

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<sup>17</sup> See also *Arkansas Gazette*, 24 March 1835 [in April 12, 1836]

\$50 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst., a Negro man named MITCH, aged about 40 years, of yellow complexion, about six feet high, stout and robust in his appearance. Said Negro was purchased by me, a short time since, of PETER FLETCHER, Esq., of Crittenden county, A.T.; and I think is likely to be lurking about there, unless he may have attempted to reach the Chickasaw Nation, where he is acquainted. He performs well on the violin, and carried off with him a rifle-gun and hunting apparatus. I will give the above reward for his apprehension and delivery to me in Memphis, or his confinement in any jail, so that I recover him again.

LAWSON H. BEDORD [sic]  
Memphis.

The Little Rock (A.T) Gazette, and Helena paper, will five the above three insertions, and forward their accounts to this office for collection. Memphis Gaz.

J. GARLAND  
Red River.

30 March 1836

*Arkansas Gazette* (June 21, 1836)

A Runaway Negro In Jail

Comitted [sic] to the Jail of Union county, Arkansas Territory, on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March, 1836, by Thomas Franklin, an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said county, one Negro man slave, who calls himself WILLIAM, and says he belongs to a Mr. JOHNSON, living in Little Rock, A.T. Said Negro is about 28 years of age, about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, dark complexion, spare made; says he was purchased in the Creek Nation by his master, and speaks that language fluently. Had on, when committed, a coarse frock coat, coarse woollen pantaloons, a black fur hat somewhat worn. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be dealt by as the law directs.

JOHN H. CORNISH, Sheriff Union county, Arkansas Terr.

6 April 1836

*Arkansas Gazette* (April 12, 1836)

\$100 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, residing in Lafayette county, in the latter part of February last, two Negro Men, viz: LEWIS, a very large man, about 23 or 24 years of age, black Negro complexion, a thick-set and well-made likely fellow, about six feet high, no flesh marks recollected; he stutters considerably when confused. Had on, when he left, a home made purple roundabout, buckskin pantaloons, cotton domestic shirt, black fur hat, &c. JOHN, about 23 or 24 years of age, a chunky heavy set man, 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high, light yellow Negro complexion, high forehead and pleasant countenance; his feet have been frost-bitten, which is plainly to be seen, by examining them. His clothing, when he left home, consisted of a gray jeans close-bodied coat, colored linsey pantaloons, a palmetto hat, &c. They are both plausible cunning fellows, and, if apprehended, will, by fair promises, endeavor to obtain self indulgence as may enable them to make their escape. I therefore request that any one taking tem up, will put them in irons, as well as in Jail. It is supposed that they are on their way to the north, and are probably endeavoring to get to a free State. I will give One Hundred Dollars reward to any person who will apprehend and secure said Negroes in any Jail, so that I can get them again, and give me information by letter, or otherwise, addressed to the care of Dr. Isaac Jones, Lost Prairie, Lafayette county, or to Wm. E. Woodruff, Little Rock.

JARRETT JONES

Lafayette County, A.T.

9 April 1836

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 5, 1836)

Two Runaway Negroes

Were committed to the custody of the undersigned, Sheriff of Jefferson county, by Creed Taylor,

on the 4<sup>th</sup> inst., two Negro men, taken up as runaways, who say their names are JACOB and JUPITER, and that they Belong to H. B. JOHNSON, residing in Yazoo county, Mississippi. Jacob is a tolerably slim fellow, dark complexion, and about 40 years of age. Jupiter is a small, copper colored fellow, and appears to be about twenty two years of age. The owner or owners of said Negroes are requested to come forward, prove their property, pay charges, and take them away, or they will be dealt with as the law directs.

S. DARDENNE. Sheriff of Jefferson county  
Pine Bluffs.

11 April 1836

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 26, 1836)

\$300 Reward

Ran Away, in February last, from the farm of the subscriber, in Chicot county, Arkansas Territory, Two Negro Men viz: GEORGE, a small active fellow about 4 feet 7 or 8 inches high, about 21 yeas of age; his mouth large, and his color black. TOM, a large fellow, a little upwards of 6 feet high, black complexion, and wears a gloomy countenance; about 28 years old. Ran away, at the same time, from the farm of A.H. SEVIER, a Negro man named TON [TONEY], about 6 feet high, 30 or 32 years old, of black complexion, his jaws appear to be swelled from tooth ache.<sup>18</sup> These Negroes were purchased in the Creek Nation of Indians, west of Arkansas, and are supposed to be together, and will probably go to the Creeks, either on the east, or west of the Mississippi river. I will give the above reward for the above described three Negro men, or One Hundred Dollars for either of them that shall be delivered to me, or my agent, either on my farm, in Chicot county, Arkansas Territory, or at Little Rock.

BENJAMIN JOHNSON  
Little Rock.

15 April 1836

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<sup>18</sup> See also *Arkansas Gazette*, 3 June 1836 [in June 21, 1836]

\$100 Reward

Ran Away, from the subscriber, on the night of the 2d June, from the steamer Arkansaw, a Negro man named TONEY, about 6 feet high, 30 or 32 years of age, black complexion, and jaws swelled a little, as if from tooth ache. He is the same Negro that ran away from the farm of Col. A. H. SEVIER, a month or two since, and was taken up, in the Creek nation, and brought down on the steamer Arkansaw, from which he has again made his escape. I will give the above reward for his delivery to me at Little Rock, or in Chicot county, or will pay any reasonable compensation for his apprehension in any jail, that I can get him.

BENJ. JOHNSON.

see also *Arkansas Gazette*, 8 June 1836 [in June 21, 1836]

Runaway Negro in Jail

Was committed to the Jail of Conway county, by Joseph J. Simmons, a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, on the 7<sup>th</sup> inst., a Negro man, about six feet high, slim made, 30 or 32 years of age, black complexion, says his name is TONEY, and that he belongs to Judge JOHNSON, and that he was taken up and put on board the steamer Arkansaw, from which he made his escape a few days since. The owner is requested to come forward, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away, otherwise he will be dealt with as the law directs.

THOS. S. HAYNES, Sheriff of Conway county, A.T.  
Lewisburg.

*Arkansas Advocate* (April 15 1836)

25 Dollar Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber on the 15<sup>th</sup> ult, a Negro man named HAMPTON. He is black complexioned, about 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high, large mouth and eyes, had on a black fur hat, with crape round it—other clothing not recollected. When last seen he was at the Saline, where it is believed he is still lurking, The above reward will be paid for his delivery to the subscriber at this place.

NOAH BADGETT

Little Rock.

12 May 1836

*Helena Constitutional Journal* (May 12, 1836)

Runaway negros [sic]

Was committed to the Jail of this county on Tuesday the 3d instant, two Negro men, named JIM and BOB. Jim is about 35 years old, 5 fetet [sic] nine or 10 inces [sic] high, yellow complexion, and says he is a carpeneter [sic]. Bob is supposed to be about 23 years of age very dark complexion and about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high. These Negroes say they belong to ROBERT MCGILLEN of St. louis [sic] County, MO, and lived within three miles of the city of St. Louis. They state that they were both purchased from JOHN GRIFFIN of Pulaski County Tenn. About 12 months ago, and it has been about three months since they runaway from their present owner. There are no marks or scars visible on either rof [sic] said Negroes. They were left in my charge by the Captain of the Steam boat Tuscarora, on her way up.

MILLER IRVIN, Sherriff

Helena, AR.<sup>19</sup>

17 May 1836

*Arkansas Gazette* (May 31, 1836)

\$50 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber on Saturday morning last, a Negro Man named HENRY, between 35 and 40 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high, stout and square built, very black complexion, tolerably large whiskers, voice rather effeminate, speaks quick and stammers a little when

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<sup>19</sup> [duplicate] *Helena Constitutional Journal* (May 26, 1836)

Runaway Negroes

Was committed to the Jail of this county on Tuesday the 3d instant, two Negro men, named JIM and BOB. Jim is about 35 years old, 5 feet nine or 10 inches high, yellow complexion, and says he is a carpenter. Bob is supposed to be about 23 years of age very dark complexion and about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high. These Negroes say they belong to ROBERT MCGILLEN of St. Louis County, MO, and lived within three miles of the city of St. Louis. They state that they were both purchased from JOHN GRIFFIN of Pulaski County Tenn. About 12 months ago, and it has been about three months since they runaway from their present owner. There are no marks or scars visible on either of said Negroes. They were left in my charge by the Captain of the Steam boat Tuscarora, on her way up.

Miller Irvin, Sheriff

Helena, AR

P.S. broke jail on the 18<sup>th</sup> instant, the above advertised runaways.

Miller Irvin Sheriff & Jailor of P.C.

confused. He had a variety of good stout clothing, all of domestic cotton and mostly new, a new pair of coarse shoes, white chip hat, &c. He is a shrewd sensible fellow, and will invent a plausible story to prevent apprehension, and, if taken, will require to be ironed and closely watched to prevent his escape. I will pay \$25 for his delivery to me, if taken in this county, and all reasonable charges in addition if taken beyond its limits; or \$50, if taken more than fifty miles from this place; and a proportionate reward, if secured in any Jail so that I get him again.

WM. E. WOODRUFF

Little Rock.

20 May 1836

*Arkansas Advocate* (June 6, 1836)

I have in my charge (by request of the Sheriff of Hot Spring County) [sic] a Negro man named TOM, who was committed to the Jail of Hot Spring County, and there being no jail, he requested me to take him into my jail. I have therefore taken him, and to save the expense, hired him out to a good paymaster. Said Tom is about 26 or 28 years of age, about five feet 9 or 10 inches high; and says he belongs to a man by the name of JAMES TRIGG, who resides in Tennessee but has settled a farm on Red River in this territory. The owner is hereby requested to come foreword, prove property and pay charges, and take him away.

JOHN K TAYLOR Sheriff

Little Rock.

26 May 1836

*Helena Constitutional Journal* (May 26, 1836)

Runaway taken up

A mulatto boy calling himself BILLY was taken in custody of the sheriff of this county on the 22d instant, from the steam boat Orleans, on her passage up. Said boy is about 14 years old, sprightly and active; has lost the fore fingers of his right hand, has a scar upon his right check, wears a red checked shirt, is about 5 feet high, and says he belongs to Mr. MOOTE of Mobile, and was hired to Mr. McBRIDE of New Orleans, who put him on the coast, and being displeased with his employment says he got on board the Orleans to escape.

MILLER IRVIN

Sheriff and Jailor of Phillips County.

2 June 1836

*Helena Constitutional Journal* (June 2, 1836)

\$300 Reward

Ranaway from the farm of JOEL HIGGINS on or about the first of September, 1835 a Negro man named ISAAC; about 25 or 30 years of age; about 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high, very black, slender made. He has, as well as I recollect, a scar over his left eye. We will give the above reward for the delivery of said Negro on our plantation, ten miles above Princeton, Washington County, Mississippi, (the said Negro now belongs to MILLER & WARD) [sic] or a reasonable compensation for the apprehension of said Negro so that we may get him.

MILLER & WARD.

10 June 1836

*Arkansas Gazette* (June 28, 1836)

600 Dollars Reward

Ran away from the subscriber, living three miles, from Columbia, Chicot county, Arkansas, about the 1<sup>st</sup> of February last, a Negro Man named PETER, of yellow complexion, about 21 or 22 years of age, five feet nine or ten inches high, stout built, weighs about 170 lbs., pleasing countenance, has a good set of teeth, walks with his toes wide apart, and is rather crooked legged. I purchased Peter of Mrs. S. PARKER, of this neighborhood, and Parker purchased him of a Mr. ESTES, living near the Mouth of Arkansas river. I have every reason to believe this Negro has been, or will be, conveyed off by some white man, for speculation. If so, I will give the above reward for the Negro and thief, or One Hundred Dollars for the Negro, if secured in any Jail, so that I can get him again.

SAMUEL D. WALKER

Chicot county.

The publisher of the Red River Herald is requested to give the above advertisement six weekly insertions, and send his bill to the Arkansas Gazette office, for collection.

15 June 1836

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 19, 1836)

Fifty Dollars Reward

I will give the above reward, for the delivery or apprehension of a Negro man named DAVY, about thirty years old, stout made, black complexion.—The said Negro was mortgaged to JOHN DRENNEN, of Crawford county, by CHA'S POLK, and transferred from them to me. I will pay the above reward, if secured in jail or delivered.

JOHN DILLARD

Fort Gibson.<sup>20</sup>

23 July 1836

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 30, 1836)

\$500 Reward

Ran away from the subscriber's plantation, three miles below Columbia, Chicot county, on the 10<sup>th</sup> ult., two Negro Men named JACOB and CHARLES, of the following description, viz: Jacob

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<sup>20</sup> See also *Arkansas Gazette*, 14 July 1836 [in February 7, 1838]

\$100 Dollars Reward

I will give the above reward, for the delivery or apprehension of a Negro man named DAVY, about thirty years old, stout made, black complexion. The said Negro was mortgaged to JOHN DRENNEN of Crawford county, by CHA'S POLK, and transferred from them to me. I have reason to believe he has free papers, and, will attempt, and perhaps succeed in making his way to said Polk's, in the State of Illinois, I think in the vicinity of Golconda. I will give the above reward, if secured in jail or delivered to me.

JOHN DILLARD

Fort Gibson.

is a mulatto, about five feet 6 or 7 inches high, slender built, about thirty years of age, his hair is straight, black and very coarse, wears whiskers, is rather a slovenly dirty looking fellow, on examining his back it will be found that he carries the marks of the whip, and has very much the appearance of a Spaniard, but speaks nothing but English, and that badly. Charles is about 27 or 28 years of age, five feet 5 or 5 [sic] inches high, straight and well-made, very black, big mouth, but a pleasing countenance; has a scar under his left eye ( I think) [sic] resembling a stab or ent [sic] with a knife, and projects out like a teat. They have a variety of clothing, and both have black fur hats. Their coats and hunting-shirts are of the U.S. Dragoon uniform, with eagle buttons. They took with them a large brown horse, 16 hands high, 5 years old, poor and slim built, and (I believe) [sic] lame in one hind foot. Believing said Negroes have been run off by some white man, I will give the above reward of \$500 for the apprehension of the Thief and Negroes, or I will pay One Hundred Dollars for the Negroes, or Fifty Dollars for either, on their being confined in any Jail so that I get them again.

SAM'L D. WALKER

Locust Grove, Chicot county.

27 July 1836

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 9, 1836)

Fifty Dollars Reward

Ran away from the subscriber, on the 16<sup>th</sup> inst., at the house of Mr. DAVID WAR, on the Spadre, Johnson county, Arkansas, a Negro Man [MAN], of the following description, belonging to Mr. MARTIN MILLER, of Fayetteville, Washington county, viz: 22 or 23 years of age, black complexion, about five feet five or six inches high, weighs about 150 pounds, has a guilty countenance, thin nose and lips, the former a little Roman or rounding; wore away a domestic shirt and pantaloons, a high crown cloth cap, and low-quarter Negro shoes. Said Negro was brought from Georgia, and is probably making his way back to that State. I will give Fifty Dollars reward for his apprehension and being secured in jail so that I can get him again, or for his delivery to William E. Woodruff at Little Rock, or to his owner, Martin Miller, at Fayetteville.

ZENUS PRATT

Pope county.

28 July 1836

*Helena Constitutional Journal* (July 28, 1836)

\$50 Reward Runaway from the plantation of the subscriber on the Missouri river three miles below Columbia Chicot County, AR, two Negro men named CHARLES & JACK. Charles is about 5 feet or 6 or 7 inches high, about 25 or 28 years old, has a scar under the left eye, which has the appearance of being caused by a stab; no other marks recollected. Jack is about 30 years of age, a bright mulatto, and usually wears whiskers—he has black eyes and beard, and a pleasing countenance, but has a great deal of the Negro both in language and appearance for so bright a mulatto, and is about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, slender made, and of weakly appearance—speaks nothing but English and that badly. He will probably attempt to pass himself off as a foreigner, but may be easily detected—no marks recollected except from the whip. They took with them various articles of clothing, black fur hats, and coats and shirts that were made

for the Dragoons, which they will probably change off the first opportunity. They also took with them a large brown horse, about 16 heads high, four or five years old, considerably lame, in low order and his back a little sore. The above reward will be paid for the apprehension of said Negroes, and securing them in any jail so that I get them again or \$25 for either of them.  
S.D. WALKER.

26 August 1836

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 20, 1836)

Fifty Dollars Reward

Ran away, from the subscriber, at the Choctaw Agency, on the night of the 23d inst., a Negro Man named SPENCER. He is upwards of six feet high, of dark complexion, wears tolerably long whiskers, and has a mark on his left arm, above his elbow, occasioned by a burn. Spencer is a shrewd, active boy, about twenty-eight, or thirty years old; and, as I purchased him in Sumpter county, Alabama, in May last, as I was starting to this country, I have no doubt he will attempt to return the way I came, by Memphis, and on to Alabama. I will give the above reward for said boy, and all reasonable expenses, if delivered to me at this place, or fifty dollars if lodged in any jail, so that I get him.

WILLIAM HALL

Choctaw Agency, Ark's.

2 September 1836

*Arkansas Advocate* (September 2, 1836)

\$600 Reward

Ran away from the plantation of the subscribers, early in the month of May last, three Negro men, viz; GEORGE HENRY or Harry, and sometimes calls himself George Buzzard. He is of yellow complexion, has rather a down look, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, stout built, about 28 years old, and has a large scar on the right side of the lower part of his abdomen, caused by the cut of a knife. He is remarkably fond of liquor, and when intoxicated talks a great deal. He at one time belonged to a gentleman by the name of NIBBS, a resident of Alabama, and if detected may claim him as his owner. We purchased the said Negro from BENJAMIN HUGHES and Mr. HUGHES from Messrs. BUZZARD and STUART of this county. JOHN CALBERT of dark yellow complexion, large flat mouth nose white at the lower part of the nostril quite slim and boney, and in talking draws his words long and slow. He is about 6 feet high and 22 years old. ROBERT DOUGLAS of the same complexion, a low heavy-set fellow, 20 or 22 years old, smooth face and very little beard, talks slow and broken. We will give the above reward for the above described three Negroes, or one hundred dollars for either of them if delivered to us or confined in any jail so that we can get them.

BALLARD & COLSON

Old Lake 12 miles from Columbia Chicot County Arkansas

The Journal, Louisville, Whig, Cincinnati and Enquirer Memphis will each give the above four insertions and forward their accounts to this office for payment.<sup>21</sup>

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<sup>21</sup> See also [duplicate] *The Vicksburg Register*, 28 September 1836 [in September 29, 1836]  
Six Hundred Dollars Reward.

Ran away from the Plantation of the Subscribers, early in the month of May last, three Negro Men, viz: GEORGE

3 September 1836

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 20, 1836)

Runaway Negro Taken Up:

Taken up, as a runaway, a Negro Man named JACK, who says he belongs to a man by the name of JOHN BUZZARD, living in Lafayette county, State of Arkansas, and that he was bought of the estate of SILAS BELL. He is five feet ten or eleven inches high, about 40 or 45 years of age, and has a scar over his left eye. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, prove his property, pay charges, and takes him away; otherwise he will be dealt with according to law. MILTON WILLIAMS,  
Sheriff White county Ark's.

29 September 1836

*Helena Constitutional Journal* (September 29, 1836)

Jailors Notice

Was committed to the custody of the Sheriff of Phillips county on he 27<sup>th</sup> of September 1836 by the Captain of the steam boat Rob Roy a Negro man who says his name is ALVIN CUMMINS. Said Negro is about 25 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high, stout made, dark complexion, and is quite an intelligent Negro. He says that he has been emancipated by his master, WILLIAM CUMMINS, of Pulaski County Kentucky who has since died, and he has some papers abut him signed by William Fox purporting to be from the clerk of Pulaski county. WILLIAM IRVIN.

10 October 1836

*Arkansas Advocate* (October 10, 1836 )

\$500 Reward

I will give the above reward of five hundred dollars for the delivery to me in Independence county, state of Arkansas, of James Sloan, who has stolen my sister MARY, a free girl of a bright mulatto color, on the 7<sup>th</sup> instant. The girl is about 18 years of age, and is tall and stout built. Said Sloan has, it is supposed, taken her off down the river to Mississippi, Louisiana, or to the southern part of this state for the purpose of selling her as a slave.

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HENRY, or Harry, and sometimes calls himself George Buzzard. He is of a yellow complexion, has rather a down look, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, stout built, about 28 years old, and has a large scar on the right side of the lower part of his abdomen, caused by the cut of a knife. He is remarkably fond of liquor, and when intoxicated talks a great deal. He at one time belonged to a gentleman by the name of NIBBS, a resident of Alabama, and if detected, may claim him as his owner. We purchased the said Negro from BENJAMIN HIGHES, and Mr. B. HUGHES from Messrs. BUZZARD and STEUART of this county. JOHN CALBERT, of a dark yellow complexion, large flat mouth, nose white at the lower part of the nostrils, quite slim and bony, and in talking draws his words long and slow. He is about 6 feet high, and 22 years old. ROBERT DOUGLASS, of the same complexion, a low, heavy set fellow, 20 or 22 years old, smooth face and very little beard, talks slow and broken. We will give the above reward for the above described three Negroes, or One Hundred Dollars for either of them, if delivered to us, or confined in any jail so that we can get them.

BALLARD & COLSON

Old Lake, 12 Miles from Columbia, Arkansas.

## ELIJAH BURNS

The editors of southern papers will confer a favor on a distressed brother, by giving the above an insertion.

27 October 1836

*Helena Constitutional Journal* (October 27, 1836)

## Jailors Notice

Committed to the Jail of this county on the 19<sup>th</sup> instant a Negro boy who states his name is WILLIAM and that he belongs to one Mr. BROOKS a Negro trader who purchased him in Virginia. Said Negro is about 30 years of age, 6 feet high, dark complexion and stout build.  
MILLER IRVIN.

3 November 1836

*Arkansas Gazette* (December 12, 1836)

## \$100 Reward

I will give the above reward for the apprehension and delivery, at my plantation, 20 miles above the Mouth of White river, or to me, at Port Gibson, both in Mississippi, of a Negro boy named JACK. Said boy left my plantation in May last. He is about 40 years of age, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, spare made, speaks slow, and lisps somewhat, has rather a down look when spoken to, the hair on his head thin, with a scar on the prominence of his cheek, on which side of the face not recollected, and a scar on one side of his neck. I will pay the above reward and all reasonable expenses for the delivery of said boy at either of the above places.

JAMES P. PARKER

Mississippi.

5 November 1836

*Arkansas Gazette* (February 7, 1837)

## Runaway Negro In Jail.

There was committed to the Jail of Arkansas county, on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1836, by Robert Barrlay, Esq. of Old River Township, in said county, a Negro man who calls his name DAVID. Said boy is about 30 or 35 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, rather slender made to his height, of rather a yellow cast, says he belongs to Capt. TUFF, of New Orleans, and was sent by his master last summer to Little Rock, to Dr. SPRAGUE, and has since lived with Capt. PITCHER, from whom he ran away. Said boy speaks the French and Spanish languages fluently. The owner of said boy is requested to come foreward [sic], prove his property, pay charges, and take said Negro or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

M. J. McKENZIE,

Sheriff and Jailor of Arkansas county

Post of Ark's.

24 November 1836

*Helena Constitutional Journal* (November 24, 1836)

Taken up and committed to the custody of the sheriff of this county on the 20<sup>th</sup> instant, a Negro man who says his name is PETER. Said Negro is about 30 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches high, dark complexion and very stout. He says he belongs to a Mr. MURKESON, who lives about 10 miles back of bayou Sarah, LA, and that he ran away from his master about 3 months ago.  
MILLER IRVIN.

3 December 1836

*Arkansas Gazette* (December 27, 1836)

\$200 Reward

Will be paid for the delivery to me, of the following described mulatto boy, and the Thief who stole him, if alive—but, if dead, nothing, for the villain of a white man; or One Hundred Dollars for the delivery to me of my Negro boy EDMOND, or for securing him in Jail, so that I get him. Said boy is a bright mulatto, about 24 years old, his hair straight, face considerably freckled, which can only be plainly seen on close examination, high cheek bones, round face, is quite talkative, but has rather a down look when spoken to, stout made, and rather under the common height of Negroes. I think it more than likely that he has a free pass, and will try to pass himself off as a free man; but, if he has been sold by the villain who conveyed him off, or the one who had him conveyed away, he perhaps has none. I have dreamed, with both eyes open, that he went toward the Spanish county; but as dreams are like some would be thought honest men—quite uncertain—he may have gone some other directions.

THOMAS BAYLISS

Jefferson county, near Pine Bluffs, Ark's.

The Alexandria (La) Intelligencer, and Natchitoches (La) Gazette, will give the above advertisement three insertions, and send their accounts therefore immediately to the Arkansas Gazette office, for collection.

## 1837

9 January 1837

*Arkansas Gazette* (March 28, 1837)

\$200 Reward

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of this month was feloniously taken and carried off, out of the possession of PERMILIA CARTER, residing in the county of Jackson, State of Tennessee, by a certain Richard Carter, of said county, a yellow Negro woman slave, by name JEMIMA, the property of said Permelia, of the following description: Jemima is about 17 years old, and of a light bright yellow color, common size, and is a very likely woman, wears her hair tolerably long, now in about the middle state of a pregnant situation. Richard Carter was armed with a loaded rifle, pistols and dirk, about thirty-four years old, rather of a thin visage, dark colonial hair, sandy beard, blue eyes, large white colored eye brows, common size man, with the forefinger on the right stiff and straight to the nail joint, there crooks inwards; he commonly wears blue homespun Jeans clothes. Jemima, when taken away, had on plain cotton cloth clothes, copperish color. It is expected, he will carry Jemima to Arkansas, or some of the south western States, to sell or there dispose of her. To apprehend this fellow and save the Negro, will be an act of charity to a young

woman, who has neither father nor mother living to protect her. Twenty-five dollars will be given for securing Jemima in jail, and giving the owner information so that she gets her; one hundred dollars if take out of the State and delivered to the owner, or two hundred dollars for Jemima and said Richard Carter, for him to be brought before the legal tribunals of the country, to answer for the above offence.

DALE CARTER, for  
PERMELIA CARTER  
Jackson Co, Tenn.<sup>22</sup>

6 April 1837

*Helena Constitutional Journal* (April 6, 1837)

Jailors Notice

Was committed to my custody on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> ult by the Captain of the steamboat W.L. Robinson, a mulatto boy who calls himself DANIEL, and says he is the property of Judge STAMPS of Port Gibson and was stolen by one Frank Clark a horse trader and carried to Lake Providence from which place he got on board the W.L. Robinson. Daniel is a likely stout made mulatto boy, is about 25 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches high, of a very pleasant countenance, appears very intelligent, can read and write. He has a brown camlet cloak with a fur collar, blue coat, and drab pantaloons much worn.

MILLER IRVIN.

16 May 1837

*Arkansas Gazette* (June 13, 1837)

Runaway Negro In Jail

Committed to the jail of Conway county, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1837, by E.W. Owens, a Justice of the Peace in and for the township of Wilbourn, in said county, a Negro man by the name of GEORGE, who says he belongs to JOHN BRADEBURY, of Pulaski county, and that

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<sup>22</sup> See also [duplicate] *The Mississippian* [Jackson, Miss.], 1 March 1837 [in March 31, 1837]  
\$200 Reward.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of January, was feloniously taken and carried off out of the possession of PERMILIA CARTER, residing in the county of Jackson, State of Tennessee, by a certain Richard Carter, of said county, a yellow negro woman slave, by the name JEMIMA, the property of said Permelia, of the following description: Jemima is about 17 years old, and of a light bright yellow color, common size, and a very likely woman, wears her hair tolerably long, now in about the middle state of a pregnant situation. Richard Carter was armed with a loaded rifle, pistols and dirk, about thirty-four years old, rather of a thin visage, dark colored hair, sandy beard, blue eyes, large white colored eye brows, common size man, with the fore finger on the right hand stiff and straight to the nail joint, there crooks inwards; he commonly wears blue homespun Jean clothes. Jemima when taken away had on plain cotton cloth clothes, copperas color. It is expected he will carry Jemima to Arkansas, or some of the south-western States, to sell or there dispose of her. To apprehend this fellow and save the negro, will be an act of charity to a young woman who has neither father nor mother living to protect her. Twenty-five dollars will be given for securing Jemima in Jail, and giving the owner information so that she gets her again; one hundred dollars if taken out of the State and delivered to the owner, or two hundred dollars for Jemima and said Richard Carter, for him to be brought before the legal tribunals of the country, to answer for the above offence.

DALE CARTER, for PERMELIA CARTER.  
Jackson co., Tenn.

L.C. Bullock, is well acquainted with his master. Said Negro is about 30 or 35 years of age, has a mark on his right cheek, 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, stout built. He went up on the steam-boat Harp, and left the same between this place and Fort Smith. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward [sic], prove his property, and take him away, or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

THO'S S. HAYNES, Sheriff and Jailor of Conway county  
Lewisburg, Conway county.

23 May 1837

*Arkansas Gazette* (June 13, 1837)

Negro Runaway

Ran Away from the subscriber, in the latter part of the month of January last, a Negro fellow named LEWIS, about thirty years of age, 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high, dark copper color, remarkably bow-legged, very large feet, slow in motion as well as in speech, a most voracious glutton, uncommonly lazy, and a notorious liar. He was bought in Gallatin, Tennessee, about 8 months since, of Messrs. BUGG & LEWIS. If the above described runaway is delivered to me, at my plantation in Lafayette county, Arkansas, or detained in any jail in the United States or Texas so that I get him again, I will pay a reasonable reward, and all necessary charges.

M. WRIGHT

Lafayette county, Ark's.

23 May 1837

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 4, 1837)

Ran Away, on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1837, Negro man named EDMUND, about twenty-three years old, about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, stout made, dark complexion. He is very quick-spoken when addressed by any person, had on a large yarn hunting shirt. When he left me, he carried off a large rifle gun, plain stock, leather shot pouch. He, in all probability, will aim for Monroe county, State of Mississippi, and has passed through Little Rock and Memphis, Tennessee. Any person will be liberally rewarded by me that will deliver said Negro to me, or confine him in some jail so that I can get him, or give me any information that will lead me to the recovery of said Negro. My residence is about five miles east of Hickman's Salt Works, in Sevier county.

WILEY McELROY

Pine Wood, Sevier county.

22 June 1837

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 26, 1837)

\$100 Reward

In Specie

Will be paid for a certain Negro, by the name of BILL or WILL, who was taken off in April 1834 by one of Alerel's men. Said Negro is very black; about 21 years old; 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high; smiling and plausible; Good teeth and hair; round face; good address, speaks slow, but uses good language; is very fond of music and perhaps plays on the violin a little; dresses well; no

doubt but he will have free papers; he formerly resided for a time at Col. MONTGOMERY's mouth of White river; was formerly the property of Dr. DICKSON, late Governor of Mississippi, who sold him at this landing, where he was a waiter at the Hotel of Mrs. Ellen Wooten, for a considerable time. He was formerly Steward on a boat that traded to Little Rock. He is thought to be a Steward or waiter on some boat now. In addition to the above reward, I will pay reasonable charges, if he is brought here or put in any jail in the South

JOHN C. MORRIS

Montgomery's Point,

The Arkansas Gazette, will publish the above 3 months, and forward their account to this office.

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5 July 1837

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 5, 1837)

Jailor's Notice

Was committed to my custody, on Tuesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of day of July, by J.S. Dorris, an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the county of St. Francis, a mulatto boy, who calls himself SILAS, and says he is the property of BENJAMIN HUTSON, of Franklin county, Alabama. Silas is a likely mulatto boy, about five feet six inches high, of a very pleasant countenance, appears tolerably intelligent, and is about 22 years old. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

THO'S J. CURL, Sheriff and Jailor of St. Francis county, Ark's

St. Francis county.

7 July 1837

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 1, 1837)

\$150 Reward

Run Away from the subscriber, on the 2d July, the Negro JAMES or JIM, about 21 years of age, well made, remarkably good looking and genteel in appearance; large eyes, smooth black skin, and good teeth; 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high; speaks French and English. Supposed to have left in the steam boat Monmouth, for Little Rock. The above reward will be paid for his apprehension.

A. LEDOUX

No. 15 ST. Charles street, N. Orleans.

8 July 1837

*Arkansas Gazette* (February 2, 1838)

\$100 Dollars Reward

Run away from the subscriber, living in Miller county, some time since, a Negro boy named HENRY, about 21 or 22 years of age, a little inclined to be yellow, five feet six or eight inches high, has a scar on his breast, caused by a blister, speaks quick, and can read and write. I will give the above reward for information so that I can get him again, or for his delivery in some safe jail.

WM. B. HAWKINS

Miller county.

13 July 1837

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 5, 1837)

Runaway Negroes In Jail

Committed to my custody and safe keeping, as Jailor of Union county, State of Arkansas, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Arkansas, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1837, by T.D. Pennington and A.S. Franklin, acting Justices of the Peace, in and for said county, three runaway Negroes, viz: JOE, aged about thirty-three or thirty-four years, black complexion, 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high. Also, MORIAH his wife, aged about 25 years, yellow complected, thick set, and not very tall; also FIELDING, a man, yellow complected, aged about 20 years, five feet 10 inches high, who says they all belong to FORD and SPEARS, who own a plantation in Chicot county, State of Arkansas, from whence said Negroes ranaway. The owner or owners of said Negroes are requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take them away, or they will be dealt with as the law directs.  
JOHN H. CORNISH,  
Sheriff of Union county, State of Ark.

14 August 1837

*Arkansas Advocate* (August 14, 1837)

Notice runaway Negroes

Committed to my charge, on the 7<sup>th</sup> instant as runaways two Negro Men, SAMPSON, and GILLMORE. Samson is a black fellow about 40 years of age, an African, has rather a singular scar on his right temple near six feet high. Gillmore is about 27 or 28 years of age, quite black 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, had on a pair of half worn Kentucky jeans pantaloons. They say they belong to NATHANIEL BARNETT, living in Union County Arkansas on the Bayou Saline that they have been out 4 weeks on Friday and came up the Saline in a canoe.  
SAMUEL COLLINS Sheriff  
Benton, Saline County Arkansas.

2 October 1837

*Arkansas Gazette* (March 14, 1838)

\$100 Reward

Run away from the plantation of the subscriber, on Lake Washington, Miss., two Negro men. GEORGE is a yellow boy, about 5 feet ten inches high, 25 or 26 years old, speaks very indistinct, caused by salivation; JAMES is black, about 5 feet 6 inches high 21 or 25 years old, quick spoken and very likely. I will give fifty dollars each for the delivery of them to me at my plantation, on Lake Washington.

J. L. CHAPMAN

The Memphis Enquirer and Little Rock Gazette will please publish the above 3 months.

11 October 1837

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 7, 1837)

### Negro In Jail

Was committed to the jail of the county of Arkansas, in the state of Arkansas, by B.L. Hader, Esq., a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid, on the tenth day of October (instant) [sic] a Negro man who calls his name NATHAN; says he belongs to SAMUEL GUNN, of Clinton, Mississippi, that he started from Vicksburg about the tenth of July last, on board the steamboat Paul Jones, for the purpose of collecting cattle brought by his master of a Mr. Bois, at Island No. 100 on the Mississippi, and was stolen by a white man, near to the plantation of Mr. Bois. Said boy has a scar on his right hand, which, he says, was occasioned by the bite of a hog, on Christmas last. He also states he is thirty-seven years old. He is six feet or upwards in height, stout made, and quite intelligent, and was taken from the chief by Achilles Godin, of Arkansas county. The owner of said Negro is hereby requested to come forward, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be dealt with according to the law.

H.J. McKENZIE,  
 Sheriff and Jailor of Arkansas county  
 Post of Arkansas.

9 November 1837

*Helena Constitutional Journal* (November 9, 1837)

Jailors Notice Taken in custody on the 23d of September, 1837, a Negro boy who says his name is GARDNER, and that he belongs to one Mr. HERD who bought him in the state of Virginia, and that he ran away from him in the state of Mississippi. Said boy is about 37 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high, stout made and dark complected.

MILLER IRVIN.

16 November 1837

*Helena Constitutional Journal* (November 16, 1837)

Committed to the Jail of Phillips country on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October, a Negro boy who says his name is WILLIAM and that he belongs to one JOHN CARPENTER of Grand Gulf Miss., and that he left his master on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September last. Said Negro 35 years of age 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high and dark complexion. He has a scar on the right side of his face, apparently caused by a burn.

MILLER IRVIN.

16 November 1837

*Helena Constitutional Journal* (November 16, 1837)

Taken in custody on the 13<sup>th</sup> inst, a Negro boy who says his name is BEN and hat he belongs to Messrs. PIERSON & BUSH of Port Gibson Miss. He states he left home four weeks since. Said Negro is about 40 years old, 6 feet high and dark complexioned. He has a small scar on the left side of his forehead.

MILLER IRVIN.

16 November 1837

*Helena Constitutional Journal* (November 16, 1837)

Jailors Notice

Was committed to the care of the Sheriff of this county by the Captain of the Steamboat Dispatch on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst, a Negro boy who says his name is GEORGE and that he belongs to one Gen. JAMES RAY of mercer Count Ky. He further states that he was stolen from his master about 4 or 5 years since by a man by the name of Downing. Said Negro is a light mulatto about 21 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high, and stout built.

MILLER IRVIN.

18 November 1837

*Arkansas Gazette* (December 12, 1837)

One Hundred Dollars Reward

Will be given, for apprehending my Negro man SIMON, and delivering him to me, at Fort Gibson, or securing him in any Jail in the State of Arkansas, so that I get him again, or forty dollars, if taken in the Indian nation, and returned to me. He is very black, about 31 years of age, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, and well made. Had on when he absconded, on the 7<sup>th</sup> inst., a fur cap and a drab surtout, and rode away a light cream-colored mate. He was raised in Chalmers county, Alabama, afterwards sold to WINEY, a Creek Indian woman, with whom he immigrated to the Creek nation west. He was last seen on the road to Little Rock, and it is supposed he will attempt to make his way to Alabama or Georgia, by the route the immigrants came.

B.L.E. BONNEVILLE

Fort Coffee.

20 November 1837

*Arkansas Gazette* (December 5, 1837)

Runaway Negro Taken Up

Was committed to the charge of the undersigned Sheriff and Jailor of Hot Spring county, in the State of Arkansas, a runaway Negro man, who says his name is JACK, and that he belongs to JOHN BUZZARD, living in Lafayette county, Arkansas. He is about six feet high, thin visage, rather yellow complexion, and had on an old pair of jeans pantaloons. The owner is requested to come forward, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away, otherwise he will be dealt with as the law directs.

J. CHANDLER,

Sheriff and Jailor of Hot Spring county, Ark's.

1 December 1837

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 10, 1838)

Negro Boy Taken Up

HENRY, a boy, came to Ecore a Fabre, Arkansas, in the month of February or March last. The boy informed me he was born on the seas, and was brought in a ship to N. Orleans; was sold shortly after, in New Orleans, in a large house; when offered and sold, was placed on a table. Some gentleman who lived in the city bought the boy. The gentleman sold him, two years after, to JOHNSON HARPER. About two weeks after Johnson Harper bought the boy, Johnson Harper

name a passenger with the boy, on the steamer Chickasaw, bound for Ecore a Fabre. About thirty or forty miles below Ecore a Fabre, Harper told the boy he must take his (the boy's) [sic] trunk, and go ashore when the boat arrived at Ecore a Fabre. The boy did so, but did not see Johnson Harper after this conversation; nor did any of the passengers who came on the Chickasaw recollect to have seen such a person that trip, that would suit the description the boy gives of Johnson Harper. The owner is requested to come forward, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away.

W. L. BRADLEY  
Ecore a Fabre.<sup>23</sup>

1 December 1837

*Arkansas Gazette* (March 28, 1838)

Ran Away

From the subscriber, near Little Rock, about the 21st Nov., a Negro man named JOHN, about 25 years of age, jet black complexion, 5 feet 10 inches high, and likely. If the Negro is found or taken up by any person, they will please deliver him over to General Robertson Childress in Benton, Saline county, who is authorized to pay a liberal reward for his apprehension.

PITTMAN, COLBERT, near Fort Towson  
Choctaw Nation.

1 December 1837

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<sup>23</sup> See also [duplicate] *Arkansas Gazette*, 15 August 1839 [in January 22, 1840]

Notice

Was committed to my custody, by warrant of commitment, bearing date the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1839, from under the hand of Amos Wakefield, an acting justice of the peace, in and for the county of Union, a Negro boy, who says his name is HENRY, some 10 or 12 years of age, black complexion, tolerably stout made, and says he belongs to a man by the name of JOHNSON HARPER, who purchased him in New Orleans, and in about two weeks thereafter, he, the said Harper, came a passenger with the boy on board of the steam boat Chickasaw, bound for Ecore a Fabre; about 30 or 40 miles below Ecore a Fabre, Harper told the boy that he must take his (the boy's) [sic] trunk, and go ashore; when the boat arrived at Ecore a Fabre; the boy did so, which was about the first of February, 1837. The said boy came to the house of W. L. Bradley, at Ecore a Fabre, who took him in charge, and in December, 1837, advertised him in the *Arkansas Gazette*, and the said Johnson Harper has never been heard of. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

J. H. CORNISH,  
Sheriff of Union County.

see also *Arkansas Gazette*, 9 September 1840 [in September 23, 1840]

Notice

In conformity with the law in relation to runaway slaves, there will be sold to the highest bidder for cash, at the court house door of Union county, State of Arkansas, on Friday, the 23d day of October next, between the hours of 10 o'clock in the forenoon and 3 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, a Negro boy slave named HENRY, about 13 or 14 years of age, which said Negro was committed to my custody as a runaway, by warrant of commitment on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1839. Due attendance by me, unless the owner comes forward and prove his property as the law directs on or before and day of sale. This 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1840.

J. H. CORNISH,  
Sheriff of Union county, Arkansas.

*Arkansas Gazette* (April 25, 1838)

Negro In Jail

Was committed to my custody and safe keeping, by warrant of commitment, from under the hands of James Waters, an acting Justice of Peace, in and for the county of Union, and State of Arkansas, hearing date Nov. 30, 1837, a Negro man, who calls his name JOHN, between twenty and twenty-five years of age, black complexion, five feet nine inches in height, stout and likely, says he belongs to Doct. JACOB HIRAM THOMAS, of Yazoo county, State of Mississippi, near Benton. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him away, or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

J. J. CORNISH Sheriff

of Union county, State of Arkansas

Union county Dec. 1st, 1838 [sic].

4 December 1837

*Arkansas Gazette* (December 12, 1837)

\$50 Reward

Ran Away, from the plantation of the subscriber in Chicot county, on the 15th of Nov., a Negro man named GEORGE, about 30 years of age, about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, black, and rather handsome features. I will pay fifty dollars to any person who will return him to me in Chicot, or twenty-five dollars for his apprehension so that I can get hold of him again.

A. H. DAVIES

Columbia.<sup>24</sup>

## 1838

6 January 1838

*Arkansas Gazette* (March 14, 1838)

\$1000 Reward

Will be paid for the apprehension and delivery at the jail of Baton Rouge, of the Negro NATHAN who is accused of murdering Charles Steffens, on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May last. Said Negro is black, about 5 feet 2 or 3 inches in height, about 26 or 28 years of age. He appears of a mild disposition and has an open countenance.

JOHN KLEINPETER, Sen'r

JOHN KLEINPETER, Jun'r

The following papers will insert the above advertisement four times and forward their accounts to this office: Herald, Alexandria; Courier, Natchez; Gazette, Little Rock; Gazette, Attakapas; Bee, New-Orleans; Baton Rouge Gazette.

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<sup>24</sup> See also *Arkansas Advocate*, 4 December 1837 [in December 11, 1837]

Runaway from the plantation of the subscriber, in Chicot county, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November, a Negro man, named GEORGE; about 20 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, black and rather handsome features. I will pay fifty dollars to any person who will deliver him to me in Chicot, or twenty-five dollars for his apprehension so that I can get hold of him again.

A. H. DAVIES

Columbia.

23 January 1838

*Arkansas Gazette* (February 28, 1838)

Negro In Jail

Was committed to my custody and safe-keeping, by warrant of commitment from under the hands of William Carothers, an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the county of St. Francis, and State of Arkansas, bearing date January 20th, 1838, a Negro man who calls himself LUKE, about thirty years of age, yellow complexion, five feet eight inches high, stout and likely, and says he is a blacksmith. Says he belongs to WILLIAM MORGAN of Yalobosha [sic] county, State of Mississippi. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

THO'S J. CURL, Sheriff  
of St. Francis county, Ark's  
St. Francis.

9 February 1838

*Arkansas Gazette* (March 28, 1838)

\$50 Reward

The above reward will be given for the delivery of the two following described Negroes, who absconded about the 1<sup>st</sup> inst., from the subscriber's plantation, in the Rich Woods, Clark county. FREEMAN, about 26 years old, about 6 feet high, and weighting about 185 pounds, has a scar from a knife on his left shoulder, and is of a dark complexion. ROBERT, about 18 years old, about 5 feet 8 inches high, weighing about 130 pounds, dark complexion. They had on, when they went away, red woollen round coats, and dark woollen pantaloons. Both are very likely boys.

They will probably try to take a boat at Little Rock.

DANIEL MORRISON

Rich Woods,

To be inserted three weeks in the Times and Advocate.

12 February 1838

*Arkansas Advocate* (February 12, 1838)

\$25 Reward,

Will be given for the apprehension of a certain Negro man TOM, who ran away from my plantation, in Lafayette county near Lost Prairie, about the 1<sup>st</sup> of September. Said boy is about 25 years old, big mouth, slender made, of very black complexion, and shows his teeth when laughing. Said boy was raised near L. Rock, by Mr. DANIELS. I purchased him of Mr. ELISHA DANIELS of Pine Bluffs. I think it probably the boy will endeavor to get to Little Rock, where he was raised. I will give the above reward for his delivery in any jail, so that I get him again.

PHILLIP TRAMMEL

Spring Hill, 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1839 [sic].

19 February 1838

*Arkansas Advocate* (February 19, 1838)

\$25 Reward

Runaway from the subscriber, at Raymond, Clark county on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., a Negro boy [MAN] of the following description 5 feet 10 inches high, rather inclined to be yellow, and very likely looking, about 20 years of age, rather slender made. He rode away a dun horse with the eye out, and a pacer. Had on when he left, a linsey hunting shirt, black hat, and white pair of pantaloons. I will give the above reward for the apprehension and delivery to me, or for his confinement in any jail in the state.

J.S.T. CALLAWAY.

19 May 1838

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 15, 1838)

Negro Man In Jail

Was committed to the custody of the undersigned, sheriff of the county of Phillips, in the State of Arkansas, a Negro Man, who says his name is DANEIL [sic], that he belongs to the estate of GEORGE IRISH, deceased, and was, when he ran away, in the possession of one Mr. Stamps, living near Port Gibson, in the State of Mississippi. Said boy is of yellow complexion, very stout made, and is about 25 years of age. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away, otherwise he will be dealt with as the law directs.

MILLER IRVIN, Sheriff

and Jailor, Phillips county, Ark's

Helena.<sup>25</sup>

19 May 1838

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 25, 1838)

Runaway Slaves In Jail

Were committed to the custody of the undersigned, sheriff of Phillips county, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May, 1838, by the Captain of the steam-boat New Albany, two Negroes, as runaway slaves. One of them says his name is DAN, and the other says his name is JOSHUA. Dan is spare made, of yellow complexion, about 25 years of age, five feet ten inches high, no marks perceivable, and states that he belongs to PHILLIP GEEREY, of Louisiana, near Baton Rouge. Joshua, is of dark complexion, spare make, about six feet high, about 30 years of age, speaks slow and with a slight lisp, and says he belongs to one Mr. JOHN R. SCOTT, of New Orleans, and that he was brought from New Orleans by one McPHERSON, who said he had bought him. The owners of said Negroes are requested to come foreword, prove their property, pay charges, and take them away, otherwise they will be dealt with as the law directs.

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<sup>25</sup> See [duplicate] *The Vicksburg Register*, 18 November 1837 [in November 29, 1837]

Committed to the Jail of Warren county, on the 11<sup>th</sup> of Nov., by Wm. Everett, a Justice of the Peace, as a runaway, a negro man who says his name is DANIEL, and that he belongs to the estate of GEORGE IRISH, deceased, and that he ran away from the farm belonging to said estate on the Mississippi, above Vicksburg. Said negro is about 5 feet 6 inches high, stout built, quite yellow, and about 22 or 24 years old; had on when committed, white blanket coat, casinett pants, cotton shirt. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him out of jail or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

E. W. MORRIS, Sheriff.

MILLER IRVIN, Sheriff  
and Jailor, Phillips co., Ark's  
Helena.

28 May 1838

*Helena Spy* (May 28, 1838)

Runaway Negro

Delivered into my custody by the captain of the steamboat Lexington on the 22d day of May 1838 a certain Negro boy [BOY] who states he belongs to one Mr. JOHNSTON of Vicksburg Mississippi. Said boy is of yellow complexion spare built, and aged about 16 years.

MILLER IRVIN.

28 May 1838

*Helena Spy* (May 28, 1838)

\$150 Reward

Ranaway on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January two Negro men LEWIS and DANIEL.<sup>26</sup> Lewis is about 22 years old, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high dark color, a scar on one cheek, believed to be the right one, he has lived at the Mansion House, Vicksburg, as a servant for the last year. Daniel is about 25 years old about 5 feet 8 inches high well made, pleasing countenance, dark color. I will give \$75 reward for each of them delivered to me in Bachelors Bend Washington County on the Mississippi River, or confined in the jail so that I can get them. Any information by letter must be directed to me at Columbia Arkansas. Information is received that they are on the Island 66 about fifty miles below Helena.

SM JACKSON.

19 June 1838

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 25, 1838)

Negro In Jail

Was committed to my custody on the 18<sup>th</sup> inst., by Archibald S. May, Esq., a Negro man named BEN, who was apprehended as a runaway, by James Barnes and Michael Coil. Said Negro is about twenty-five years of age, about five feet eight inches high, yellow complected, says he belongs to WILLIAM OLDHAM, living about twenty-five miles below Helena, on the Mississippi side of the river. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away; otherwise he will be dealt with as the law directs.

THO J. CURL, Sheriff  
of St. Francis county, Arkansas

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<sup>26</sup> See also [duplicate] *The Vicksburg Register*, 25 July 1837 [in August 9, 1837]

Committed to the Jail of Warren county, on the 23d of July, by Wm. Everett, a Justice of the Peace, a negro man who says his name is DANIEL, and that he belongs to STEPHEN M. JACKSON, of Bachelors Bend, on the Mississippi river. Said negro is about 5 feet 8 inches high, stout built, black complexion, and about 25 years old; clothing common. The owner of said negro is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him out of Jail or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

WM. EVERETT, Jailer.

St. Francis.

30 June 1838

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 26, 1838)

One Hundred Dollars Reward

Ran Away from the subscribers, at Van Buren, Crawford county, on the 26<sup>th</sup> Dec. last, on the s.b. Exchange, Captain P.B. Dorsey, the Negro girl, MARGARET, perfectly black, 5 feet 8 inches high, 28 years old, has lost the first double tooth in her right upper jaw, and her feet are 10 1/2 inches long. The above reward will be paid to any person who will deliver her to us, or secure her in any jail, so that we can get her.

JOHN C. O'NEAL

TYRA MUSSET

Van Buren.

10 July 1838

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 12, 1838)

Fifty Dollars Reward

Ranaway from the subscribers, on the 20<sup>th</sup> June last, near Benton, in Saline county, two Negro men, ABRAM and JACK. Abram is about 5 feet 6 inches high, weighs above 130 lbs., rather dark complexion, had on, when he left, white cotton cloths, speaks quick when spoken to. Jack is about 6 feet 10 inches high, weighs above 150 lbs., tolerably dark, high forehead, has lost one of his fore teeth, dress not recollected. The above slaves are above 25 years of age. The above reward will be given for the apprehension and confinement of the above Negroes, if confined in any jail out of the State, so that we get them, and \$25 if confined in any jail in the Tate, and all expenses paid.

ROB'T CALVERT

THO'S KEESE, Jun.

Benton, Saline county, Arkansas,

P.S.—If said Negroes should be taken up near Little Rock, they may be delivered to Messrs. Pitcher & Waters, who will pay the reward and expenses.

23 July 1838

*Arkansas Advocate* (July 23 1838)

Taken into custody on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst., by the subscriber, living in Vineyard Township Washington County, Ark's, a Negro man, who calls himself JACK, says he belongs to a man by the name of THOS. KIZSEE, near Benton Saline county Arkansas. Said Negro had in possession an old blue cloth dress coat, a green blanket overcoat, a green cloth dress coat, a green blanket, and some old articles of clothing. Jack has the appearance of being 30 to 35 years old, but says he is 22 years old. Speaks quick but not altogether clear, on account of having lost 2 or 3 of his upper front teeth, some what slim, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, disposed to talk much and to know much about Morrel's men, says he formerly belonged to a Mr. GREEN in Bibb county Alabama born in the state of Virginia and left home about three weeks before he was taken up.

W. GRAY.

6 August 1838

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 22, 1838)

Fifty Dollars Reward

Ran away from the subscriber, on the 4<sup>th</sup> inst., my Negro SAM, about 40 years old, about 5 feet 8 inches high, dark complexion, slow spoken, open countenance, and but little hair on his head. He had on, when he went away, a blue jeans coat, mixed pantaloons, narrow brimmed black hat, and common brogans—besides carrying a large bundle of clothing. Possibly he may have obtained a forged pass, as he had about \$500 in his possession. He has probably made for the Cherokee nation west, with some gang of Indians, or he may have gone to Maury county, Tennessee, where he lived before he was brought to Arkansas. I will give the above reward for him in any jail in the United States.

NOAH H. BADGETT

Little Rock.<sup>27</sup>

5 September 1838

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 26, 1838)

Runway Negroes

Ran Away from the subscriber, about the 1<sup>st</sup> of June last, two Negro men and one woman. JACK, one of the men, is 30 or 35 years of age; 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high; rather light for a full blooded Negro; makes shoes, plays on the violin, and is much of a villain. If taken he will probably try to escape. One of his toes bends down and it is supposed to be trying to go to Texas. The other man is ROBERT, 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high; 25 years old; dark complexion; down look; quick spoken; has a small foot and is an ox driver. WINEY, is Robert's wife, 21 years old; dark complexion 5 feet high, not a large woman has a small and very hollow foot and is supposed to be with her husband. Any person who will lodge any of the above named Negroes in any jail or deliver them at my plantation or inform me by letter or otherwise shall be liberally rewarded. Direct to James Killum, Monroe Parish, Ouachita, Louisiana.

JAMES KILLUM.

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<sup>27</sup> See also *Arkansas Gazette*, 21 August 1838 [in September 19, 1838]

350 Dollars Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, on the 4<sup>th</sup> inst., my Negro SAM, about 40 years old, about 5 feet 8 inches high, dark complexion, slow spoken, open countenance, and but little hair on his head. He had on, when he went away, a blue jeans coat, mixed pantaloons, narrow brimmed black hat, and common brogans--besides carrying a large bundle of clothing. Possible he may have obtained a forged pass, as he had about \$500 in his possession. Since he went away, I have learned that he was taken away in a skiff, on the night of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst., by a white man named Fulks, with whom he was seen below Pine Bluff a day or two after he left, and were traced to the mouth of the river. Fulks is about 6 feet 6 inches high, yellow complexion, thin visage, and has had the rheumatism in his hips, which renders it difficult for him to walk, and sometimes were a crutch. He drinks whiskey, and plays on the fiddle. Fulks had his daughter with him, a child about 4 years old. He was formerly from the state of Missouri. I will give \$250 for the Negro, delivered to any jail in Arkansas, or \$50 for him in any jail in the United States. I will also give \$100 for the apprehension of Falks, delivered in any jail in Arkansas.

NOAH H. BADGETT

Little Rock.

5 September 1838

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 28, 1838)

Negro Man in Jail

Was committed to the custody of the undersigned Sheriff of the county of Arkansas, in the State of Arkansas, a Negro man, who says his name is WILLIAM, that he belongs to MANSFIELD, TEMPLE & GER, and was bought by said Ger in South Carolina and brought by him to Arkansas. Said boy is of rather light complexion 5 feet 6 inches high and about forty years of age. The owner is requested to come forward, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away; otherwise he will be dealt with as the law directs.

12 September 1838

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 7, 1838)

Thirty Dollars Reward

Ran away from the subscriber, on the morning of the 31<sup>st</sup> August, a Negro boy named STEPHEN. Said boy is about thirty years old, and black, slim visage, and is broad across the forehead—has a small scar above one of his eyes, do not recollect which, about five feet high, a little bow-legged, and has a heavy head of hair. It is very probable that Stephen has gone up the river, as he was raised in Tennessee by a man of the name of LONG. Said Negro was sold to me by a man of the name of HURRUSS, from Arkansas. I will give the above named reward for the boy, if secured so that I get him again.

W. DISHAROON

The Vicksburg Register, Manchester Whig, Memphis Gazette, and Little Rock Gazette, will publish the above four times, and forward accounts to this office.

Grand Gulf.

20 September 1838

*Arkansas Gazette* (October 17, 1838)

150 Dollars Reward

Ran away from the subscriber, in Hempstead county, Arkansas, on the Saline, (or stolen) [sic] between the 25<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> August, a Negro boy named ELLICK, 28 or 30 years of age, of black complexion, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, weighing 150 or 60, quick spoken, had on when he went away a white linen roundabout coat, and blue or black cloth pantaloons. Any person apprehending said Negro, and confining him in any jail in this State, or the adjoining States, so that I get him, shall be entitled to a reward of fifty dollars, or one hundred and fifty dollars will be given fro the Negro and thief.

WM. M. COULTER

Hempstead county.

27 September 1838

*Arkansas Advocate* (September 27, 1838)

Runaway Negro committed to the custody of the undersigned, Sheriff of the county of Clark, Arkansas, on the 4<sup>th</sup> inst., by Wiley Rogers. A Runaway Negro, who says his name is YARRACK, that he belongs to Capt. GILLIAM of Virginia but was when he ranaway living

with Dr. F. B. GILLIAM of Sevier County Arkansas. Said boy is of yellow complexion, five feet 3 or 4 inches high, stout made, twenty-three or twenty four years of age, has a scar on his breast, which he says was occasioned by a fall from a horse.

WILLIS S. SMITH

Sheriff and Jailer of Clark County Arkansas.

27 September 1838

*Batesville News* (September 27, 1838)

\$50 Reward

Ranaway from the subscriber on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June last, near the post of Arkansas, Arkansas county, two Negroes a man and his wife man named PETER, the woman SUSAN. Peter is about 6 feet high about 40 years old, dark mulatto, heavy beard, slow spoken. Susan is about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, 35 or 40 years old, and black, with a scar on the left shoulder. Said Negroes were bought by JNO. F. SMITH from THOMAS TUNSTALL near Batesville. I suppose they are now in the neighborhood of Tunstalls. The above reward will be given for their apprehension or confinement in jail, so that I can get them. They are supposed to have been taken up near Gray's Sulphur Springs and absconded again.

THOMAS C. ELLIS

Post of Arkansas.<sup>28</sup>

1 October 1838

*Arkansas Gazette* (October 3, 1838)

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<sup>28</sup> See also *Arkansas Gazette*, 15 September 1838 [in May 8, 1839]

\$250 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June last, near the Post of Arkansas, Arkansas county, two Negroes, a man and his wife; man named PETER, the woman SUSAN. Peter is about 6 feet high, about 40 years old, dark mulatto, heavy beard, slow spoken. Susan is about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, 35 or 40 years old, and black, with a wen on her left shoulder. Said Negroes were bought by JOHN F. SMITH, from THOMAS TUNSTALL, near Batesville. I suppose they are now in the neighborhood of said Tunstall. The above reward will be given for their apprehension or confinement in some jail, so that I can get them. They are supposed to have been taken up near Gray's Sulphur Springs and absconded again.

THOMAS C. ELLIS

Post of Arkansas.

see also *Batesville News* (February 21, 1839)

\$250 Reward

Ranaway from the subscriber on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June last, near the post of Arkansas, Arkansas county, two Negroes a man and his wife man named PETER, the woman SUSAN. Peter is about 6 feet high about 40 years old, dark mulatto, heavy beard, slow spoken. Susan is about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, 35 or 40 years old, and black, with a scar on the left shoulder. Said Negroes were bought by JNO. F. SMITH from THOMAS TUNSTALL near Batesville. I suppose they are now in the neighborhood of Tunstalls. The above reward will be given for their apprehension or confinement in jail, so that I can get them. They are supposed to have been taken up near Gray's Sulphur Springs and absconded again.

THOMAS C. ELLIS

Post of Arkansas.

Twenty Dollars Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, on the 18<sup>th</sup> September, my servant girl ISABELLA. She is about 5 feet 2 or 3 inches high, of very light complexion, nearly white, dark straight hair, stout and well built, and between 17 or 18 years of age. It is probable she is lurking some where in the vicinity of this city. I will pay the above reward for his apprehension and delivery to me.

CHA'S RAPLEY.

8 October 1838

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 14, 1838)

Notice \$200 Reward

Smuggled off from Fayette county, Tennessee, a few days since, eight Negroes of the following description, viz: TILLY, a woman about 38 years of age, rather spare made, of a dark brown complexion, has no children. NANNY, a woman of dark complexion, 38 years of age, about four feet four inches high, she has with her six children, the four oldest are boys [BOY] [BOY] [BOY] [BOY] and the two youngest are girls [GIRL] [GIRL], some of the children are of a yellow complexion, but the most of them are about the color of their mother. The above Negroes were smuggled off by W. L. Moon and Ephraim Jackson. Moon is a small man, of sprightly appearance and good address, he sometimes passes as Dr. Moon. Jackson is quite a good looking young man, about 21 years of age, rather under common size. They may have some other persons with them that I cannot describe; they are traveling in a carryall with a large sorrel horse to it, and perhaps they may have a riding horse in company; they are supposed to have crossed the Mississippi at Randolph, and are making their way to Red river, where they will offer the Negroes for sale. All persons are hereby warned against trading for such Negroes as there are executions against them for the full amount of value of them. The above reward will be given for the delivery of said Negroes in Sommerville jail; or one hundred dollars for the apprehension and delivery of them in any jail in the United States, and information given to me in Lagrange, Tennessee, or to Charles L. Jefferies, at Little Rock, Arkansas.

A. S. BAILEY.

12 November 1838

*Arkansas Advocate* (November 12, 1838)

Runaway or stolen from the plantation of the subscriber near Canton, Madison county Miss., on the night of the 23d of September last, three Negro boys viz: JIM— A copper colored boy, jaw heavy set, about thirty years of age, speaks quickly when spoken to. SQUIRE—copper colored boy, low and heavy set, about 27 years age, rather dull and downcast. JOHN a black boy about 17 years of age. I have but little doubt that the three Negroes were stolen or taken off by some white man. I will give the above reward of \$1000 for the apprehension of the Negroes and thief, one hundred dollars for each Negro if taken out of state, or fifty dollars each taken within the state.

B. L. PRITCHARD

Canton Miss.

29 November 1838

*Arkansas Gazette* (March 9, 1839)

Negro Man In Jail

Was committed to the custody of the undersigned, Sheriff of the county of Arkansas, in the state of Arkansas, a Negro man, who says his name is JIM, that he belongs to JOHN S. FISHER; living in Chicot county. Said Negro is jet black, about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, and about 35 years of age. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward; prove his property, pay charges, and take him away; otherwise, he will be dealt with as the law directs.

JOHN W. PULLEN,

Sheriff and Jailer, Arkansas county

Arkansas Post.

10 December 1838

*Arkansas Advocate* (December 10, 1838)

\$50 reward

Runaway from the subscriber on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> ult, a Negro man, (belonging to JOHN POPE of Kentucky) [sic] named BEN. Said Negro is about 40 years of age, dark complexion about 6 feet in height, and stout built. He had on when he left blue striped pantaloons, grey linsey round jacket, and an old slouched white hat. I will give ten dollars if found in the city of Little Rock, or county of Pulaski, 20 dollars if found in an adjoining county and fifty dollars if found out of the State.

WM. F. POPE.

## 1839

1 February 1839

*Arkansas Gazette* (March 13, 1839)

One Hundred And Fifty Dollars Reward

Ran Away from my farm in McMinn county, E. Tenn., about the 1<sup>st</sup> of December last, my boy LEWIS; near 17 years old, a bright mulatto, well grown, round face, smooth featured, and likely, hair nearly straight, flax color, no particular mark about the face, there may be a small scar across cheek, probably punctured by the blade or a knife; on one of his legs there is a scar, from above or on the knee, to near the ankle; the second toe of one of his feet has been broken, and turns out; feet and ancles very large, he is quite intelligent, lively, talkative, and wiry, uses good language, is a cunning rascal, and deceptive liar; had a variety of clothing, generally of good quality, fond of dress, proud, and inclined to be foppish. This boy and another villain made an attempt last fall, to get in with a party of emigrating Indians to Arkansas, and may now be in that part of the territory set apart for the Cherokees. I have heard that he descended the river, in a boat, about the last of December; he may have imposed himself on the owner of the boat for a free below, or the owner of the boat may have assumed ownership of the boy, and made disposition of him, or assisted him to get below the Muscle shoals, where he might get aboard of a steam boat as cabin boy, until he would gain the point the wished. This county has been visited by a set of Murelites last fall, who attempted to steal several Negroes; he may possibly have fallen in with them and been taken to the South. In either case, I will pay the above reward to any person who may lodge the boy and thief in any jail in the U. States; fifty for the boy, if taken out

of the state, or twenty-five if taken in the state.  
J. W. NETHERLAND.

24 February 1839

*Arkansas Gazette* (March 13, 1839)

200 Dollars Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, on the night of the 23d inst., four Negro men as follows: BILLY, a mulatto aged about 29 years, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches—WASHINGTON his brother, aged about 26 years, and about 5 feet 10 inches high, bright complected, tolerably heavy set, cross eyed—WILL, a very black boy, aged about 25 years, and about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, heavy set. HARTWELL, about 27 years of age, slender built, very black, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high. The above Negroes took with them four head of horses of the following description: one a gray horse about 15 ½ hands high, 8 or 10 years old, paces or racks wall; a chesnut sorrel about 16 hands high, racks of paces tolerably well, about 8 or 9 years old, works well, long tail and mane; a light sorrel, blaze face, one glass eye, about 15 hands high, 9 or 10 years old, paces well; and a bay about fifteen hands high, 8 or 9 years old, black mane and tail, and works well. They also took with them two guns—one a short single trigger rifle, and a common shot gun, a quantity of clothing and provisions, sufficient to last them to Lauderdale county, Miss., where they will probably attempt to go. Two hundred dollars will be given for the apprehension and delivery of said Negroes and horses, or forty dollars for each Negro, and ten dollars for each horse, if taken up out of the nation, or twenty dollars for each Negro, and five dollars for each horse, if taken in the nation.

PIERRE JUZAN

Doaksville, Choctaw Nation.

4 March 1839

*Arkansas Advocate* (March 4 1839)

\$150 Reward

Runaway from the subscriber, living in Walnut Bend, Phillips County, Ark., a Negro man, called BOATSWAIN. Boatswain is about five feet 9 inches high, 26 years old, complexion not very black, and has been wounded on one of his wrists, in consequence of which he has measurably lost the use of the corresponding thumb.

ALFRED SWEARINGEN.<sup>29</sup>

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<sup>29</sup> See also [duplicate] *Batesville News*, March 8, 1839

\$150 Reward

Ranaway from the subscriber living in the Walnut Bend Phillips county, Ark, a Negro man named BOATSWAIN, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, rather light complexion, and has a scar on his wrist, not recollected whether his right or left, which has partially disabled him in the use of his hand. He had on a pair of shoes the soles filled with iron tacks. He had also a new pair of boots a grey jeans coat, and a good deal of other clothing with him not recollected. I am induced to believe that he was decoyed away by some white person.

ALFRED SWEARINGTON.

8 March 1839

*Arkansas Gazette* (April 17, 1839)

Fifty Dollars Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, or was stolen, six miles above the mouth of White river, from the steam-boat Western on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February last, a Negro boy named JIM, about 25 or 30 years old, and about five fete [sic] ten inches high, has six toes on each foot, with a scar on each hand, caused by the cutting off of one finger from each hand; also, a scar on one side, caused by a bite—a little inclined to be knock kneed—wore off a drab frock coat, with a pair of striped cassinet pants. I will give the above reward to any person arresting said boy, and securing him in any prison, or delivering him to my agent in Memphis, Mr. L.F. Wood.

CLAIBORNE B. BARKSDALE.

2 April 1839

*Arkansas Gazette* (April 24, 1839 )

\$100 Reward

Ran away from Little Rock, on Saturday night last, two Negro boys, named JIM and SAM, aged about 17. Jim belongs to the subscriber, is abut five feet high, slender, light black, and quite a pleasant countenance. He too with him a good pistol, and small brass powder flask. Sam belongs to C. A. HARRIS, Esq., is not as tall as Jim by a few inches, thick set, and shining black, very good countenance; took with him two or three blankets. The boys were brought from Nashville, or its vicinity, but a few weeks since. I will pay Fifty Dollars for the apprehension of Jim and Sam, if taken within the state, and One Hundred Dollars, if taken without the state, and lodged in any jail where I can get them.

J. GOULD

Little Rock,

N.B. It is supposed the boys may be in company with ABRAM, a runaway Negro belonging to Mr. JACOB COUCH, near Little Rock. Abram is large and very black, about 25 years old, and wears his hair very long. He was also brought from Tennessee in company with the boys.

10 April 1839

*Arkansas Gazette* (April 24, 1839)

Negro Man In Jail

Was committed to the custody of the undersigned sheriff of the county of Chicot, in the state of Arkansas, a Negro man, who says his name is HARRISON, and that he belongs to a Dr. McCONKLE, living in Monroe, Louisiana. Said Negro is black, about five feet 11 inches high, and about twenty-five years of age. He says he once belonged to Gen. PATTON, living near Lake Providence, Louisiana. The owner of said Negroes [sic] is requested to come forward, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

WILFORD GARNER,

Sheriff and Jailor of Chicot county.

29 April 1839

*Arkansas Gazette* (May 30, 1839)

**\$100 Reward**

Ran Away from the subscriber, on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> of March ult, a Negro man named ABRAHAM. He has been taken at White river, and since got away. He is about 25 years of age, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, well made, a little bow legged, and very black and likely; good countenance, quick spoken, and a little hoarse; has a scar on once wrist and leg, supposed by a cut of a knife. He had on, when he went away, mixed pantaloons, calico shirt, broadcloth coat and vest, much worn; and a small brim black fur hat. Abraham was brought from the vicinity of Nashville, Tennessee, by KEE & ERWIN in the latter part of last winter. I will give \$50 if taken in the state, and delivered to me at my house 12 miles south west of Little Rock, \$100 if taken out of the state, or \$50 if lodged in jail so I can get him.

J. B. COUCH

Little Rock, AR,

The Nashville Union will please insert the above to the amount of \$5 and send bill to this office for collection.

20 May 1839

*Arkansas Gazette* (December 4, 1839)

Notice

Was delivered into my custody, by William Carter, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1839, as a runaway, a Negro man, who says his name is GEORGE, and that he belongs to JOSEPH HADDOCKS, of Morgan county, Alabama. Said Negro is about forty-eight or nine years old, five feet 7 or 8 inches high, and of a tolerably dark complexion. He had on when taken, a white linsey round jacket, dark colored pantaloons very much worn, a blue cloth vest with brass buttons, and a low crowned wool hat about half worn. The owner of said Negro is hereby required to come forward, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

COONROD SHEWVLES,

Sheriff of Crittenden county, Arkansas

Marion.

28 May 1839

*Arkansas Gazette* (June 5, 1839)

**\$50 Reward**

Ran Away from the subscriber, on Sunday last, a Negro man named BEN, aged about 35, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, stout built, dark complexion, has several scars on his neck and arms, from knife cuts. He is a pleasant good looking fellow, pleasant and slow-spoken. He was purchased by Capt. SIMEON BUCKNER, at Memphis, about 6 months since, and from that time till February, when I purchased him, he run as a fireman on the steam-boat Liverpool, and has probably left on some boat, in order to reach his wife in Tennessee. The above reward will be given for his delivery to me, if taken in Arkansas, and \$100 if taken out of this state.

THO'S THORN

Little Rock,

The World at Memphis, will publish the above 3 times and forward their account to this office for payment.

9 June 1839

*Arkansas Gazette* (October 2, 1839)

Was committed to my custody, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, last, a Negro man as a runaway slave, who says that his name is JOE, and that he belongs to WILLIAM F. SMITH, of Jefferson county, Miss., from where he says he ran away. The said Negro is of a brown or dark copper color, five feet six or eight inches high, can read a little, and appears to be a very well disposed Negro, supposed to be from twenty-two to twenty-five years of age. The owner of the said Negro is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away, otherwise he will be dealt with as the law in such cases directs.

WILFORD GARNER

Sheriff and Jailor of Chicot county, Arkansas  
Columbia.<sup>30</sup>

9 June 1839

*Arkansas Gazette* (October 2, 1839)

Was committed to my custody on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April last, a Negro man, as a runaway slave, who says that his name is CHARLES, and that he belongs to WILLIAM REDMOND, of Kentucky, who owns a plantation in the neighborhood of Paulding, Miss, from where he says he ran away. The said Negro is very black, supposed to be from twenty-eight to thirty years of age, five feet eight or nine inches high, has several scars on his breast, which he says he has had from infancy; he also appears to have been whipped considerably. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away, otherwise he will be dealt with as the law in such cases directs.

WILFORD GARNER

Sheriff and Jailor of Chicot county, Ark  
Columbia.<sup>31</sup>

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<sup>30</sup> See also *Arkansas Gazette*, 5 June 1840 [in July 8, 1840]

Was committed to my custody, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, last, a Negro man as a runaway slave, who says that his name is JOE, and that he belongs to WILLIAM F. SMITH, of Jefferson county, Miss., from where he says he ran away. The said Negro is of a brown or dark copper color, five feet six or eight inches high, can read a little, and appears to be a very well disposed Negro, supposed to be from twenty-two to twenty-five years of age. The owner of the said Negro is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away, otherwise he will be dealt with as the law in such cases directs.

WILFORD GARNER

Sheriff and Jailor of Chicot county, Arkansas  
Columbia, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1839.

The owner of the above described Negro man, Joe, not having appeared and complied with the requisitions of the law of this state, in such cases provided, I will, on Saturday, the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July next, 1840, in front of the Phoenix Exchange, in the town of Columbia, (there being no Court-house in this county) [sic], sell, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, the said Negro man Charles, as a runaway slave.

WILFORD GARNER

Sheriff of Chicot county, Arkansas  
Columbia.

<sup>31</sup> See also *Arkansas Gazette*, 5 June 1840 [in July 8, 1840]

Was committed to my custody on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April last, a Negro man, as a runaway slave, who says that his name is CHARLES, and that he belongs to WILLIAM REDMOND, of Kentucky, who owns a plantation in the

10 June 1839

*Arkansas Advocate* (June 10, 1839)

Fifty Dollars Reward

Runaway from the subscriber on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst., my Negro man ABEL, sometimes calls himself DAVE, aged about thirty years, short, chunky, and very black. When he speaks stutters very much, has much talk, and is fond of drinking. I am to understand that he will make for Tennessee where he was raised.

EDMUND PICKENS.

15 June 1839

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 3, 1839)

Notice

Ran Away From the subscriber, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1839, a Negro man by the name of EDMOND about five feet ten inches high, 25 years old, pert spoken, light copper color, tolerable large mouth, a blacksmith by trade; had on when he left a white wool hat, low crowned, large brim; white cotton pantaloons, and shirt of the same; no other clothing. I think he will try to make his way back to East Tennessee. If the above named boy can be lodged in some safe jail, or conveyed to me, I will give Fifty Dollars reward.

JOHN WILLIAMS

Beatties' Prairie, Cherokee Nation.

21 June 1839

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 28, 1839)

\$500 Reward

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of May last, the subscriber lost two Negro men; JACK has a large round face, about six feet high, rather rawboned, weighs about 190 lbs., with a scar on his right cheek, and a first

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neighborhood of Paulding, Miss, from where he says he ran away. The said Negro is very black, supposed to be from twenty-eight to thirty years of age, five feet eight or nine inches high, has several scars on his breast, which he says he has had from infancy; he also appears to have been whipped considerably. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away, otherwise he will be dealt with as the law in such cases directs.

WILFORD GARNER

Sheriff and Jailor of Chicot county, Ark

Columbia, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1839

The owner of the above described Negro man, Charles, not having appeared and complied with the requisitions of the law of this state, in such cases provided, I will, on Saturday, the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July next, 1840, in front of the Phoenix Exchange, in the town of Columbia, (there being no Court-house in this county) [sic], sell, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, the said Negro man Charles, as a runaway slave.

WILFORD GARNER

Sheriff of Chicot county, Arkansas

Columbia.

rate blacksmith, about 27 years old. SAM is about 19 years old, heavy made, about five feet seven inches high, very thick lips, and one of his feet has been frostbitten and causes him to walk lame; both of them are very black, and when spoken to are quite intelligent; both had on a very good suit of mix'd jeans. The two boys were decoyed off by a white man, who called himself G. W. Childers, about 5 feet six or seven inches high, very heavy made, black hair and beard, full face, said he lived in Mobil [sic], Ala, he is a brick layer by trade. I will give the above reward for all of them lodged in any jail in the United States, so I get them, or I will give \$200 for the man alone, or \$150 for each of the Negroes.

J. W. JOHNSON  
Hardensburg, Ky.

2 July 1839

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 3, 1839)

\$50 Reward

Ran away from the subscriber, on Sunday last, a Negro Man named JACOB, about 25 years of age, about 5 feet 10 inches high, light complexion for a Negro, pleasant countenance, slim frame. Quick and active in his movements, stutters very much when talking. His clothing consisted of a pair of grey cassinet pantaloons, white vest, white cotton domestic shirt, in which he wore a breast pin, and a pair of calf skin shoes or pumps. His coat was left behind, but is probable that he has procured another and it is more than probable that he has procured a forged pass, or free papers. He is addicted to drinking and gambling, and is probable is pretty well supplied with money. I will give \$25 reward for the apprehension of the above Negro man, if taken up in this state, or \$50 if taken up beyond the limits of this state, and secured in jail so that I can get him again, and all reasonable expenses in addition, if delivered to me in this place.

JACOB REIDER  
Little Rock.

7 July 1839

*Arkansas Gazette* (October 9, 1839)

\$100 Reward

Ran away from the subscribers on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June ult., two slaves of the following description: ELIJAH—A mulatto, about 28 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, stout made, weighs about 175 lbs., has a wen over one of his eyes, and a down look. JOE—A black fellow, 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high, sparemade, weighs about 175 lbs., about 24 years old. The above slaves were recently purchased by us, and have probably gone either to Cincinnati or Mobile. The above reward will be given for their delivery to us, or \$50 for either of them, in addition to all necessary expenses, at our plantation on the Arkansas side of the Mississippi river, opposite islands Nos. 67 and 68; about 20 miles above the Mouth of White river.

CARNEAL & LACY.

11 July 1839

*Batesville News* (July 11, 1839)

Run away from the subscriber on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst, a Negro boy named TOM, about 22 years of

age—light complexion, and is supposed to be part Indian, as his features resemble those of the Indian. He stole a small black mare pony with a star in her forehead—and is supposed to have went off with an Indian named Washington Eaton who was in the neighborhood and was missing at the same time. It is supposed they intended going to the Cherokee nation. Any person who may apprehend said boy and get him to me or place him in jail where I can get him shall be liberally rewarded.

RUFUS STONE

New Port, Jackson County Ark.

19 July 1839

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 7, 1839)

Runaway Negroes Taken Up

Was committed to my custody, by James Erwin, of Caroline township, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, two Negro men, who say their names are WINDSOR and DANIEL, and that they belong to JOHN GARVIN, of Monroe, Louisiana. Daniel is a very bright yellow, 5 feet inches high, about 19 years of age. Windsor is about thirty years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, and very black.—The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take them away, otherwise they will be dealt with as the law directs.

JAMES LAWSON, Jun.

Sheriff of Pulaski county

Little Rock.

30 July 1839

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 7, 1839)

Runaway Negro in Jail

Was committed to my custody, by Parker Phillips, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May last, a Negro man, who says his name is ALFRED, and that he belongs to — HALL, of Miller county; he is a very bright yellow, about 5 feet 10 inches high, and very heavy made, has a scar on his face, which, he says was made by the bite of a dog, about 25 or 30 years old, says he has a wife at Gov. Conway's. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away, otherwise he will be dealt with as the law directs.

E. M. OWEN,

Sheriff of Saline county, Arkansas

Benton, Ark.

16 August 1839

*Arkansas Gazette* (December 4, 1839)

Was Committed to my custody, on Thursday, the 27<sup>th</sup> of June last, a Negro man as a runaway slave, who says that his name is WILLIAM, and that he belongs to BRYANT REVIS, of Lawrence county, Mississippi, from where he says he ranaway. The said Negro is black, about twenty-three years of age, five feet eight inches high, and has a scar on the left jaw near the corner of the mouth which he says he has had from infancy. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away, otherwise he will be

dealt with as the law in such cases directs.

WILFORD GARNER

Sheriff and Jailor of Chicot county, Ark  
Columbia.

22 October 1839

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 27, 1839)

\$500 Dollars Reward

Ran away from my farm, on Horse Shoe Bend, Mississippi, on he 16<sup>th</sup> May last, my Negro man PIERCE, about 27 years old, 6 feet high, weighs about 170 lbs., slender built and black; has a scar on his left wrist, caused by a cut, smiles when spoken to, and quick step. I will give two hundred dollars for the apprehension and delivery of said Negro to me at my farm, or if secured in any jail so that I can get him again. I think it more probable, said Negro has been stolen or decoyed off by some white man of my vicinity. If stolen, I will give three hundred dollars for the apprehension of the thief, and prosecution to conviction.

WM. J. OLDHAM.

29 October 1839

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 6, 1839)

\$25 Reward

Ran away from the subscriber, about two weeks since, a mulatto man named LORENZO. He is about 33 years old, 5 feet 11 inches high, stout built, and has curly hair. He had on common clothes, the exact description not recollected. He is slow spoken, and has rather a down look. I purchased him of Mr. GEORGE MILLER, living in the Washita, about nine months since, and he has probably made for that quarter. I will give the above reward for his apprehension and detention in any jail in Arkansas, and any reasonable expenses paid for his delivery to me at Little Rock.

THOMAS THORN

Little Rock.

13 November 1839

*Arkansas Gazette* (February 5, 1840)

\$200 Reward

Was stolen from the subscriber, on the night of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 1839, a Negro girl, named MARY ANN. She is about 18 years of age, a bright mulatto, wears her hair long, large grey eyes, tolerably stout made, has a black grounded calico bonnet, a blue and yellow grounded calico, and a striped cotton dress, took off a side saddle nearly new, with a leather quilted seat.

The above described girl was stolen by James Willingham, who is about thirty years of age, blue eyes, light colored hair, sandy complexion, five feet, ten or eleven inches high; the said fellow has a quick step and speech, fond of drink and gambling, wore a blue mixed Kentucky jeans frock coat and pantaloons, and a black fur cap; they had two horses, one a white, the other a dark iron grey pony, with a bob tail and roached mane. The above reward will be given for the apprehension and delivery of the said Willinham [sic] and girl, or one hundred dollars for either,

and all reasonable expenses paid.  
 FREDERICK A. BRADFORD  
 Chariton county, Mo.

20 November 1839

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 1, 1840)

Negro Man In Jail

Was committed to my custody, on — day of September last, a Negro man, who calls his name STEPHEN, says he belongs to JOSEPH TROTTER, who lives near Shreveport, Louisiana. Stephen is about 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high, not very black, wore very old cotton clothes, says he left his master in June or July last. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be dealt with according to law.

E. M. OWEN,

Sheriff and Jailer of Saline county, Arkansas.

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30 January 1840

*Batesville News* (January 30, 1840)

\$200 Reward

Ran away from the subscriber living at Greenville Missouri, about the first of October last two Negro slaves one a fellow named HENRY about 35 years of age, six feet high, and of a dark yellow complexion, and MARIA his wife, about 25 years of age, small sized and very black. Said slaves are supposed to be in Black or Current river swamps. The above reward will be paid for their confinement so I can get them.

F. J. BROWNLEE.

14 February 1840

*Arkansas State Democrat Herald* (February 14, 1840)

Jailor's Notice

There was delivered into my custody as Sheriff and Jailer of Crittenden County Arkansas, by a mittimus from the hands of Saml G Gilbert issued 13<sup>th</sup> September 1839, a Negro man, As a Runaway Slave, named PETER, who says he belongs to Dr. BUCHANAN of the state of Mississippi. Said Negro is about 5 feet 6 inches high, yellow complected, talks slow but plain, and was poorly clad when committed—The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him away, otherwise, he will be dealt with as the law directs.

WM. C. TRICE

Sheriff and Jailer of Crittenden County AR.

14 February 1840

*Arkansas State Democrat Herald* (February 14, 1840)

Ranaway from the house of JOHN M. BURRISS in Phillips County Arkansas, on Sunday night

the 12<sup>th</sup> inst., a Negro boy named BEN. Ben is about 40 years of age, about 5 feet 8 inches high, of a dark color, has a scar on one side of his face, near the eye—quick spoken and active—had on when he left, a green blanket coat, blue jeans pantaloons, a black fur hat, somewhat worn. Said boy was bought of Dr. JAMES CLARK of Chicot county, some time since, by Capt. JOHN BURRISS of Helena, and sold by him to CD HERROD of Island 67 and 68 on the Arkansas side.

20 March 1840

*Southern Shield* (March 20, 1840)

\$25 Reward

Runaway from the subscriber living 12 miles north west of the town of Helena Arkansas on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of January last, a Negro man named CHARLES. Aged 24 years rather under the common size, tolerably black, throws his feet out or twists his knees considerably when walking gate rather brisk than otherwise has a scar one side of his forehead produced by a fall he wore away a round about or short coat and pantaloons of drab cloth, and a black hair cap. This boy has been lurking during his absence in the neighborhood [sic] of Captain Benjamin Porter's place, 5 miles above Helena and from there to the point (mouth of St Francis River) [sic] he was routed near Porter's on last Monday week. I have sufficient reason to satisfy me that he has been harbored, concealed, and assisted if not persuaded to leave me, by bad disposed Negroes in the neighborhood.

ELISHA BURKE.

15 April 1840

*Arkansas Gazette* (May 6, 1840)

150 Dollars Reward

Ran away, or was decoyed away from the Washita Crossings, a Negro fellow named JACK, alias JACKSON, aged about 19 or 20 years, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, tolerably heavy set, dark complexion, is rather simple in conversation, had on, as well as recollected, a kersey pair of pants, an old blue jeans dress coat, and an old wool hat. He took with him a rifle gun. It is quite probable that said boy has been stolen, or decoyed away by some white man, as one or two suspicious characters were seen, for a few days prior to the said boy's leaving, in the neighborhood, and as there is an extensive clan of Negro and horse thieves operating through the country, we are firmly of the impression said boy has been taken by some of them. We will therefore, give the above reward of 150 dollars for the apprehension of said boy and thief on conviction of him, or 25 dollars for the boy alone, if taken either in the counties of Pulaski, Hot Spring, Saline, or Clark, or 50 dollars if taken in any other county of the State, or out of it.

L. GIBSON & CO, Washita Crossings

L & W. R. GIBSON, Little Rock, Ark.<sup>32</sup>

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<sup>32</sup> See also *Arkansas Advocate*, 13 July 1840 [in July 13, 1840]

\$150 reward

Runaway or was decoyed away from the Washita Crossings, a Negro fellow named JACK, alias JACKSON, aged about 19 or 20 years, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, tolerably heavy set, dark complexion, is rather simple in conversation, had on as well as recollected a kersey pair of pants, a blue Jeans dress coat, and an old wool hat, and took with him a rifle gun.

L. GIBSON and CO.

11 May 1840

*Arkansas Gazette* (June 17, 1840)

Ran Away

From the subscriber, last week, a Negro woman named REBECCA, of rather a brown color, talk well formed, intelligent, and talkative; and about twenty-two years of age. Any person who will bring her to me, or secure her, and give information where she can be found, shall be liberally rewarded.

ALBERT PIKE

Little Rock.<sup>33</sup>

15 May 1840

*Arkansas State Democrat Herald* (May 15, 1840 )

Notice Was committed to my custody on the 24<sup>th</sup> inst by the Captain of the Steamboat Diana, a Negro boy, as a runaway slave, who calls himself STEPTO, and says he belongs to a Mr. SKINKER living in St. Louis, Missouri. Said Negro is about 50 years old, dark complexion, about 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high. The owner of said boy is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him away, otherwise he will be dealt with as the law directs.

MILLER IRWIN [sic]

Sheriff and Jailer Phillips County.

15 May 1840

*Arkansas State Democrat Herald* (May 15, 1840)

Runaway Negro in Jail

There was delivered into my custody o the 20<sup>th</sup> of December last by Capt. G. Washington of the Steamboat Winchester, as a runaway slave, a Negro Boy who calls himself LEWIS, and says he belongs to one Mr. FRICKARD New Orleans. Said Boy is about 17 or 18 years of age, of a dark complexion, four feet 6 or 7 inches high. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him away, otherwise he will be dealt with as the law directs.<sup>34</sup>

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Washita Crossings.

<sup>33</sup> See also *Arkansas Gazette*, 24 June 1840 [in July 29, 1840]

Fifty Dollars Reward

Ran away from the subscriber, in Little Rock, about 7 weeks since, a Negro woman named REBECCA. She is tall and good looking, with sharp featured; high cheek bones, and a large head of hair, color a dark brown, age about twenty-two. She was brought from Alabama, and purchased by me of GREEN LEE ROWLAND, in Saline county. I will give the above reward, if taken out of the State and delivered to me; and if taken out of the State and secured so that I can obtain her. I will give a reward of \$80.

ALBERT PIKE

Little Rock.

<sup>34</sup> See also *Arkansas State Democrat Herald*, 29 January 1841 [in January 29, 1841]

Sheriffs Sale

28 May 1840

*Arkansas Gazette* (June 17, 1840)

\$100 Reward

Ran away from my farm, at Magnet cove, in Hot Spring county, on the night of the 26<sup>th</sup> instant, a dark mulatto boy, named CARTER. He is about twenty years old, five feet six or seven inches high, well formed, and weighs about one hundred and thirty five or forty pounds. He is a smart, active, and sensible boy, has a good countenance, and answers quickly when spoken to. He has not had much experience in working on a farm, but, as I have been informed, has been engaged mostly as a house and body servant. I bought him in March last, of DANIEL R. COODY, of the Cherokee Nation, and think it very probable that he is making his way back to Mr. Coody's neighborhood, who, I believe resides not far distant from Fort Gibson. He had on, when he left, white pantaloons, a striped cotton shirt, a lead-colored or purple silk velvet vest, a cotton handkerchief round his head, which is left behind, and coarse brogan shoes. He had a coat of fine blue-cloth, fashionably made, the sleeves worn into holes on the under side, but it is not known whether or not he took a coat with him. He took the liberty of riding off a handsome, fine blooded, sorrel mare, about fifteen hands high, five or six years old, branded on the shoulder, and ham with a large W, and with a small, oblong O, on the upper part of the shoulder, at or near the man, was shod all round, walks and trots well, and can be made to pace a little, in very fine order, and, if my recollection is correct, she is a bright sorrel, without a single white hair. He took also a saddle and bridle, the saddle of the Spanish order, the seat covered with a sheep-skin, and stirrups of brass. I will give fifty dollars for the delivery to me, at Little Rock, of the boy and mare, if taken within the State of Arkansas, or one hundred dollars if taken out of the State, or a liberal compensation for either, or to have the boy deposited in any jail where I can get him. Should I be absent from the city Elias N. Conway will set as my agent.

JAMES S. CONWAY

Little Rock,

P.S. Since the above was written, it has been ascertained that he crossed the Arkansas river, at this place, passing himself off for an Indian, being dressed similar to an Indian, and has possibly started for Illinois, or some other state, although he inquired the direction for Fort Smith. He had with him a pocket map of Arkansas and a pocket compass.

10 June 1840

*Arkansas Gazette* (June 24, 1840)

Ran Away

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Notice is hereby given that I Miller Irvin of Sheriff of Phillips county within the State of Arkansas will on Monday the first day of March A.D. 1841 between the hours of 10 o'clock and 3 o'clock in the evening sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House door of the county aforesaid one certain Negro boy who calls his name LEWIS which said boy was committed to my custody as a runaway slave on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of December AD 1840. He the said boy Lewis is seventeen or 18 yeas of age of dark complexion, four feet 6 or 7 inches in height, he the said boy Lewis states that he is the property of one Mr. FRICKARD of New Orleans all of which description and statements will fully appear by reference to the advertisement of said Lewis heretofore given and required by the Laws of the state aforesaid.

MILLER IRVIN.

From the subscriber, last night, a Negro man, named NED, about 28 years of age, about 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, tolerably heavy built, quite black, with thick lips, has been recently shot in the right thigh, the wound scarcely well, the middle toe on his right foot has been broken, and shows very plain. Also, a woman and child, the woman about 22 years of age, supposed to be the height of a man, she stands very erect, and is well formed, and is also black, and named MARIA. The child is a girl [GIRL] about two months old, rather yellow appearance. It is probable, from the statement of the boy, that they will be run by a white man. To any person delivering the above described Negroes to the subscriber, living in Saline county, will be given fifty dollars, or 25 dollars, if confined in any jail or secured in any way, that they can be gotten, this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of may, 1840.

THOMAS C. STEEN.

10 June 1840

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 1, 1840)

\$60 Reward

Ran away from the undersigned, in Sevier county, Arkansas, on the 5<sup>th</sup> instant, Two Negro Men, who took with them one rifle, and one shotgun; the names of the Negroes are CARY and JACK. Cary is a very stout made fellow, about 5 feet 6 or 8 inches high, heavy beard, full faced, and wears large whiskers, he is about 28 years of age, and has a crooked thumb on one of his hands. Jack is about 18 or 20 years of age, 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high, quick spoken, has a large nose with a scar across it near the forehead, rather light made. They took with them sundry articles of clothing, &c.; they are both very likely Negroes. I will pay the above reward if taken out of the State, or twenty dollars for either of them if taken within the State, and delivered to me or so secured that I get them again, and I will pay all reasonable expenses. It is thought that they will make for Missouri, by way of the Mountains.

P. H. BURTON.

10 July 1840

*Arkansas State Democrat Herald* (July 10, 1840)

Runaway Negroes

Runway from the subscriber living in Big Creek township, Phillips county Arkansas, two Negroes; one a Negro man named PERRY, about 35 years of age, dark copper complexion, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, stout made, talks quite free when spoken to by strangers, of rather a pleasing countenance, had on when he left an old fur hat, a coarse cotton shirt and pantaloons. The other a mulatto boy named NELSON, aged about 17 years 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, is free spoken and has lost one or two upper teeth on the right side of his mouth; walks pigeon toed had on when he left white cotton clothes, a white wool hat, the crown of which had been cut out and sewed in. Perry left on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> ult, and Nelson on the 2d or 3<sup>rd</sup> instant, and it is supposed they will get together and try to get on board some steamboat. Any person apprehending either or both of said Negroes, and delivering them to us, or confining them in jail so that we get them, shall receive a liberal reward.

JAMES HANKS, P. P. HILL

Big Creek Township.

12 July 1840

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 5, 1840)

Was Committed

To the jail of Chicot county, Arkansas on the first day of April last, a Negro man, as a runaway slave, who when committed, said that his name was JIM, and that he belonged to ORVILLE DOUGLASS, of Madison county, Mississippi; but since has said that his name is BEN, and that he belongs to JOHN MINTER, of the same county. The said Negro is black, upwards of six feet high, very likely, and quick spoken; he appears to be about twenty-five or thirty years of age, no marks perceptible; had on, when committed, a black fur hat, about half-worn, black cassinet pantaloons, and a green blanket over-coat; he also had with him several other articles of clothing. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away; otherwise he will be dealt with as the law in such cases directs.

WILFORD GARNER,

Sh'ff and Jailer of Chicot county

Columbia, Ark.<sup>35</sup>

3 August 1840

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 2, 1840)

Was Committed

To the jail of Chicot county, Arkansas, on the 3d day of June, 1840, as a runaway slave, a Negro boy, who says that his name is JOHN, and that he belongs to JOHN BATTIECE, of the city of New Orleans, from whence he says he ran away. The said boy is black, 5 feet 6 inches high, about 20 years of age, speaks both English and French, broken; had one, when committed coarse cotton pantaloons and shirt, very ragged, and an old straw hat. The owner of the said boy is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away, otherwise he will be dealt with as the law in such cases directs.

WILFORD GARNER

Sh'ff & Jailer Chicot county

Columbia, Ark.

12 August 1840

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<sup>35</sup> See also *Arkansas Gazette*, 8 May 1841 [in June 30, 1841]

Was Committed

To the jail of Chicot county on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 1840, a Negro man, who, when committed, stated that his name was JIM, and belonged to ORVILLE DOUGLASS, of Madison county, Mississippi, but now says that he belongs to JOHN MINTER, of the same county. The said Negro is black, about six feet high, 28 or 30 years of age, quick spoken and active; had on, when committed, a green blanket overcoat, nearly new. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him away, on or before the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1841 otherwise I shall expose him to public sale, at the court house door in the town of Columbia, to pay the expenses due on said Negro. Sale to take place between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. and 3 o'clock P.M. of said 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1841, it being the first day of the county court of Chicot county.

WILFORD GARNER

Sheriff & Jailer of Chicot county

Columbia, Ark.

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 2, 1840)

\$200 Reward

Ran away from the plantation of LOUIS GENTRY, in the parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, on the 22d of June last, two Negro men, one named NED, aged 26 years, stout-built, and of the ordinary height; the other named BEN, aged 50 years, slender and grey-haired. They are the property of CHARLES NOYSITT, of said parish, and were purchased by him on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April last, of DANIEL MORRISON. They had previously belonged to Capt. S. BUCKNER, of Clark co., Ark, which place it is presumed they will endeavor to reach. Mr. N. will give the above reward for their apprehension and delivery to the jail in Natchitoches.

ROSWELL BEEBE.

14 August 1840

*Arkansas State Democrat Herald* (August 14, 1840)

\$20 Reward

Ranaway from the plantation of T. D. CARNEAL and D. THOMPSON, trustees of A. A. LACY a Negro man named JOE. Joe is about 5 feet eight or ten inches high, very black, spare built, with a down cast look, he is about 23 or 24 years of age, with a piece cut or bit out of one ear which ear not remembered. The above reward will be given to any person who will arrest the said Negro, and return him to the undersigned.

THOS D CARNEAL

D THOMPSON

The Memphis Western World will please give the above 3 insertions and forward their account to this office for payment.

2 September 1840

*Arkansas Gazette* (October 7, 1840)

\$100 Reward

Ran away from the subscriber, on the night of the 23d instant, my slave WALTER or WALTON, as he sometimes calls himself. A bright mulatto, five feet eight inches high, twenty-four years old, quite intelligent, converses, reads, and writes well, took with him a good supply of clothing, among them a black cloth, jeans and blanket coats; also, a large brown mule, saddle, and bridle, and double barrel shot gun. He will likely make for Trimble county, Kentucky, or some free State. The above reward will be given (if taken out of the States of Arkansas and Louisiana, or fifty dollars if taken in either of said States) [sic] upon delivery.

F. E. WHITFIELD

Claiborne Parish La.

4 September 1840

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 27, 1841)

Was Committed

To the jail of Crawford county, as a runaway, by Samuel Foster, J.P. on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June, 1840, a Negro man who calls himself JOHN FRANCIS, and claims to be free. Said Negro is about 5 feet 10 inches high, stout built, has a scar on his upper lip; had on when committed a blue checked

shirt, blue sattinet pants; supposed to be about 40 years of age. The owner of the above described Negro is requested to comply with the law, pay costs, and take him away, or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

R.D. LOONEY,  
 Sheriff and Jailor of Crawford county  
 Van Buren, Ark.

1 October 1840

*Arkansas Gazette* (October 28, 1840)

Was Committed

To the jail of Chicot County, Ark, on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1840, a Negro man, as a runaway slave, who says his name is GEORGE, and that he belongs to Dr. PENISTON, of Catahoola, parish Louisiana; said Negro is about 23 years of age, dark brown, or copper color, 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high, one fore tooth out; and had on when committed very ragged coarse cotton cloths. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away, otherwise he will be dealt with as the law in such cases directs.

WILFORD GARNER,  
 Sheriff and Jailor of Chicot County  
 Columbia, Ark.

27 October 1840

*Arkansas Gazette* (December 30, 1840)

Committed

To my custody, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August last, a Negro man, as a runaway slave, who says that his name is WILLIAM, and that he belongs to the widow SINGLETON, who lives five miles back of Grand Gulf. The said Negro is about five feet seven or eight inches high, heavy built, dark complected, about twenty-five or thirty years of age, his clothes are deep and pale blue striped pantaloons, blue stripped twilled shirt, old cloth round about, and an old wool hat. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away, otherwise he will be dealt with as the law in such cases directs.

JOHN W. PULLEN,  
 Sheriff and Jailor of Arkansas county  
 Arkansas.

12 November 1841

*Arkansas Gazette* (December 8, 1840)

\$100 Reward

The above reward will be given by the undersigned, residing in the county of Chariton, State of Missouri, for the apprehension and delivery to me, or securing in any jail so that I get him again, of a Negro man (LEWIS) [sic] who was feloniously taken off by a young man by the name of Jno. Sinnert, who had mortgaged him to me for the payment of a debt of \$11.50, for which he was placed in my possession. The said Sinnert is 23 years of age, 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, dark skin, hair and eyes, down look when spoken to, and easily confused; he wore off a dark steel

mixed over-coat, black Russia rabbit hat, calf skin boots, and silk velvet vest, other apparel not remembered. He rode a small brown mare, well gaited, no marks or brands recollected. The Negro man is about 22 or 23 year of age, 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high, light complexion, and down look when spoken to. He wore off a green blanket coat, other apparel not known; he rode a small chesnut mare, keen made, sprightly and active. They were well equipped for traveling. It is believed they will make for the Southern States or Texas.

JNO. D. LOCKE

Chariton, Mo,

The Little Rock Gazette, Arkansas, will please insert the above advertisement two weeks, and forward their account to this office for payment.

St. Louis Commercial Bulletin.

13 November 1840

*Arkansas State Democrat Herald* (November 13, 1840)

Jailors Notice

Was committed to my care as jailor of Phillips, County at Helena Arkansas on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 1840 a Negro boy who calls his name HENRY, and further states that he runaway from one WILLIAM DAVIS of New Orleans, and that he was bound to said Davis a certain number of years by his, said Henry's father at which time he Henry was to be free, and that his father was free. Said Henry is about 18 years old of dark complexion spare built, sprightly and likely. Those having a right to the possession of said boy, are requested to come foreword establish their right, pay charges and take him away otherwise he will be dealt with as the law directs.

MILLER IRVIN

Sh'ff & Jailor

Of Phillips County Ar .

13 November 1840

*Arkansas State Democrat Herald* (November 13, 1840)

Jailors Notice

Was committed to the Jail of Phillips county at Helena on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 1840 as a runaway slave, a certain Negro man who calls his name HARRY. Said boy is about 30 years old, dark complexion, stout build, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, and states that he belongs to one Mr. WARD of Carter County Ky. Those having a right to the possession of said boy, are requested to come foreword establish their right, pay charges and take him away otherwise he will be dealt with as the law directs.

MILLER IRWIN [sic]

Sh'ff & Jailor

Of Phillips Country AR.<sup>36</sup>

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<sup>36</sup> See also *Southern Shield*, 20 August 1841 [in August 20, 1841]

Notice is hereby given that the above described Negro boy HARRY, will be sold to the highest bidder at Public Auction on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September. A D. 1841 between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and 3 o'clock in the afternoon of said day at the court house door, in the town of Helena to pay Jail fees & c. in accordance with the statutes in such cases made and provided.

13 November 1840

*Arkansas State Democrat Herald* (November 13, 1840)

Jailors Notice

Was committed to my care as Sheriff of Phillips county at Helena Arkansas on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 1840 a certain Negro man, who says his name is HENRY and that he belongs to OLIVER MORGIN of Louisiana 15 miles below Lake Providence and that he runaway some time in August. Said boy is about 27 ears of age, very dark stout built, no marks perceivable. Those having a right to the possession of said boy, are requested to come foreword establish their right, pay charges and take him away otherwise he will be dealt with as the law directs.

MILLER IRWIN

Sh'ff & jailor

Of Phillips county AR.

17 November 1840

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 13, 1841)

25 Dollars Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber's farm, in Jefferson county, a Negro man, named BLACK SOLOMON, (a slave.) [sic] Said slave is about five feet seven or eight inches in height, and stout built. I will give twenty five dollars reward to any person who apprehends said slave, and lodges him in jail so that I can get him.

JOHN WATERS

Mulberry Grove.<sup>37</sup>

22 November 1840

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 6, 1841)

\$500 Reward

Ran away, or was stolen, from the subscribers plantation, at Pecan Point, Red river, on the night of the fourth October last, four Negro men, viz: BOY, a stout square made fellow quite black, about five feet ten or eleven inches high, nose turned up, a sensible and pleasing countenance,

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WM. M. BOSTWICK

Sheriff Pro tem.

<sup>37</sup> See also *Arkansas Gazette*, 30 November 1841 [in March 2, 1842]

\$50 Reward

Ran away from the plantation of the undersigned, living in Jefferson county, a Negro man named BLACK SOLOMON, about twenty-two years old, stout built, and about five feet seven or eight inches in height, and weighs about one hundred and forty or fifty pounds. Said boy was confined in jail at Little Rock during a part of the month of August last, from which he has made his escape. He assumes different names, and sometimes says his name is JIM, and that he belongs to a man by the name of WELLS living in Maury county, Tennessee. I will give the above reward for the apprehension of said slave, and confined in any jail so that I can get him.

JOHN WALTERS

Mulberry Grove, Jefferson co.

about thirty years old. One other man TURNER, heavy built, about five feet six inches high, sensible and reading in conversation, of a copper color, about thirty-five years of age. One other man, JACK, copper colored, about five feet nine inches high, rather slender built, about thirty years of age, has very little to say. One other man, GEORGE, quite black about five feet ten inches high, nearly as large as Boyd, but not so trim made, about twenty seven or eight years old, very slow spoken. They had a variety of good clothing, and all of them boots of the same make. They were seen by Indians passing through the Choctaw Nation, along with three white men, all armed. I am inclined to think their aim was to get into the mountains, probably about the Washita Cove, and may pass on to the Cherokee country, as I believe one or two of the men with them could speak Indian, and partly mixed with Cherokee. It has been said the Negroes, by contract, were to be carried to the wild Indians, but I think their intention is to dispose of them, as I believe there is a chain of villains interested in the business. It is probable they may be taken to the upper navigation of the Arkansas river, to be sent down in a steam-boat or other conveyance, to some place for sale. There is also one boy, PETER, a mulatto, with a bushy head, about seventeen or eighteen years old. He left my Lost Prairie plantation, Lafayette county, Arkansas about the 12<sup>th</sup> of August. He is probably not more than five feet four inches high. He had a variety of clothing and may probably endeavor to pass for a free Negro. I have also lost three mules from Pecan Point, two dark brown and one light sorrel, four or five years old next spring, branded on the left shoulder and hip with the letter B; perhaps the brand may be dim. I will give the above reward, and expenses if delivered to me or my agent, at Lost Prairie, or secured in jail so I get them again, or one hundred dollars for each of the Negroes, and a liberal reward for the mules.

ROBERT HAMILTON.

28 November 1840

*Arkansas Gazette* (December 18, 1840)

Jailer's Notice

Was committed to the jail of Pulaski county, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November inst., a Negro boy, who says his name is BILL, and that he belongs to Dr. HOLSON, living on the Mississippi, near Boggy Bayou, and that he got on board of the steamer Arkansas, Capt. Pennywit, at the plantation of Milford Garner, Esq, of Chicot county. Said boy is very black, full face, thick lips, about 5 feet 6 inches high, and 28 years of age; dressed in an old cloth coat much worn, an old pair of black jeans pantaloons. The owner is requested to come forward, prove his property, pay the charges, and take him away, or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

JAS. LAWSON, Jr.

Sh'ff of Pulaski County

Little Rock.

24 December 1840

*Arkansas State Democrat Herald* (December 24, 1840)

Jailors Notice was committed to my care as Sheriff of Phillips county at Helena, Arkansas on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 1840 a certain Negro man who states that his name is JOHN, and that he belongs to MARY JANE, who is a Creole woman living in New Orleans on Canal Street No 25. Said boy is a copperish color, speaks lively, though somewhat broken and is about twenty three

years of age, rather stout built, five feet two inches in height. Those having a right to the possession of said boy, are requested to come foreword establish their right, pay charges and take him away otherwise he will be dealt with as the law directs.

MILLER IRWIN

Sh'ff & jailor

Phillips County.

## 1841

10 January 1841

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 27, 1841)

Was Committed

To the jail of Chicot county, Arkansas, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1840, a Negro man, as a runaway slave, who says his name is TOM, and that he belongs to WILLIAM NEVILLE, of Walnut bayou, Louisiana, near Vicksburg, Mississippi. The said Negro is of a very dark, copper color, six feet high, 20 or 25 years of age, no marks perceptible, had on, when committed, coarse linsey clothes. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away, otherwise he will be dealt with as the law in such cases directs.

WILFORD GARNER,

Sheriff And Jailor of Chicot county

Columbia, Ark.

17 March 1841

*Arkansas Gazette* (March 31, 1841)

\$25 Reward

Ran Away from the plantation of ASHER BAGLEY, in Saline county, Arkansas, on the 4<sup>th</sup> May last, a Negro woman named MELINDA, about twenty-two years of age, dark copper color, she is a tolerably large women, very quick when spoken to. It is though that she is now in the vicinity of Pine Bluff, Jefferson county. I will give the above reward for her apprehension and commitment to any jail in the state of Arkansas so that I can again get possession of her.

ASHER BAGLEY, Jr.

Adm'r of the estate of Asher Bagley, Sen., deceased

Little Rock.

27 March 1841

*Southern Shield* (March 27, 1841)

Jailors Notice

Was committed to the Jail of Crittenden County at Marion on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October 1840, as a runaway slave a Negro man who calls his name HENRY. Said Negro is about 23 years old, of dark complexion, stout built, 5 feet 6 or 8 inches high and says he belongs to one Mr. MARE a Negro trader in the state of Alabama. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him away, otherwise, he will be dealt with as the law directs.

GEO. W. UNDERHILL

Sherriff & Jailor Crittenden Co. AR.<sup>38</sup>

10 May 1841

*Arkansas Gazette* (June 23, 1841)

Was Committed

To the jail of Chicot county, Arkansas, as a runaway slave, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1841, a mulatto boy, who says that his name is WILLIAM EVERSON, and that he is free, and was born in the City of Washington, D.C. from where he says he came to the southern September, 1840, as a servant to Messrs. EDWARD MARSHALL and RICHARD TINBROOK, whom he left in the city of New Orleans, about the 10<sup>th</sup> of March. Said boy is 21 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 8 inches high, reads and writes a little, very likely and intelligent; had on, when committed, a blue cloth coat and pantaloons; he also had a cloth cap and a traveling bag with a variety of clothing in it. The owner, if any, is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away otherwise he will be dealt with as the law in such cases directs.

WILFORD GARNER,  
Sheriff and Jailer of Chicot county  
Columbia, Ark.

7 June 1841

*Arkansas Advocate* (June 7, 1841)

Catch the Runaway

Ranaway from My farm, near the post of Arkansas, on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May last, my Negro man ALEXANDER. Said Negro is a dark mulatto, about five feet eleven inches high, stout made, has a scar on the left cheek cut with a knife, which he endeavors to conceal by wearing whiskers—has also a deep scar on the left arm, just below the elbow, speaks very well in French and rather broken English. I will give the reward of twenty-five dollars to any one who shall take said Negro and keep him, so that I get him again.

FREDERIC NOTREBE.

11 June 1841

*The Southern Shield* (June 11, 1841)

Jailor's Notice

Was committed to the Jail Of Phillips county Arkansas, on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 1841 as a runaway save a certain Negro man who says that his name is GEORGE, and that he belongs to one W. T. MILLS living 45 or 50 miles above Vicksburg Ms. Said boy is 5 feet 1 inch high, dark complexion and 21 years of age.

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<sup>38</sup> See also *Southern Shield*, 13 November 1841 [in November 13, 1841]

Notice is Hereby given that I George W Underhill Sheriff of Crittenden county Arkansas will on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December proceed to sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder a the Court House door in the town of Marion in the state and county of Arkansas the above described Negro man HENRY to pay Jail fees, costs & c in accordance to the statutes in such cases made and provided.

GEO W UNDERHILL.

MILLER IRVIN  
 Sheriff and Jailor Phillips County.

23 July 1841

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 15, 1841)

\$100 Reward

Ranaway From the subscriber, living in Woodford county, Kentucky, on the 18<sup>th</sup> instant, a yellow girl named LOUISA, but commonly called LEER, about 15 years old, handsomely formed and very likely, about the usual height for that age, with long bushy hair and several remarkable spots on the side of her neck, very white and about the size of a pea. I will give the above reward if taken out of the State, \$40 if taken in any county bordering on the Ohio river, or \$25 if taken in any of the interior counties of the State, and all reasonable expenses paid if secured in any jail so that she is obtained. I have good reason to believe that said girl was decoyed from me by some villain, who took her to Louisville with the view of selling her there or in the South.

WM. WOODS.

27 July 1841

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 29, 1841)

Notice

Was committed to my custody on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> inst, as a runaway slave, a Negro man who says his name is JIM, and that he belongs to WILLIAM WELLS of Murray county, Tennessee, near Columbia, dressed in a pair of white cotton pantaloons and shirt, is about 5 feet 3 inches in height, very black complexion, and aged about 21 years, weighing 140 pounds. The owner is requested to come forward, prove his property, and take him away, or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

JAMES LAWSON, JR.

Sheriff of Pulaski county

Little Rock.<sup>39</sup>

7 October 1841

*Batesville News* (October 7 1841)

\$150 Reward

Broke custody Friday night, the 19<sup>th</sup> inst two Negro men committed to my care as runaway slaves, one about 45 years old, baldheaded says his name is PETER wearing a Palmetto hat says he belongs to a man by the name of LANE living in Louisiana, TOM aged 21 years, low and

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<sup>39</sup> See also *Arkansas Gazette*, 11 August 1841 [in September 29, 1841]

Broke Jail

On Friday night last, the Negro man, JIM, who says he belongs to WILLIAM WELLS, of Maury county, Tennessee, near Columbia; dressed in a pair of white cotton pantaloons, and shirt; is about 5 feet 3 inches in height—very black complexion, and aged about 21 years; weighing 140 pounds. A liberal reward will be given for his apprehension.

JAMES LAWSON,

Sheriff of Pulaski county.

heavy made, and very dark,, with a small scar across his nose wearing a very small white hat, worn quite out. Said Negroes have with them a quantity of fine clothing I will give the above reward for the delivery of said Negroes or half the amount for either to me in Van Buren county Arkansas.

John F Brown Sheriff  
Bloomington Ark.

8 October 1841

*Southern Shield* (October 8 1841)

Jailors Notice Was committed to the Jail of Crittenden county at Marion on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 1841 a runaway slave a Negro man who says the his name is DICK and that he belongs to GEORGE HARDEN of Phillips County Arkansas. Said boy is of a copperish color. 5 feet 10 inches high rather stout built and is about 25 years of age.

GEO W UNDERHILL

Sheriff and Jailor Crittenden County.

8 October 1841

*Southern Shield* (October 8, 1841)

Jailors Notice

Was committed to the jail of Crittenden county Arkansas at Marion on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1841 as a runaway slave a Negro man who calls his name BILL and says he belongs to DAVID ROBINSON of De Soto County Ms. Said boy is a dark complexion, speaks lively is about 22 years of age stout built and is 5 feet 8 inches high

GEO W UNDERHILL

Sheriff and Jailor Crittenden County .

8 October 1841

*Southern Shield* (October 8, 1841)

Jailors Notice

Was committed to the Jail of Crittenden County Arkansas at Marion on he 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 1841 as a runaway slave a Negro man who calls his name LEWIS. Said Negro is about 28 years old of a dark complexion well made 5 feet 11 inches high and states that he belongs to one COVAT ARMSTRONG of Texas.

GEO W UNDERHILL

Sheriff & Jailor Crittenden County.

20 October 1841

*Arkansas Gazette* (March 9, 1842)

Notice

Was committed to my custody on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> inst., as a runaway slave, a Negro man, who says his name is HARRIS, and that he belongs to WM. IRVINE, of Louisiana, near Alexandria; dressed in a suit of old green cloth, cotton shirt, and is about 5 feet 3 1/2 inches in height, very

black complexion, stout built, aged about 24 years, weighing 142 pounds. The owner is requested to come forward, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away.

J. H. IMBORDEN,  
Sheriff of Randolph county.

3 November 1841

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 17, 1841)

\$20 Reward

Ran Away From the farm of Colonel THORN, about two miles below this city on the 29<sup>th</sup> September, a Negro boy named AUSTIN; he is about twenty years of age, 5 feet and 3 inches high, very dark complexion, but rather sleep eye. I will give the above reward for him delivered to me in Little Rock or on the farm. He is known as the boy of that name who formerly belonged to Gov. Pope.

E.H. WALDON  
Little Rock.

9 November 1841

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 24, 1841)

\$100 Reward

Ran way from the subscriber on Sunday night last, a mulatto girl named CHARLOTTE, about 17 years old, 5 feet six inches high, rather slender and genteel in her appearance, color tolerably light for a mulatto, smiling countenance, has a down look when spoken to and a habit of rolling her eyes when replying, and is very active in walking. As she had a variety of wearing apparel, I cannot describer her clothing. She went off in company with Mr. N. H. Badgett's Negro man Sam,<sup>40</sup> and will likely be found in company with one or two others. I will give reward of \$10 for her apprehension in this township; \$20 if any other part of this county; \$30 if any other part of this State; \$50 in any other slave State; or \$100 if apprehended in a free State; and all reasonable expenses, in addition, if brought home to me at this place.

JACOB REIDER  
Little Rock.

9 November 1841

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 24, 1841)

\$100 Reward

Ran away from the subscriber, on Sunday night last, 7<sup>th</sup> instant, a Negro man named SAM, forty-five years of age, black complexion, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, weighing about 165 lbs, slow when spoken to, rather inclined to stutter, nearly bald, and had on, when he left, jeans coat and pantaloons. A reward of \$20 will be paid for his apprehension in this State; \$50 if apprehended out of this State and in a slave State; and \$100 if apprehended in a free State; and all reasonable expenses, in addition, if delivered to me, at this place.

N. H. BADGETT  
Little Rock.

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<sup>40</sup> See succeeding entry: *Arkansas Gazette*, 9 November 1841 [in November 24, 1841].

9 November 1841

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 10, 1841)

\$100 Reward

Ran away from the subscriber, on Thursday night last, a Negro man named JOHN. He is about 32 years of age, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, stout and rather thick set, pleasant countenance, color rather bright for a Negro, and is addicted to intoxication. His clothing consists in part, of a green blanket over-coat, gray mixed jeans surtout with a black velvet collar, an old black fur hat, coarse boots, check or white cotton shirts, and probably woollen socks. I will pay for his apprehension, if taken in the township, \$10; out of the township, and in this county, \$20; out of this county, and in this State, \$30; or, out of this State, and in a slave State, \$50; or \$100, if taken in a free State. In either case, he must be secured so that I get him; and I will pay all reasonable expenses, in addition, if delivered to me at this place. It is probable that he is with 3 or 4 other Negroes, who have ran away from this vicinity within a few days past.

WM. E. WOODRUFF

Little Rock.

29 November 1841

*Arkansas Gazette* (March 16, 1842)

200 Dollars Reward

ALBERT, a Negro man, about twenty-two years of age, was decoyed away or stolen from my farm, adjoining town, on yesterday. He was some weeks since, levied upon by the Sheriff of Jefferson county, by virtue of an execution, as the property of Capt. JAMES L. DAWSON, and having broken the custody of said Sheriff, was arrested at this place, under his authority, but a few days previous to the kidnapping of yesterday. I will give thirty dollars for the delivery of said Negro to me, or John J. Hammett, Sheriff of Jefferson county, at Pine Bluff, or for his security in jail in this State, so that said sheriff can get him; or fifty dollars if so taken and secured out of the State; or I will give two hundred dollars for the apprehension of the thief, if stolen, to be paid on his conviction of the felony.

A. FOWLER

Little Rock.

23 December 1841

*Arkansas Advocate* (December 23, 1841)

Runaway Negro in Jail

Was committed to my custody on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 1841, DANIEL, a black man who says he belongs to RICHARD RICHMOND of Brownsville, Haywood County, Tennessee. Said Negro is black, about 24 years old, about 5 feet high, had on when committed a white jeans roundabout and cotton pants.

WILFORD GARNER

Sheriff and Jailor Chicot County.

27 December 1841

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 26, 1842)

Notice

Left the subscriber on the night of the 18<sup>th</sup> inst., a Negro man, JACK, of dark complexion, about five feet ten inches high and about twenty five years old; sever [sic] of his front teeth out; of about the weight of one hundred and fifty pounds. It is feared he is decoyed off by some white person. A liberal reward will be given for the apprehension of said boy.

DAVID C. McDANIEL

Benton.

## 1842

29 January 1842

*Southern Shield* (January 29, 1842)

Jailors Notice was committed to my care, as deputy sheriff of Mississippi County Arkansas at Osceola, on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 1841 a certain Negro man who states his name is ABRAHAM and that he belongs to MOSES M. FUQUAY of Marion county town of Hamilton state of Missouri and says his master resides about 100 miles above St. Louis. Said boy is black complected dull appearance says he is 20 or 21 years of age small in stature about 5 feet 2 or 3 inches high. The left eye out and the lid closed over, walks very lame in the left leg and says it was produced by white swelling, states that his master removed from the Virginia Saline Salt works to Missouri in the spring of 1841 and that he was hired as a fireman on the Steamer Rozetta bound for New Orleans and that he left her while taking in wood below Flower Island. His clothing consisted of an old white blanket, coarse Jeanes or kersey pants a calico shirt and an old seal skin cap.

For J. C. BOWEN Sherriff

WM B EDRINGTON Deputy Sheriff

5 February 1842

*Southern Shield* (February 5, 1842)

\$20 Reward

Ranaway from the subscriber living about 10 miles west of Helena a yellow Negro man named JOE. He is lame in his right leg wears long hair which is strait, and has the appearance of an Indian and when runaway passes himself as one. He wore off a white fur hat, green cloth frock coat. The above reward will be paid coat. The above reward will be paid upon his apprehension and delivery to me or to the Jail of Phillips Count.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS.

7 April 1842

*Batesville News* (April 7, 1842)

\$50 reward

Ran away from the subscriber on the night of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst a Negro man DAVE. Said Negro is about 40 years of age, five feet 10 inches high, thick and well proportioned, walks erect, and

when he stoops it can be perceived that he has been injured in one of his hips; his complexion is black, his expression is slow and has a blemish in his left eye. He took with him two or three suits of clothes, a blanket coat and a blue cloth coat, his pantaloons are of dark cotton goods. I will give the above reward for the apprehension of said Negro delivered at my residence in Independence County if he is taken out of state or I will give \$25 if he is taken in state.  
W. BYERS.

20 May 1842

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 3, 1842)

\$200 Reward!

Ran away from the subscriber, on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>t</sup> inst., at Point Remove, Conway county, Arkansas, four Negro men, of the following description, viz: JIM, a yellow complected man, of 37 years of age, 6 feet high, slim built, prominent forehead, inclined to baldness; his right left [sic] having been broken, he limps considerably, and has decaying teeth and a wheezing in his throat; ARMISTEAD, five feet 10 or 11 inches high, 33 years of age, heavy set tolerably black, walks slowly, and has generally a sulky appearance; JIM, about 21 years of age, 6 feet high, yellow complexion pleasing countenance when spoken to, weighs about 200 pounds; and CHARLES, about 24 years of age, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, quite black, heavy built, and tolerably active. They were clad with white cotton shirts and pantaloons when they absconded. The above reward will be given for their apprehension and confinement in jail, so that I can get them again, if taken out of the State, or \$50 for either of them. If taken and so confined in the county of Conway, \$40 or \$10 for either of them; or, if in any other county in the State, \$80 or 20 dollars for either. If returned to the subscriber, at his residence, a liberal reward may be expected, in addition to the reward as above specified.  
EMZY WILSON.

23 May 1842

*Arkansas Advocate* (May 23, 1842)

Runaway Negro in Jail

Was committed to my custody on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 1842 as a runaway slave a Negro man named JOE, and belongs to ROBERT PAGE, near Harrisonburg LA. Said Negro is black, five foot 6 or seven inches high, 25 or 26 years of age, with a very large scar on the left leg and thigh, extending down to the knee, supposed to be occasioned by a burn, back very much marked by the whip, had on when committed a pair of white cotton pants and shirt.

WILFORD GARNER

Sheriff and jailer of Chicot County.

3 June 1842

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 20, 1842)

\$100 Reward

Ran away from my farm, in Jefferson county, on the night of the 2d day of June, inst., two Negro men, named NAT and NELSON. Nat is about 5 feet 14 inches high, very black, and very stout; speaks slow when spoken to. Nelson is about 5 feet 8 inches high, has had his thigh broken in

infancy; has a prominent scar under his chin, and attempts to conceal it with his beard. Both said Negroes can read. Any person apprehending said slaves, or either of them, and securing them in jail, or otherwise, so that I can get them, shall receive, if both are taken, the above reward, or, if only one should be taken, I will give \$50 and pay all expenses necessarily incurred in so taking said Negroes.

J. W. BOCAGE

St. Mary's Jefferson Co.

11 June 1842

*Southern Shield* (June 11, 1842)

Jailors notice was committed to my custody as sheriff and jailor of Phillips county Arkansas on Saturday may 14<sup>th</sup> AD 1842 a Negro boy who says his name is HOSEA and that he belongs to DURANT H BELL living near Elizabethtown Arkansas. Said Negro is about 30 years of age 5 feet 7 inches high dark complexion no noted marks or scars perceivable.

MILLER IRVIN

Sheriff Phillips County.

11 June 1842

*Southern Shield* (June 11, 1842)

Jailors notice was committed to my custody as Sheriff and jailor of Phillips county Arkansas on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April AD 1842 a Negro boy [MAN] who says that he belongs to JAMES MELTON of Georgia and that he runaway from his master while at Vicksburg, Miss. Said boy is about 20 years of age 5 feet high complexion very dark and lame in the right foot.

MILLER IRVIN

Sheriff and Jailor Phillips Co Arkansas.

27 June 1842

*Arkansas Advocate* (June 27, 1842)

Jailors notice

Was committed to my custody on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1842, a Negro boy who says his name is LEWIS and that he belongs to JESSE PERKINS and MOSES PAINE of the town of Columbia, Boone County Missouri. The said Negro is about 32 years of age, one upper tooth out in front, and a scar on the right side of his nose, had on when committed casinet pants, and roundabout.

H. MALPASS

Sheriff and Jailor Desha County.

27 June 1842

*Arkansas Advocate* (June 27, 1842)

Jailors Notice

Was committed into my custody on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 1842, a Negro boy named ANTHONY, who says that he belongs to one Mr. O. SHELL of North Bend. The said Negro is of brown griffey color, and about 28 years of age, had on when committed an old blue cloth dress coat,

and casinet pants.

H. MALPASS

Sheriff and Jailer Desha County.

14 July 1842

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 9, 1842)

Fifty Dollars Reward

Ran Away from the residence of the subscriber, on Allum Fork of the Saline, in Hot Spring county, on Sunday last, 10<sup>th</sup> inst., two Negro Men, of the following descriptions, viz:

CAMPBELL, about 30 years of age, about five feet eight inches high, black complexion, stout and well built. REUBE, about 40 years of age, rather yellow complexion about six feet high, stout and well made, has a small scar on one of his cheeks, and is quite a sensible fellow. They both carried off rifle guns and one of them had a pistol, and, one of them being a pretty resolute fellow, it is likely that they may resist an attempt to take them unless there is a show of competent force to overpower them. I will give a reward of Fifty Dollars for their apprehension and committal to Jail, so that I can get them. It is likely that they will attempt to get to a free state.

JACOB PREILAMON

Hot Spring Co.

18 July 1842

*Arkansas Advocate* (July 18, 1842)

Jailors Notice

Was committed to my custody on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Mary 1842 a Negro boy who says his name is EDMOND, and that he belongs to DANIEL MONROE, who formerly resided in the State of Georgia Cobb County, but has lately moved to the republic of Texas. The said Negro is of a very dark griffee color, and well on to 6 feet high, and about 30 years of age and had on when he was committed with cotton pants and shirt.

H. MALPASS

Sheriff and jailer Desha County.

23 July 1842

*Southern Shield* (July 23 1842)

Sherriff & Jailors Notice

Was taken into custody by me the undersigned sheriff & jailor of Phillips county Arkansas, a certain Negro boy who calls his name JOHN and states that he belongs to a Mr. WILLIAM living near Nashville Tennessee who lately removed from Virginia. Said boy is about 38 years of age of dark complexion spare made about 5 feet 10 inches high and has on his left check a scar also on his breast a scar which he says was made with the chop of a knife when small. He further states that he was born of a free woman and that Mr. Williams had him bound to him in the State of Virginia.

MILLER IRVIN

Sherrif [sic] and Jailor Phillips Co AR.

25 July 1842

*Arkansas Advocate* (July 25, 1842)

\$50 Reward

Runaway from the subscriber on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June a Negro man named JIM, aged about 21 years weighting about 170 pounds, about five feet 10 inches high, no marks or scars perceptible, clothing not recollected, but I am of the opinion he took with him a fur cap, jeans pantaloons, white jacket, and a pair of old blue cloth pantaloons; I am also informed he started down the river in a canoe on the 14<sup>th</sup> instant probably aiming for Tennessee.

G. W. LEMOYNE

Lewisburg.

8 August 1842

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 24, 1842)

Fifty Dollars Reward

Ran Away From the subscriber, in Eagle township, at Bradley's Upper Landing , on the 16<sup>th</sup> June last, a Negro Woman, named MALINDA, 25 years old, 5 feet 3 inches high, very slender built, had on when she went away a black calico sun bonnet; she has a variety of clothing with her, so that it is impossible to say how she may now be dressed. The above reward will be paid to any person who may deliver said girl to me at my residence, or twenty-five dollars in case she is secured in any jail, so that I can get her again.

MARGARET TERRILL.

9 August 1842

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 2, 1842)

Was Committed

To the custody of the undersigned, as Sheriff of the county of Pulaski, on 8<sup>th</sup> inst., a Negro man named THOMAS JEFFERSON, aged about 33 years, weighs about 140 lbs., five feet seven inches high, very dark complexion, limps when he walks, which he says is accessioned by having his thigh broke when about 6 years of age, also has a crop out of his right ear; he says he belonged to THOMAS BRANNER, living in Wilkenson county, 25 miles below Natchez and 3 miles below the toll bridge. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, and take him away, or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

JAMER LAWSON, jr.,

Sheriff of Pulaski county, Ark.

Little Rock.

17 August 1842

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 21, 1842)

Notice

Ranaway from the subscriber in Sevier county, on Monday, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, a Negro boy named ANDERSON, between twenty-three and twenty-five years old, five feet nine or ten

inches high, dark copper color, handsome person, active and lively in motion, smiles when spoken to, open and intelligent countenance, had on when he left; a dark brown hunting shirt, supposed to have with him a blue cloth frock coat about half worn, also a white round crowned wool hat, took on moving a large bored Choctaw rifle. He is aiming, in all probability, to get to Virginia or Ohio, having been lately brought from the last named place. Twenty dollars reward, will be given to any person for the above named boy, either delivered or deposited in prison so I can get him.

JAS. M. COULTER.

31 August 1842

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 21, 1842)

Stop the Runaways

Ranaway from the undersigned, on the 29<sup>th</sup> instant, two Negro men named TOM and JIM. Tom is of a yellow complexion, five feet eight or nine inches high, and twenty five or six years of age. He has a wife near Batesville, where, it is probable, he will aim to go. Jim is an intelligent, quick-spoken Negro, quite spare; tolerably high forehead, with a scar on the back of the head, which appears to have been produced by a burn; five feet ten or eleven inches high, and twenty-four or five years old. The above Negroes were bought by the undersigned in New-Orleans, about two months ago—Tom having formerly lived near Batesville (owned, I believe, by JOSHUA SEE) [sic] They will probably aim for that place. A suitable reward will be paid for their delivery, or confinement, so that I can get them.

JOHN W. PULLEN

Arkansas Post.<sup>41</sup>

25 October 1842

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 11, 1843)

Was Committed

To the custody of the undersigned as Sheriff of the county of Jackson, on the 13<sup>th</sup> ult. A Negro man, named MASON, aged about 21 years, weighs about 150 or 160 lbs., five feet 9 or 10 inches high, dark complexion, has a stoppage in his speech or stuttering; he says he belongs to MIDDLETON KELLY, in Claiborn county, Mississippi, near Port Gibson. He was taken up on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August last, in this county; he says he left home about the first of July last. The owner

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<sup>41</sup> See also *Batesville News*, 15 September 1842 [in September 15, 1842]

Stop the runaways!

Ranaway from the undersigned on the 29<sup>th</sup> of Aug two Negro men, named TOM and JIM.

Tom is of a yellow complexion, five feet eight or nine inches high, and twenty five or nine inches high, and twenty-five or six years of age. He has a wife near Batesville, where it is probable he will aim to go. Jim is an intelligent quick spoken Negro, tolerably high forehead, with a scar on the back of the head, which appears to have been produced by a burn, five feet ten or eleven inches high, and 24 or 25 years old. The above Negroes were bought by the undersigned in new Orleans, about two months ago, Tom having formerly lived near Batesville (owned I believe by JOSHUA LEE) [sic] they will probably aim for that place. A suitable reward will be paid for their delivery, or confinement so that I can get them..

JOHN W. PULLEN

Arkansas Post.

is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

JAS. ROBINSON,  
 Sheriff of Jackson county, Arkansas  
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26 October 1842

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 16, 1842)

Was Committed

To the jail of Pulaski county, on the 26<sup>th</sup> September, 1842, a Negro Man, of dark complexion, about 50 years old, 5 feet 11 inches high, weighs 185 lbs., has holes in his ears for ear rings, high forehead, who says that his name is SAM PAIN, and that he belongs to THOMAS BOYD, living in Purdy Tennessee. The owner is hereby notified and requested to come forward [sic], prove property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be deal with as the law directs.

JAMES LAWSON, jun.,  
 Sheriff Pulaski county, Ark's.

### 1843

9 February 1843

*Arkansas Gazette* (February 15, 1843)

Ranaway

From the subscriber, on the night of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant, a Negro man, by the name of ANDY, about twenty-one years of age, five feet six inches high. His dress, when he left, was a round jacket and trousers made of "hard-times", with a blue blanket overcoat, and an old fur cap. He is probably lurking in this vicinity. A reward of twenty dollars will be given for his apprehension, either in this or any other county, so that the subscriber will be enabled thereby to get him again.

NOAH H. BADGETT.

24 April 1843

*Arkansas Gazette* (April 26, 1843)

\$500 Reward For 13 Negro Slaves

The following described slaves were conveyed, by JAMES DE BAUN and wife, by a regular deed of conveyance, executed on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 184[sic], and duly recorded in the county of Pulaski, in this State to LAMBERT REARDON, WILLIAM E. WOODRUFF, and GEORGE C. WATKINS, in trust, for the purpose of securing myself and others for certain liabilities, incurred as security for said De Baun; and, on the 22d day of April, 1843, said slaves were sold at public auction, by said trustees, at which sale I became the purchaser thereof, to wit: DANIEL, of dark complexion, aged 21 years; EVE, his wife, of light complexion, aged 26 years, and their two children of light complexion, HARRIET, aged 10 years, and FELIX, aged 4 years; LITTLETON, a Negro man, of dark complexion, aged 48 years; LUCY, his wife, of dark complexion, aged 28 years, and their three children—BETTY, a girl, of dark complexion, aged 5 years; FRANK, a boy, of dark complexion, aged 3 years, and ISRAEL, a child, of dark complexion, aged 2 years;

EDMUND, of dark complexion, aged 21 years; EMELINE, his wife, of dark complexion, aged 18 years, HARRY, of dark complexion, aged 12 years; and CASER, of dark complexion aged 9 years. The above reward of five hundred dollars will be paid, by me, for the apprehension and delivery of said slaves, or in proportion for any part of them, to Gen. Wm. H. Overton, at Alexandria, Louisiana, or to James H. Leverech, Esq., in New Orleans. Said Negroes were removed from this county about two months since, at which time they were in charge of JOSEPH MERRIL, and are believed to be in his possession at this time, as the agent of said De Baun. He will probably endeavor to dispose of them, either in that capacity, or under a bill of sale from De Baun to him. Said slaves are believed to be in Texas, or on their way there; and all persons are forewarned from purchasing or harboring said slaves, under the severest penalties of the law, as they will be taken possession of, as my property, wherever they may be found.

ROSWELL BEEBE

Little Rock, Ark's.

15 May 1843

*Arkansas Advocate* (May 15, 1843)

Look Out \$25 Reward

Runaway from the subscriber on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 1843 a Negro man, named TALTON, of a mulatto color about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, weighs about 165 or 170 pounds, about 21 years of age, his little finger on his right hand is crooked (stiff in the joint) [sic] Had on when he left, a white wool hat pretty well worn, a blue cloth frock coat pretty well worn, a wed woolen comfort around his neck, his pantaloons are of a grey Negro cloth, pretty well worn, a course pair of shoes and had when he left a chain fastened to his leg. His object is to get to Little Rock.

JONATHAN HARDEN

Conway County.

14 June 1843

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 16, 1843)

\$50 Reward

Ran away, from the plantation of WM. HUNTER Esq., of the parish of Natchitoches, La., my Negro man, WATT, about 5 feet 8 inches high, copper colored, quick spoken, and active in his movements. Aged about 27 years. Said boy was in company with my boy JUNIUS, who was arrested in Union county, Arkansas, but Watt made his escape. I purchased Watt in Chestertown, S.C. of Mr. RUPERT, and will give the above reward if he is taken and confined in any jail in the Tate [sic] of Arkansas, so that I can get him again.

A. S. GROSVENOR.

26 June 1843

*Washington Telegraph* (June 13, 1843)

\$50 Reward

Ran away from the subscriber residing in Bossier Parish, LA on Sun, 25<sup>th</sup> June, a Negro man by the name of BOB. He is about forty-five years of age, very dark color, about 6 feet high, has both ears cut off, or one off and the other cropped, his teeth are ever visible, and are wide apart. When

he left he took with him a sorrel pony, which has a white spot on the left jaw and several saddle spots on his back. The above reward will be given for his apprehension and delivery to me, or a liberal reward for his confinement in any jail so that I may get him.

WILLIAM MARGIN

Bossier Pa, LA.

27 June 1843

*Washington Telegraph* (June 27, 1843)

Notice Ran away from the subscriber about the Blue Bayou, Sevier County Arkansas a Negro boy by the name of STANTON; who is very black, spare made, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, is about 25 yrs of age, has a very high forehead and down look will weigh 160 or 165 lbs., when he left he had on a white wool hat, the color of his dress not recollected. I will give \$35 for the apprehension and confinement of said Negro in any jail so that I can get him.

JOHN W. GREEN

2 August 1843

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 16, 1843)

Was Committed

To the Jail of Chicot county, by Silas Heoskins, a Negro man, who calls himself JOHN, aged about thirty years, and weighs about 160 lbs; is about 5 feet 10 inches high, and very black. He says he belongs to JOHN HULETT, Esq., in Louisiana, 18 miles below Grand Gulf, Miss., on the Mississippi river. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

WILFORD GARNER, Sh'ff and Jailer, Chicot Co., Ark

By CALVIN ASHBROOK, Deputy Sh'ff.

29 August 1843

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 16, 1843)

Was Committed

To the Jail of Pulaski county, by the Captain of the Steamboat Gov. Morehead, a Negro Girl, who calls herself ELIZABETH, aged about 20 years, and weighs about 150 lbs., is about 5 feet 8 inches high, and very black. She says she belongs to JACK BARLEY of Tennessee. She had on when she was taken up a light calico dress. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, or she will be dealt with as the law directs.

JAMES LAWSON, Jr.

Sheriff and Jailor Pulaski County, Ark.

29 day of August [sic], 1843.

30 October 1843

*Arkansas Advocate* (October 30, 1843)

Runaway Negro

Was taken up on the 20<sup>th</sup> last month by Gilbert Collins of the Choctaw Nation of the name of

JEFF or JEFFERSON. He is about 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high; he says he belongs to one WALKER LUCKY, in Elizabeth parish LA, 40 miles below Ecore Fabre on the Washita. Mr. Lucky is the son in law of Judge TEATON.  
DANIEL FOLSOM Clerk.

## 1844

22 January 1844

*Arkansas Advocate* (January 22, 1844)

\$50 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> inst., my Negro boy THOMAS, about 36 years of age, dark complected, five feet 8 or 9 inches high, thick set, remarkably thick neck, has lost some of his front teeth, and his other front teeth are bad, a scar on his right foot from a cut by an axe, he is quick spoken and altogether a pert boy.

JESSE WHITE

Searcy White county Ark.

3 April 1844

*Arkansas Gazette* (May 8, 1844)

Runaway Negro

Ranaway from the subscriber, living in Jefferson county, on the 25<sup>th</sup> of last January, a Negro boy, named FIELDING, about nineteen or twenty years of age; he is about five feet six or eight inches in height, spare built, his complexion dark, and his voice remarkably soft, and he usually is seen with his countenance dejected. A reward of twenty five dollars will be given for his apprehension and confinement in any jail in this State, so that I can secure him. And forty dollars will be given for his delivery to me at my residence, near Red Bluffs, Jefferson county.

CORNELIUS SANDERS.

21 May 1844

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 11, 1844)

Runaway Negro In Jail

Was committed to the jail of Chicot county, Arkansas, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1844, a Negro man, who calls himself WILLIAM JOHNSON, and says he belongs to ADOLPHE REJHOE, a Frenchman, six miles below New Orleans. Said Negro is about five feet six or eight inches high, twenty-three or twenty-four years of age, and rather heavy built; black, and speaks very broken English; had on, when committed, a gingham frock coat, blue cottanade pants, white cotton shirt, with linen bosom, a pair of black brogan shoes, and a chip hat. The owner of said boy is hereby requested to come forward, pay charges, prove property, and take him away; otherwise, he will be dealt with as the law in such cases directs.

WILFORD GARNER,

Sheriff and Jailor of Chicot county, Ark. By Wm. J. NEALE, D.S.

Columbia.

28 May 1844

*Arkansas Gazette* (June 19, 1844)

\$50 Reward

Ran Away, from the subscriber, on the 10<sup>th</sup> May, a Negro boy, named MANUEL, sixteen years of age, slender made, when spoken to looks down, speaks low, shows his teeth and the white of his eyes; his under lip is large and hangs down. He is supposed to have left on the steam-boat Export, bound for Pittsburg, in company with some Negroes belonging to Mrs. Colbert, and to have landed within a few miles of Memphis. The above reward will be paid for securing him in any jail out of the State, or twenty dollars if taken in the State.

RICHARD L. GALLOWAY

Little Rock.

15 August 1844

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 21, 1844)

Ran Away

From the subscriber, in Johnson county, on the 30<sup>th</sup> July last, a mulatto Negro, named BOB, about 20 years of age, five feet ten or eleven inches high. He left in a skiff, and came down the Arkansas river, wearing at the time, a white cotton shirt and pantaloons. As a mark by which he may be known, one of his middle toes has been cut off at the first joint. A liberal reward will be given for his apprehension and delivery to me, or confined in any jail, so that I can get him again.  
L. N. CLARKE.<sup>42</sup>

20 August 1844

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 4, 1844)

\$150 Reward

Ran Away from my farm, on Thursday last, a Negro Man named MOSES, about 33 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 8 inches high, black complexion, very fleshy and heavy built, weighs about 200 pounds, is fond of liquor, and is a notorious liar, and quite boisterous when intoxicated. He had a variety of good clothing and bedding, and it is probable that he is till lurking around this vicinity. If apprehended in this county and in any other part of the State, and secured in any jail so that I get him again; and, in either case, reasonable expenses, if brought to me; and, if stolen, or seduced away by any white man or free Negro or mulatto, I will pay an additional reward of \$100, on the apprehension and conviction of the thief.

WM. E. WOODRUFF

Little Rock.

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<sup>42</sup> See also *Arkansas Advocate*, 6 August 1844 [in August 26, 1844]

Ranaway From the subscriber in Johnson County on the 30<sup>th</sup> July last a mulatto Negro named BOB about 20 years of age, five feet 10 or 11 inches high. He left in a skiff, and came down the Arkansas River, wearing at the time, a white cotton shirt and pantaloons. As a mark by which he may be known, one of his middle toes has been cut off at the first joint.

L. N. CLARKE.

26 August 1844

*Arkansas Advocate* (August 26, 1844)

\$10 Reward

Ranaway from the subscriber in little Rock, on the 21<sup>st</sup> a Negro Boy named TOM, about 16 years old 4 feet 6 inches high, dark complected, weighs about 90 pounds.

BASS & GOOD

Little Rock.

13 November 1844

*Washington Telegraph* (November 13, 1844)

\$20 Reward

Runaway from the subscriber, residing at the Saline Salt works in Sevier County, a Negro boy called BOB about 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high, very stout built, light complexion, has a bald place on the back part of his head about the size of a dollar—he is about 30 years of age. I will give the above reward for his apprehension if lodged in any jail so I can get him or \$25 if brought to my residence. I will also add to the above reward for said Negro's apprehension 25 bushels of salt.

WM. G. KERLEY.

15 December 1844

*Arkansas Gazette* (March 24, 1845)

Notice

Was committed to the jail of Chicot county, Arkansas, a certain Negro woman, as a runaway slave, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 1844; said woman says that her name is POLLY, and that she was purchased by a Mr. WHITE, a Negro trader, from Mr. DUFF, in the State of Virginia, taken to New Orleans and sold to a Mr. BRACH, and immediately ranaway in company with her husband; (who is also in jail here) [sic] said Negro woman is black, rather delicate appearance, about 25 years of age, and from her conversation; I presume a good house servant, no marks perceptible; had on when committed cotton clothing, but had a variety of other clothing. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take her away, otherwise she will be dealt with as the law, in such cases, directs.

THOS. H. RIVES,

Sheriff and Jailor of Chicot county, Ark's

Columbia, Ark's.<sup>43</sup>

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<sup>43</sup> See also *Arkansas Gazette*, 22 December 1845 [in February 2, 1846]

Notice

Was committed to the jail of Chicot county, Arkansas, a certain Negro woman, as a runaway slave, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 1844; said woman says that her name is POLLY, and that she was purchased by a Mr. WHITE, a Negro trader, from Mr. DUFF, in the State of Virginia, taken to New Orleans and sold to a Mr. BRACH, and immediately ranaway in company with her husband; (who is also in jail here) [sic] said Negro woman is black, rather delicate appearance, about 25 years of age, and from her conversation; I presume a good house servant, no marks perceptible; had on when committed cotton clothing, but had a variety of other clothing. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take her away, otherwise she will be dealt with as the law, in such cases, directs.

THOS. H. RIVES,

15 December 1844

*Arkansas Gazette* (March 24, 1845)

Notice

Was committed to the jail of Chicot county, Arkansas, as a runaway slave, on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1844, a certain Negro man, who says that his name is BARTLETT, and belongs to VICTOR THOMPSON, who formerly resided about 25 miles back of Memphis, but has recently removed to Texas; said Negro is about 40 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches high, of a dark copper color, and is a good deal affected with the rheumatism—in fact, he walks on crutches; had on when committed a black wool hat, black jeans coat, and white linsey pants. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property and pay charges, otherwise he will be dealt with as the law, in such cases, directs.

THOS. H. RIVES,

Sheriff and Jailor of Chicot county, Ark's  
Columbia, Ark's.

15 December 1844

*Arkansas Gazette* (March 24, 1845)

Was committed to the jail of Chicot county, Arkansas, as a runaway slave, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 1844, a certain Negro man, who says that his name is JOHN, and that he was purchased by a Mr. WHITE, a Negro trader, from Mr. DUFF, in the State of Virginia, taken to New Orleans and sold to a gentleman whose name he does not know, as he ranaway immediately on learning that he was sold from his wife; (who is also in jail here) [sic] said Negro is of a dark copper color, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, about 35 years of age—no marks perceivable; had on when committed a new white linsey hunting shirt and white cotton pants. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property and pay charges, otherwise he will be dealt with as the law, in such cases, directs.

THOS. H. RIVES,

Sheriff and Jailor of Chicot county, Ark's  
Columbia, Ark's.<sup>44</sup>

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Sheriff and Jailor of Chicot county, Ark's  
Columbia, Ark's, Dec. 15, 1844

Notice Is Hereby Given, That in pursuance to the statutes of this State, I will, on Monday, the 2d day of Feb., 1846, in front of the courthouse of Chicot county, Ark., expose the above described Negro, to public sale to the highest and last bidder. Terms Cash, par funds.

THO'S RIVES,

Sheriff and Jailor of Chicot county, Ark's  
Columbia, Ark's.

<sup>44</sup> See also *Arkansas Gazette*, 22 December 1845 [in February 2, 1846]

Was committed to the jail of Chicot county, Arkansas, as a runaway slave, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 1844, a certain Negro man, who says that his name is JOHN, and that he was purchased by a Mr. WHITE, a Negro trader, from Mr. DUFF, in the State of Virginia, taken to New Orleans and sold to a gentleman whose name he does not know, as he ranaway immediately on learning that he was sold from his wife; (who is also in jail here) [sic] said Negro is of a dark copper color, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, about 35 years of age—no marks perceivable; had on when committed a new white linsey hunting shirt and white cotton pants. The owner is requested to come forward,

24 December 1844

*Washington Telegraph* (January 15, 1845)

\$25 Reward

Escaped from the jail of Hempstead County on the night of the 16<sup>th</sup> inst., a Negro man named WILKES, taken up as a runaway. He said he belonged to JOHN B. GAMBLE of De Soto Parish, La. Said Wilkes is a rather low in stature but stout, had on when he left a black fur hat about half worn, and a light mixed jeans or linsey coat. It is thought that he will make his way in the direction of Batesville as his wife is owned in Independence County. Twenty five dollars will be given for his apprehension and delivery to me at this place, or \$15 for his apprehension and committal to jail so that I can get him again.

T. M. FLEMING

Jailer Washington.

## 1845

26 February 1845

*Washington Telegraph* (February 26, 1845)

Runaway From the subscriber on Wed. the 19<sup>th</sup> inst. My Negro boy WILKS. He is about 5 feet 5 or 7 inches high, very dark complexion, stout built, wore whiskers, has rather a down look, and is very communicative. When he left he wore a pair of cottonade pantaloons, and an old dress coat. It is supposed that he will attempt to get to LA. A reasonable compensation will be paid for his apprehension and delivery to me, or for any information that will enable me to get him.

JAMES WARD, Sa.

Antoine, Clark county AR.

10 April 1845

*Arkansas Gazette* (June 16, 1845)

Notice

Was committed to the jail of Pulaski county, Arkansas, as a runaway slave, on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1845, a certain Negro man, who says that his name is HENRY, and belongs to GABRIEL JOHNSON, near Canton, Mississippi; said Negro is about 30 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, black no marks perceivable, had on when committed woollen clothing. The owner is requested to come foreward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away, otherwise he will

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prove property and pay charges, otherwise he will be dealt with as the law, in such cases, directs.

THOS. H. RIVES,

Sheriff and Jailer of Chicot county, Ark's

Columbia, Ark's, Dec. 15, 1844

Notice Is Hereby Given, That in pursuance to the statutes of this State, I will, on Monday, the 2d day of Feb., 1846, in front of the courthouse of Chicot county, Ark., expose the above described Negro, to public sale to the highest and last bidder. Terms Cash, par funds.

THO'S RIVES,

Sheriff and Jailer of Chicot county, Ark's

Columbia, Ark's.

be dealt with as the law in such cases, directs.

WM. B. BORDEN,  
 Sheriff and Jailor of Pulaski county, Ark's  
 Little Rock.

8 July 1845

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 8, 1845)

Fifty Dollars Reward

Runaway from the subscriber, living at Palarm Bridge, about 18 miles above Little Rock, on the night of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst., a Negro Man, named MAT—he is a bright mulatto, about 30 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 8 inches high—has sore shins, and is rather diffident when spoken to. He left in a skiff, and I suppose descended the Arkansas river. I will give the above reward of \$50 for his apprehension, if taken out of the State—\$25 if taken in the State, and out of this county; or \$10 for his apprehension in the county. I will, also, pay all reasonable expenses incurred in apprehending said boy.

JOHN N. BOYLE  
 Palarm Bridge.

21 August 1845

*Washington Telegraph* (September 10, 1845)

\$100 Reward

Left my farm, 15 miles from Champagnolle, in Union county AR, on the night of Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> inst, my man SAM. He took with him a common sized gray horse, with saddle, bridle, &c also his clothing. I have every reason to believe he has been enticed away by some white person, and I will give the above reward for his apprehension and delivery to me. Sam is a bright mulatto about five feet eight inches high, teeth widely separated, a scar on the crown of his head, and about 25r years of age. My address is Champongelle, Union Co AR

WILLIAM SMITH .

11 September 1845

*Arkansas Gazette* (October 13, 1845)

\$50 Reward

Ranaway from the subscriber on the night of Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> inst., my Negro man named WILLIAM, taking with him my little bay mare. William is about 25 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches in heights, very bright quatroom, with grey eyes. He took with him a jeans frock coat, two pair of striped pants, and a new straw hat. I will give \$50 reward if taken out of Jefferson county, and \$25 it taken with this country.

F. N. VAUGINE  
 Jefferson county, Arks.

6 October 1845

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 3, 1845)

## Notice

Was committed to the Jail of Chicot county, Arkansas, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1845, as a runaway slave, a certain Negro Man, who says that his name is STEPHEN, and that he belongs to JOHN LONG, near Memphis, Tennessee, and who owns a plantation in St. Francis county, Ark's; said negro states that he was sent by Mr. Lodge's agent from St. Francis county, with two white men to New Orleans, for the purpose of taking a raft of timber to market, but before reaching New Orleans, became apprehensive that the white men intended to sell him, and consequently he runaway. Said Negro is black, 5 feet 8 inches high, has a scar in the forehead, which shows very plain; appears to be 40 or 45 years of age; had on when committed linsey clothing. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him away, otherwise he will be dealt with as the law in such cases directs.

THO'S H. RIVES,  
 Sheriff and Jailer of Chicot county, Ark's  
 Columbia, Ark's.

8 October 1845

*Washington Telegraph* (October 8, 1845)

Was Committed To the jail of Hempstead Co, AR a Negro man named JIM. Said Negro says he belongs to REESE HUDGES, near Jefferson TX, and is about 30 yrs old, 6 feet high weights [sic] about 175 pounds, and has a scar just above his left eye. Therefore, the owner of said Negro is hereby required to come foreword prove property, pay charges, and take said slave away or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

LEWIS HEDDLESTON sheriff of Pike county AR  
 By TM FLEMING Jailer of Hempstead Co AR

8 October 1845

*Washington Telegraph* (October 8, 1845)

Runaway Negro in Jail Was committed to the Jail of Clark County AR on the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of July 1845 a Negro man who says his name is NATHAN and that he belongs to HARMON CRAM, near Camden in Ouachita county, AR. Nathan is about 5 feet ten inches high weighs about 175 pounds and is about 30 years of age he has no scars perceivable. The owner of said Negro is required to come foreword, prove property pay charges and take him away or he will be dealt with according to law.

BENJ. S. DUNCAN  
 Sheriff and Jailer of Clark Co Arkansas.

12 October 1845

*Arkansas Gazette* (October 27, 1845)

Taken Up

Taken up in Magnet Cove, Hot Spring county, a Negro Woman [WOMAN], black complexion, about 30 or 35 years old, says she belongs to Mrs. HILL, at Little Rock. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges, and take her away, or she will be dealt with according to law.

J. W. GULLRETON

Jailor Hot Spring Co.

13 October 1845

*Arkansas Gazette* (February 2, 1845)

Fifty Dollars Reward

Runaway from the subscriber, living 8 miles below the city of Little Rock, on Monday night last, the 6<sup>th</sup> inst., Two Negro Boys, named ANDREW and JACKSON. Andrew is a stout heavy built Negro, and will weigh about 173 lbs., of black color, pleasant countenance, good natured, and rather slow in speech; had on when he left, kersey or cotton jeans pantaloons, and a soldier's over coat, castor or mud boots, entirely new, and broad brimmed straw hat. Jackson is a likely Negro boy, of a yellow color about 6 feet high, well made and will weigh from 150 to 160 lbs. He is a sprightly boy, and is disposed to talk a good deal. He wore under his chin light goat tees [sic]; had on when he left, half-worn drab pantaloons or cotton jeans, which were new, and frock cloth coat, and castor or mud boots, entirely new. It is supposed that he has with him an old U.S. musket. It is probable said boys may have been decoyed, or enticed away by some white person. I will give the above reward if said Negroes are taken without the State, or \$25 for either ; if taken within the State, I will give \$15 for either, or \$20 for both. Said rewards will be given and paid, if said Negroes, or either of them are secured, so that I can get them.

SAM'L P. BADGETT

Little Rock.

22 November 1845

*Arkansas Gazette* (December 15, 1845)

\$150 Reward

Ranaway from the subscriber within 5 miles of the Post of Arkansas, a dark mulatto man named JOHN, about 23 years old, about 5 feet 10 inches high, straight and very likely—he has on the inside of his right hand a scar recently made by a cut from a knife, extending from the second across the little finger which has been disabled and stands out from the hand. He took with him a variety of clothing, among which a satinett coat nearly new, of mixed blue color; blue satinett pantaloons; a fur hat and blue cloth cap. He also took off with him, three hundred dollars in silver and one five dollars gold piece. The money may enable him to procure free papers, or attach himself to some white man in order to effect his escape. I will give a reward of twenty-five dollars for his apprehension, if taken in Arkansas or Desha counties; if taken in the State out of these counties, fifty dollars; if taken out of the State one hundred dollars, and in addition, one-third the amount of money that may be found with him.

T. FARRELLY

Post of Arkansas.

1846

11 May 1846

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 31, 1846)

## Jailor's Notice

Was committed to the Jail of Chicot County, Arkansas, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 1846, as a runaway slave, a certain Negro Woman, who says her name is JANE, and that she belongs to a Mr. DENNING of New Orleans. That she was purchased by JAMES McHATTEN from a Mr. GRIFFIN in Baron County, Kentucky, taken to New Orleans and sold to her present owner, from whom she ran away. Said Negro woman is black, about five feet high, twenty or twenty-two years old; no marks or scars perceptible; had on when committed an old striped calico dress. The owner of said Negro Woman is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take her away, otherwise she will be dealt with as the law in such cases directs.

THO'S H. RIVES,

Sheriff and Jailor of Chicot County.

11 May 1846

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 31, 1846)

## Jailor's Notice

Was committed to the Jail of Chicot County, Arkansas, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 1846, as a runaway slave, a certain Negro Man, who says his name is GEORGE, and that he belongs to Mr. DENNING of New Orleans. That he was purchased by JAMES McHATTEN, in Baron County, Kentucky, taken to New Orleans and sold to his present owner, from whom he ran away. Said Negro is black, about six feet high, twenty-eight or thirty years of age; no marks or scars perceptible; had on when committed a black cassinet roundabout, striped cotton pantaloons, and an old black wool hat. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take her away, otherwise she will be dealt with as the law in such cases directs.

THO'S H. RIVES,

Sheriff and Jailor of Chicot County.

26 July 1846

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 14, 1846)

## Fifty Dollars Reward

Ranaway from the subscriber, R.C. Richards, living in the county of Bolivar and State of Mississippi, opposite the mouth of White river, Arkansas, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June last, a Negro man named SAM, about 35 years old, complexion black, stature quite tall, and spends very freely; he had a disease called hernia. The above Negro man once belonged to a Mr. WILLIAM MOORE, near the mouth of Black river, Arkansas, and was sold to Captain J. A. HARSTEN of Yakabusha county Miss, in the City of New Orleans, La., by a Mr. LOT. It is supposed that he is making his way back to his former master, or to Texas where he has two sisters. The above reward will be promptly paid for the apprehension and safe delivery of said Negro in any jail so that I can obtain him.

R.C. RICHARD

Bolivar county, Miss.

12 August 1846

*Washington Telegraph* (August 12, 1846)

**\$25 Reward**

Ranaway from the subscriber in Union, Arks, a Negro man named JERRY. Said boy is about 5 feet 6 inches high, very black, has a high forehead, and ha has a scar on his right shoulder, about 35 years old. Any person who will apprehend said Negro and deliver him to me at Union Court House shall have the above reward.

WARNER BROWN.

12 August 1846

*Washington Telegraph* (August 12, 1846)

Ranaway from the subscriber on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May a mulatto man by the name of BEN, five feet 8 or 10 inches high, 30 years old, has a down look when suddenly spoken to, his head inclines to be bushy, I have every reason to believe he is making to the Choctaw Nation or TX. I will give a reasonable reward for his apprehension or confinement in some jail so that I can get him, or any information that will lead to his apprehension.

MICHAEL BOZEMAN

Arkadelphia Clark Co.

4 October 1846

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 2, 1846)

**\$20 Reward**

Ranaway from the subscriber living ten miles above Memphis, on the Mississippi, in Crittenden county, Ark, one Negro boy named MORDECAI, of dark complexion, 21 or 22 years old, stout and heavy built, 5 feet 10 inches high. Wore at the time he left white cotton clothes, cloth cap, and half worn boots, he took with him some cotton clothing, one blue cloth coat, one striped summer coat. Said boy is good looking, quick spoken, and lisps a little in his speech. He took with him a large sized new scough [sic], painted blue, and will aim to go to Little Rock, Arks. I will give \$10 for said boy if taken in Crittenden county, and secured so that I can get him, or \$20 if taken out of the county and secured in any jail so that I can get him, and all other reasonable expenses paid.

J. B. BADGETT.

## 1847

6 January 1847

*Washington Telegraph* (January 6, 1847)

Was Committed to the Jail of Hempstead County on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 1846 a Negro Boy of light complexion about 17-18 years old, 5 feet 7 inches height and weighs about 135, says his name is JOE and he belongs to JOHN RADCLIFF of Bossier Parish Louisiana. Price Roach Jailer Hempstead County Arkansas.

11 March 1847

*Washington Telegraph* (March 11, 1847)

A runaway Negro named NELSON who has lately been arrested in Alabama says that he belongs to Mr. NATHANIEL HARRIS who lives in Arkansas.

21 March 1847

*Arkansas Gazette* (May 22, 1847)

\$100 Reward

Ranaway from the subscriber on the 19<sup>th</sup> inst., in Montgomery county, my slave ANDERSON. Said Negro is about 5 feet 11 inches high, 26 or 27 years old, is rather of a copper color; wears a smiling countenance and is pleasant spoken; wore when he left a blue jeans coat and black wool hat. He also took off a pair of Deringer pistols about 5 inches long in the barrel. I will pay the above reward to any person who will take up said Negro, and lodge him in any jail, so that I can get him; and if delivered to me at my residence, will pay all necessary expenses in addition to the above reward.

HENRY BURROUGH

Mt. Ida.<sup>45</sup>

30 April 1847

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 29, 1847)

\$300 Reward

Ranaway from the subscriber, on the 20<sup>th</sup> inst., my Negro man FRANK, or FRANCIS, about twenty-six years old, of slim make, 5 feet ten or eleven inches high, of black color, and good appearance. His apparel cannot be described, except that he had on a black hat and light-colored corduroy pantaloons, made to button up in front. Said Negro has been mostly raised about Little Rock, and was purchased by me as part of the estate of DAVID FULTON, deceased. I will pay twenty dollars if he is taken in the county of Pulaski, and delivered to me; or I will pay fifty dollars, if taken in any other county in the State of Arkansas, and delivered to me; or I will pay one hundred dollars, if taken in any other slave State, and delivered to me; and if taken in any free State, and delivered to me, I will pay three hundred dollars.

E. A. MORE

Little Rock, Ark's.<sup>46</sup>

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<sup>45</sup> See also *Arkansas Gazette*, 15 July 1847 [in August 26, 1847]

\$500 Reward

Two Hundred Dollars reward will be given by the undersigned, for the apprehension and delivery to him, at his residence in Montgomery county, or to the Sheriff of Johnson co., his Negro man ANDERSON who is of the following description, about 5 feet 11 inches high, 26 or 27 years old, is rather of a copper color; wears a smiling countenance and is pleasant spoken. He ran away from the residence of the subscriber on the 19<sup>th</sup> March and had been hiring on a steamboat on the river, was taken up and put in the Johnson county jail on the 18<sup>th</sup> May, and there remained until the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. On that night, the jail was entered by some villain, and the Negro who was fastened to the floor in the upper room by a log chain, was released from his imprisonment and carried off.

Three Hundred Dollars

More will be given for the apprehension and delivery, at either place above named, of the scoundrel, who is, no doubt, a white man, who committed this deed, as it is the undersigned's intention to bring such a scoundrel to justice.

HENRY BORROUGH

Mount Ida, Ark's.

29 May 1847

*Arkansas Gazette* (June 5, 1847)

\$20 Reward

Ranaway from my plantation, three miles above Napoleon, on the Mississippi river on Sunday night 9<sup>th</sup> May, my Negro man CATO. He is brown or copper color, twenty-three or twenty-four years old, five feet ten or eleven inches high, stoop or drooped shoulders. He was raised in the Indian Nation, and it is supposed he was decoyed away by some white man who speaks the Indian Language, as he can speak but few words in English. I will give twenty dollars reward if taken within the State, or fifty dollars if taken out of the State and delivered to me at Napoleon; and if stolen by a white man, fifty dollars for the conviction and punishment of the thief.

JAMES HIBBARD

Napoleon, Ark.

29 May 1847

*Arkansas Gazette* (June 5, 1847)

Thirty Dollars Reward

Ranaway from the subscriber at Hot Springs, on the 23d day of May, 1847, a Negro man named NED, about five feet seven or eight inches high, weighs about one hundred and forty pounds, stout built, of a kind of copper color or dark mulatto. He belongs to Mrs. Bush, of Conway county, and will likely endeavour to make his way back there again. He stole before he left a \$100 bill on some of the N. Orleans Banks, from a visitor at the Springs. I will give ten dollars to any one that will deliver to me the Negro man at Hot Springs, or to H. Mitchell, Little Rock. Or I will give thirty dollars for the delivery of the boy and money.

LEVI MITCHELL.

22 December 1847

*Washington Telegraph* (December 22, 1847)

Runaway was taken up & committed to the jail of Hempstead County on Thursday 16 day of December a Negro man who says his name is BILL and he belongs to THOS. ERICK of Bossier Parish Louisiana. Said Negro is 35-40 years 5 feet 8 ½ high, black complexion wears a long beard.

James Barron Jailer.

## 1848

26 April 1848

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<sup>46</sup> *Arkansas Gazette*, 5 August 1847 [in August 5, 1847]

I have sold my Negro man, FRANK, in the woods; and therefore this is to certify I will not pay any reward for his apprehension, from this time forward.

E.A. MORE.

*Washington Telegraph* (April 26, 1848)

\$15 reward

Ranaway from the subscriber about the 1<sup>st</sup> of February a Negro man named WILSON age about 30 years, 5 feet 5 or 8 inches, speaks very quick when questioned, copper colored, has scar over left eye and is very active fellow. I think he is lurking about the Colony in Sevier County where he has a wife. I will pay the above reward if taken in state, \$30 if out.

R. T. COOK

Little Missouri River, Clark County AR.

2 May 1848

*Washington Telegraph* (May 3, 1848 )

\$25 reward

Ranaway from the subscriber on the night of the 1<sup>st</sup> inst, a Negro man named FIELDING, aged about 22 years, of a dark copper color and about five feet eight inches in height, well dressed and has a variety of clothing with him. On his neck is a large scar, which has the appearance of a burn. He is slow of speech but is quite intelligent; can read and write very well and will probably have a pass, or free papers with him, and will no doubt endeavor to get to the Arkansas or Mississippi rivers as he has been on steamboats as cook & c. This boy ran away from his former master SAMUEL TAYLOR who resided near Pine Bluff, AR, was out some three years, and passed himself off as a free man calling himself JOHN. Said Negro took with him a dark bay horse, saddle, bridle, and a large red blanket. The horse has a fine appearance; is about 16 hands high 7 years old and has a star on his forehead. The above reward will be paid for the apprehension and delivery of the boy and horse to the undersigned and all reasonable charges will be paid

GEORGE O. BRITT

Washington AR.

20 May 1848

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 6, 1848)

Runaway

From the subscriber, living in Milikin's Bend, Madison Parish, La., on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January last, a Negro man named WILKINS, aged about 27 or 28 years—5 feet 10 inches high—weighs about 165 or 170 lbs.—high forehead for a Negro—a bushy head of hair—small slender hand for a field Negro,—no marks or scars that I recollect of. This Negro man may say, when questioned, that he belongs in the State of Georgia, as I purchased him about the 1<sup>st</sup> of last January from a Negro trader who brought him from that state. I will give a liberal reward and pay all the necessary expenses to any person who will deliver said Negro to me, in Milikin's bend, or confine him in any Jail, so that I get him again.

W. H. EDRINGTON

w. Southern Shield.

9 September 1848

*Washington Telegraph* (October 4, 1848)

Ranaway from the subscriber living fifteen miles south of Farmerville, on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst a Negro man named AMERICAN. Said Negro is supposed to be 40 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 8 inches high, very black well made, back considerably marked by the whip and his right little finger crooked, whether stiff or not, uncertain. There is a large scar, from the cut of an axe upon his great toe. When he left he wore the mark of a blow over the eye which will probably remain some days. It is supposed he will make up the country

D.P. A Cook  
Union Parish La.

21 September 1848

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 18, 1849)

\$100 Reward

Ranaway from the subscriber, about the middle of August last, a sprightly active and intelligent black boy, BILL, said boy, is about 21 years of age, heavy built, weighs 160 pounds, is about 5 feet 8 inches high, his clothing, I can not describe, except his hat, which was a smooth white fur hat, nearly new. I will give \$20 to any person who will apprehend him in Saline county and deliver him to me; or if taken in any county in this State and secured so that I get him, I will give \$25, and if apprehended and secured in an adjoining State; I will give \$100 reward.

LEWIS MILLINER

Caldwellton, Saline co.

18 October 1848

*Washington Telegraph* (October 18, 1848)

Notice

Ranaway from the subscriber in Chickaniney Prairie on Red River in Lafayette County, AR on Saturday night the 22<sup>nd</sup> ult, a Negro man named ANDERSON about 25 or 30 years of age, five feet ten inches high, well made, and has a very pert and sprightly appearance, and very likely; of a dark copper color, and had on when he left a blue jeans coat and a black glazed hat. Any person arresting him and giving me information of said Negro or confining him in jail so that I can get him shall be liberally rewarded for their troubles, by addressing me at Lewisville AR

HENRY M. LEMAY.

## 1849

23 May 1849

*Washington Telegraph* (May 23, 1849)

\$50 Reward

Ranaway from the subscriber on the 26 ult. A Negro man named BOB about 30 years of age, spare made and black complexion. Said Negro took with him a large grey mare, with a gash in the right heel cut by a plow not entirely well. Any information respecting the mare will be thankfully received, and the above reward will be paid for the apprehension of Negro and notice given me at Red Land Post Office Bossier Parish Louisiana.

CHARLES LEWIS.

29 May 1849

*Arkansas Gazette* (June 21, 1849)

Runaway

From my residence, distance one and a half miles south of Hot Springs, State of Arkansas, a Negro man named PETER, aged about 40 years, about five feet eight or nine inches high; decayed teeth, with one or two teeth out in front, yellow complexion, with rather an Indian and Negro face. He is a good house carpenter, plays the fiddle, and speaks Spanish. His English is broken. Ever ready to force a rude politeness. I will give ten dollars if taken in Hot Spring county: thirty if taken more than one hundred miles from my residence, and seventy dollars if taken out of the State of Arkansas. His ears have been bored, and he sometimes wears rings. He had on when he left, bluish cottenade pantaloons, and, I believe a round jacket. The above reward I will give if the said Boy Peter is taken, and delivered to me, or placed in some jail so that I safely get him. A letter addressed to me here at Hot Springs, Arkansas, will be promptly noticed. This fellow's eyes are red, or bloodshot, and films slightly growing over one of his eyes, and a new scar under the left eye, which looks whitish. Any man is at liberty to whip this fellow, as I myself have never done it.

JOHN H. WARD

Hot Spring.

14 June 1840

*Arkansas Gazette* (June 28, 1849)

\$20 Reward

Ranaway from the subscriber, living 8 miles from Memphis, on the Holly Springs (Stage) [sic] road, on the 3d instant, a Negro man named JIM. Jim is about 21 years of age, very black colored, 5 feet 11 inches high, very slow spoken, will weigh about 175 or 180 pounds; has no marks that I recollect. He will pass himself for a carpenter, and may not give my name as his master. I think he will try to reach Helena, Arks. The above reward will be paid for his delivery to me at my plantation or for his confinement in any jail so that I can get him.

JAMES SIMS

Memphis, (Eagle) [sic].

20 June 1849

*Washington Telegraph* (June 20, 1849)

\$50 reward

Ranaway from the subscriber on the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. Two Negro men, one named WILKS, about 30 years of age about 5 feet high black complexion speaks very quick when spoken to. The other named RANSOM about 20 years old stout made and dark complexion. Said Negroes took with them a bay mare with a scar on her knees also a black pony. They have probably got a pass to carry them to someplace in Arkansas. The above reward... [sic]

Charles Lewis.

17 September 1849

*Washington Telegraph* (September 17, 1849)

Committed to the Jail of Clark county on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 1848 a Negro man, a slave, who calls his name WILKS.<sup>47</sup> Said Negro man is about 28 years of age, about 5 feet 2 inches high and dark color. He says he belongs to JOHN W BOLLAND of the state of Alabama and is under the care of WILLIAM CLEEVEVER of Ouachita county state of Arkansas. The owner of said Negro is hereby requested to come forward prove property and pay charges or the slave will be dealt with according to law.

J. OVERTON Jailor

Arkadelphia

(printers fee \$5) [sic].

30 October 1849

*Arkansas Gazette* (February 22, 1850)

\$100 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, living at the Mouth of Mill Creek, on Red river, a Negro man JOHN, about 28 years old, about 5 feet 10 inches high, dark copper color, weighs about 160 or 170 pounds, has a scar on his left arm a little above the wrist, speaks freely, shows his teeth when talking, has sound teeth, and a good countenance. The said boy has been heard of at Caddo Cove, also at Hot Springs, and at Little Rock. He is supposed to be assisted by white men in spending his time at the above places. I will give the above reward of One Hundred Dollars, for his delivery at my plantation, at Mouth of Mill Creek, on Red river, Texas—or Fifty Dollars if placed in jail so that I get him. Any person putting said Negro in jail, will please drop me a note to Clarksville, Texas.

W. H. BOYCE

Clarksville, Texas.

15 November 1849

*Arkansas Gazette* (February 8, 1850)

\$50 Reward—Runaway

On Saturday last, my Negro boy PETER, aged about 20 years, black, 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high, accustomed to house-work of all kinds, smart and active, formerly belonged to Mr. ANTHONY, of this place—wore off a cloth cap, coarse cotton shirt, and a new pair coarse pantaloons of cotton and wool. His mother belongs to Mr. Benjamin J. Borden of Dallas county, in this State, where he may attempt to go. I will pay Fifty dollars reward for the delivery of the said slave to me at this city, or if he be taken up out of the State, and lodged in some jail so that I get him.

ROSWELL BEEBE

Little Rock.

19 December 1849

*Washington Telegraph* (December 19, 1849)

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<sup>47</sup> May be same as the preceding entry: *Washington Telegraph*, 20 June 1849 [in June 20, 1849].

## Jailers Notice

Was committed to the jail of Hempstead county on the 3d inst a Negro man who calls himself GEORGE WASHINGTON and says he belongs to a Mr. COVINGTO of Bossier Parish Louisiana. Said boy is about 20 years old 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high and of copper color. His clothing old and much worn. The owner is requested to come forward prove property pay charges and take him away or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

J. A. BARRON Jailer Hempstead Co.

## 1850

12 January 1850

*Arkansas Gazette* (May 12, 1850)

Received at the Penitentiary

From the Sheriff of Lafayette County, a Negro slave who says his name is ALFRED GILMORE, and belongs to V. N. T. ROGERS, of Alexandria, La. Said boy is 5 feet 8 inches high; dark complexion; 39 years of age. The middle finger of the left hand is crooked. He had on coat and pantaloons made of "hard times;" shirt of Lowell cotton: and glazed oilcloth cap.

J. H. HAMMACK, Contractor of State Penitentiary

Little Rock.

24 January 1850

*Arkansas Gazette* (February 15, 1850)

20 Dollars Reward

Ranaway from the subscriber, the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November last, a dark yellow girl, aged about 25 years, named JINNY. She is about 5 feet 4 inches high, very bold, speaks and laughs loud. On her right hand middle finger is bad, one finger is much larger at the end than the others. She is said to be harbored in town. The above reward will be given, if found in this county, and a liberal addition made, if found in other counties, and lodged in jail so I can get her.

JAMES VANCE

Little Rock.

27 February 1850

*Arkansas Gazette* (April 1, 1850 )

\$20 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, 7 miles below Little Rock, on the Arkansas River, a Negro boy named TRUMAN, about 20 years old, about 5 feet 10 inches high, stout built, and a sort of rusty yellow color, weighs about 160 or 170 pounds, a tolerably square face. He had on when he left a purple Linsey coat; very much worn, and was patched with new cloth of the same kind. He wore a blue cloth cap, and carried off with him a black cloth coat, and a pair of black cassimere pants, somewhat wore [sic]. The pantaloons were patched on the inside of the legs down towards the floor. I will give the above reward for his apprehension in any jail in the state, or \$40 if taken and confined in jail in any other state.

N. H. BADGETT.

10 April 1850

*Washington Telegraph* (April 10, 1850)

50 Dollar Reward

Ranaway from the subscriber on the 27<sup>th</sup> December last a Negro man named JOE. The said Negro is about 35 years of age, five feet eight or 10 inches high very black. His fore head is very high and receding, I think one of his fingers on the left hand is crooked; his whiskers cover the entire face below his eyes. Had on when he left a blue jeans coat and seal skin cap. I will give the above reward for his apprehension & delivery to any jail in the state.

E. C. HART

Shreveport.

10 April 1850

*Washington Telegraph* (April 10, 1850)

\$20 Reward

I will pay \$20 reward for my man BOB delivered to me at Washington Hempstead County Arkansas. Who ranaway on the 23d inst. Bob is of dark copper color 5 feet 6 or 8 inches high has a dull look answers quick when spoken to heavy set weighs about 150 has a fresh bruise over one of his eyes. I think had on when he left a brown coat with a hole in the back near the neck, black hat and striped pantaloons very little liquor will intoxicate him was brought from Roane Co Tennessee will probably aim for Camden.

J. G. D'ARMOND.

24 May 1850

*Arkansas Gazette* (June 21, 1850)

\$25 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, living in Dover, Pope county, Arks, on or about the 22d inst., a certain Negro boy named JORDAN. Said boy is a bright mulatto, about twenty-five years old, five feet 8 or 10 inches high, spare made, sharp nose and thin visage; weighs about 140 pounds. Had in his possession one pair black cassinet and one pair blue corded cassimere pantaloons, a cloth cap about half-worn, and, probably, a black frock coat, about, half-worn. Said boy may probably attempt to pass himself off as part Indian or as free, and in either case might succeed for a while, as he has a strong resemblance to an Indian. The above reward will be given to any person who will deliver said boy to me; if taken out of the county, or out of the state; fifty will be paid.

E. CUNNINGHAM.

29 July 1850

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 23, 1850)

\$100 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, living in Hempstead county, Arkansas, in the month of September last, a Negro man named EDMUND. He is about 25 years old—a bright

mulatto—has straight hair, and is about 5 feet 10 inches in height. He reads well and speaks quick. Said boy was raised in this state. The last that was heard from him he was in Dallas county in this state. He is probably endeavoring to get to Missouri or Illinois. I will give fifty dollars reward for his apprehension and confinement in some jail, so that I can get him; or one hundred dollars if delivered to me.

NICHOLAS TRAMMEL  
Hempstead Co.

16 September 1850

*Arkansas Gazette* (October 25, 1850)

Fifty Dollars Reward

Ran Away from the plantation of the subscriber in Lafayette county, Arkansas, the following described Negro men, viz: HENRY, PETER, and BARNABY. The two first named left on the 13<sup>th</sup> August and the other on the 3d Sept. (inst) Henry, is about 6 feet high, well formed, very black, has a fine countenance, usually laughs when spoken to, is about 35 years of age, and, in his upper jaw, there is a wide space or gap between the front teeth. Peter, is about 4 feet 6 inches high, rather bad countenance, and is about 21 years of age. Barnaby, is about 30 years of age, about 4 feet 6 inches high, heavy set, and has a very bushy head of hair. The above rewards will be paid to any person who will apprehend the above Negroes, and deliver them to the subscriber at her plantation in Lafayette county, or to Gen. G. D. Royston, Washington; or in proportion for either, or for securing them in any Jail so that she may get them. It is suspected that they have been decoyed off by some white person. If so, a liberal reward will be paid for his apprehension and conviction.

PHEBE NASH  
Lafayette county.

4 October 1850

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 29, 1850)

\$100 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, in Conway county, Arkansas, a Negro man, by the name of LEWIS, about six feet high, well formed, tolerably black, has a good countenance, about 35 years old, will weigh 180 or 190 pounds, and is quite an intelligent fellow. He is a first-rate Blacksmith by trade. I will give 50 dollars to any person who may apprehend him, in this State, or one hundred dollars, if apprehended out of the State, on his delivery to me, or secured in any jail so that I may get him. He doubtless carried off with him five or six hundred dollars, that he had stolen—one hundred and fifty dollars of it in five dollar gold pieces. In addition to the above reward, any person apprehending him shall have one-half of the money found in his possession.

ELI BENTLEY  
Lewisburg.

P.S.—Any person apprehending the above Negro, will please secure him in irons.

The Van Buren Intelligencer, St. Louis (Mo.) Times, and Jefferson (Mo.) Expositor, will please give the above advertisement thee (weekly) insertions, and immediately transmit their accounts therefore, with a NO. of the paper containing it, to the Gaz and Dem office, for payment.

28 November 1850

*Arkansas Gazette* (March 14, 1851)

\$100 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, living at Woodlawn, Washita co., Arkansas, on the night of the 12<sup>th</sup> Sept. last my boy HENRY. Henry is a very bright Mulatto, (only one fourth Negro) [sic] about twenty years of age, boyish in appearance, five feet nine or ten inches high, large full gray eyes, rather light colored or sandy hair, much sun-burnt; at about ten years of age he received a cut from a scythe blade on his right foot (I think) [sic], on the upper side opposite the ankle joint, which makes his foot, as he raises it, rather droop or fall in walking. He has rather overgrown it, yet it is visible to a close observer. When he left, he took with him, a black cloth sack coat, one paid black cassimere pants, also one striped or ribbed do. [sic], linen bosom shirts, and black hat. He is passing himself for a White or free man, and perhaps may call himself HENRY FORD. For his arrest and confinement, in jail so that I get him, out of this State, I will give One Hundred Dollars Reward, or for his arrest and lodgement in jail so that I get him in this State, I will give Fifty Dollars, and all expenses pay.

SAM. M. JOHNSON

Woodlawn, Arks.

29 November 1850

*Arkansas Gazette* (February 14, 1851)

\$400 Reward

If taken out of the State of Texas, \$200 if taken within the State and delivered to me at my farm, or one-half of the above reward for the delivery of either of the Negroes. Runaway from the farm, three miles from Brazoria, Texas, two Negro men; one by the name of JONAS, about 22 years old 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, very stout made and very black; with white teeth, low forehead; has a surly, grim look, or countenance, is bowlegged, with a quick step, and speaks quick. Had on when he left, striped bed tick pants, dirty white blanket coat, white wool hat, horse hide boots. Jonas can read and write had with him a pocket compass, was raised in St. Louis Mo; he frequently uses the expression "dog on it." The other Negro man is named SAM. He is about 36 years old; 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, stout and well made. Sam's complexion is what would be called a dark copper color; he has a good countenance; had a peculiar voice; when he speaks he raises it (his voice) [sic] high, and drops it before he closes his sentence. He plays the violin very well; was raised by Mr. MONTGOMERY, at Montgomery's Point; on the Mississippi River, (Arkansas) [sic]. He had on when he left, white Lowel pants and shirt and a white wool hat. They have with them a short double barrel shot gun. From the best information, I expect they will try to get the Indian Nation in Arkansas. Any information given me of the above Negroes will be liberally rewarded.

JAMES McFADIN

Brazoria Co. Texas

The Northern Standard, Clarksville, Red River co; and the Gazette and Democrat, Little Rock, Ark, will please copy, for three months, and send their bills to this office.  
Galveston.

## 1851

3 January 1851

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 10, 1851)

\$50 Reward

Run Away from the subscriber, living near North Mt. Pleasant, Marshall county, Mississippi, a Negro man named BARTLY; said boy is about five feet five or six inches high, black, has a singular head—a long sharp head, has a down look when spoken to speaks as though he has a bad cold, can speak Indian. Said boy was brought from the Indian Nation by his master and sold to DUNLAP in Memphis; said boy is about twenty-one years of age. I will give the above reward if taken out of the State and lodged in Jail so that I can get him, or \$25 if taken in the State I reside.

JAMES BOSWELL.

30 January 1851

*Arkansas Gazette* (February 7, 1851)

\$50 Reward

Ran Away or Stolen from the subscriber, residing in White Oak township, Jefferson county on the night of the 27<sup>th</sup> inst., a Mulatto Woman named NANCY, about 30 years of age (though looking to be younger) [sic], about four feet in height, and weighs about 120 lbs; carried off with her three calico dresses and one home-spun wool dress. It is suspected that she has been stolen or enticed away by some white man. I will pay a reward of Fifty Dollars, to any person who will apprehend said woman and return her to me, at my residence; or a proportionate reward, for committing her to jail, so that I get possession of her.

ZACHARIAH N. RATCLIFF

Jefferson co.

31 January 1851

*Arkansas Gazette* (February 21, 1851)

\$20 Reward

I will give a reward of Twenty Dollars, for a Negro man called ANTHONY, who ran away from me on the 21<sup>st</sup> of this month, if apprehended in Pulaski county, and delivered to me at this place, or if apprehended out of the county, and secured in any jail so that I can get him. Said Negro, I believe, has a wife belonging to Wm. S. Sweigart, Esq., of Clarksville, Johnson county, Arks., and probably will aim for that place, or the Indian country. He is about 40 or 45 years of age, will weigh about 140 or 150 lbs., about 5 ½ feet high, heavy muscled, his back is somewhat scarred from whipping, is of a light copper color and is a house painter by trade, and had on, when he left, a cloth cap, a dress cloth coat, a pair of brown home-made jeans pantaloons, white shirt, and a pair of coarse boots.

BEN. F. DANLEY

Little Rock.

3 February 1851

*Arkansas Gazette* (March 21, 1851)

\$100 Reward

Ranaway from the subscriber, residing on the North Fork of the Saline, in Saline county, on the 29<sup>th</sup> January, a Negro man named WILSON, aged about 25 years, about 6 feet high, weighs about 180 or 190 lbs., tolerably stout built, thick lips, dark complexion, is a likely looking fellow, has a pleasant countenance and is a tolerably good country blacksmith. It is deemed unnecessary to describe his clothing, as he carried off a variety. I will pay \$25 reward for his delivery to me, if taken in Saline county; or \$50, if taken elsewhere in the State, and committed to jail, so that I get him; or, if taken beyond the limits of the State, I will give \$100 for arresting and securing him so that I may get possession of him. Information concerning said Negro, will reach me, if addressed to me at Benton, Saline county, Ark's.

FOUNTAIN SNOW

Saline, co., Ark's.

17 February 1851

*Arkansas Gazette* (April 18, 1851)

\$50 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, at Camden, Arkansas, on the 25<sup>th</sup> January (ult.) [sic] a bright Mulatto boy named CARROLL, about twenty-seven (27) [sic] years old, five feet 10 or 11 inches high, weighs about one hundred and seventy pounds, has a large scar on his right jaw caused from a cut, also a small scar on the upper part of the left cheek; hair inclined to be straight, very long and thick; speaks quick and freely when spoken to. The above Reward will be given on the delivery of said boy to me, at Cachemasso, Dallas co., Arkansas, or secured so that I get him, if caught within the State, or, One Hundred Dollars, if caught out of the State,

JAS. EASON

Cachemasso, Arks.

18 February 1851

*Arkansas Gazette* (March 14, 1851)

\$100 Reward

My Negro Boy BOB, left my premises about the first day of June last, and, although he has been almost raised in this county, and has many relatives, a wife and children, & c., here, I have not heard of him since. He probably has some marks of the whip upon his back. He is of a copper color, though not of mixed blood, about 29 years of age, about five feet eight inches high, and weighs about 155 pounds, sprightly and quick motioned, rather likely, with pretty large eyes which have a great deal of white in them when opened much; has rather bad teeth with a gap in the front part of the upper jaw, he stammers or stutters, talks fast, and is a little bold and impudent. In walking fast, he usually makes a long and a short step, as though lame, which I believe is not the case. When a boy, he was badly burned upon one of his arms (I think the right) [sic], from about the elbow down, the scar of which is yet to be seen. He is lively and fond of music, and plays upon the banjo. I am fearful that he may have fallen into bad hands, and been conveyed off and sold in an adjoining State. If this should be so and the boy is now in the hands of an honest man, I hope to hear from him. If not stolen, he in all probability has gone to some of the neighboring Indian nations, and may have obtained forged free papers, and attempt to pass

himself as free, or he may be hovering about some city or town not far distant. I hope that the patrol and police of the county will look out for him. If the said boy Bob is taken up out of this State, and confined so that I can get him, I will pay a reward of One Hundred Dollars, or, if taken within this State, and confined so that I can get him, I will pay a reward of Fifty Dollars. Any information in relation to said boy, will be thankfully received.

E. J. SMITH

Fulton, Hempstead co., Ark.

The Choctaw Telegraph, Cherokee Advocate, Little Rock Gazette and Democrat, Memphis Appeal, Shreveport Gazette, and the Natchez Free Trader will please give the above two insertions and send accounts to this office.

27 February 1851

*Arkansas Gazette* (March 7, 1851)

Fifty Dollars Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber on the morning of the 28<sup>th</sup> of February (instant) [sic], a likely Negro man named ISAAC, aged about 30 years, five feet, ten inches high, rather dark complexion, wore whiskers, and is quite sprightly and active. It is supposed that he ran off with a white name named Pattison; who broke jail in Arkadelphia, the same night, and escaped. The boy Isaac has lately been brought from Alabama, and it is his intention to go back there. Any person who will apprehend the said boy, and deliver him to the subscriber, in Arkadelphia, will receive the above reward.

JAMES L. WITHERSPOON.

15 March 1851

*Arkansas Gazette* (April 25, 1851)

\$300 Reward

Ran Away or was stolen from the plantation of the subscriber, in Chicot county, Arkansas, about the 23<sup>d</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> day of January last, a mulatto man named LILBERT. He is about twenty-five or six years of age, six feet one or two inches high, straight hair, small feet and hands, erect in person, has a fine set of teeth, and plays on the violin very well. The above described boy, soon after his disappearance is believed to have been seen in the possession of and claimed by a man named House; his first name is not known. He has made use of several, as Jefferson House and G. A. House, M. House; who, it is believed, had decoyed him off. House is a man apparently about forty-five years of age, five feet nine or ten inches, slender and erect in person, talks very slow and drawling; has sandy hair, two front teeth in the upper jaw either broken or worn off so as to leave a wide space between them, the fingers, in one or both hands, crooked as though by Rheumatism or injury, and is apparently a little deaf when spoken to. I will give the above reward for the delivery of the boy Lilbert on my plantation, together with the apprehension and conviction of House; or I will give one hundred and fifty dollars for the delivery of the boy, and pay all reasonable expenses.

GEORGE W. JOHNSON

Chicot co, Ark.

3 May 1851

*Arkansas Gazette* (May 16, 1851)

Stop the Runaways.

Ran Away from the subscriber, 7 miles east of Little Rock, Arkansas, on the 27<sup>th</sup> April; two dark copper-colored Negro men, named ALFRED and GEORGE. Alfred, aged 28 years, is about six feet high, spare made, sharp features, a bony and muscular man, and speaks quick when spoken to. George, aged 22 years, is about 5 feet 5 inches high, rather thick set, speaks slow and has a coarse tone of voice. Any person delivering the above described men to me, upon my premises, or securing them so I get them, shall be liberally rewarded.

ACAN LE FEVRE

Little Rock.

6 June 1851

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 25, 1851)

Thirty Dollars Reward

Left my plantation in Arkansas county near Post of Arkansas, on the 26<sup>th</sup> May (ult.) [sic], two Negro Men, viz; GEORGE, a dark copper-colored man, about 30 years of age. 5 ft. 8 or 10 inches high, forehead rather low, some beard on his chin, stutters considerably and has a habit of winking his eyes when talking. He was recently purchased from Mr. WM. E. WOODRUFF, at Little Rock, and has a wife at Dr. Watkins, near that city. Also, HARRISON, about the same age, as the other, and belongs to Mr. W. R. PERRY, of the same county. The above slaves left in company, and it is supposed will make for Little Rock. The above reward will be paid for arresting and securing said Negroes, so that their owners may get them, or one-half the amount for either of them. Letters will reach me if addressed to Arkansas Post, Ark's.

J. FLOYD SMITH

Arkansas co.

21 June 1851

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 4, 1851)

Runaway Negro In Jail

Was committed to the Jail of Saline county, as a runaway on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1851, a Negro man, who says his name is JOHN, and that he belongs to HENRY JOHNSON, of Desha county, Ark. He is aged about 24 or 25 years, straight in stature, quick spoken, looks very fierce out of his eyes, and plays on the fiddle. Had on, when apprehended, white cotton pants, course cotton shirt, and black hat. The owner is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, and pay the expenses of committal and advertisement, otherwise the said Negro will be dealt with according to law.

THOMAS PASS Sheriff and Jailor of Saline county

Benton.

28 June 1851

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 25, 1851)

Fifty Dollars Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, living in Johnson county, Arkansas, about ten weeks ago, a very likely Negro Man named JACK, about 30 years of age, 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, and will weigh about 150 lbs, is well made, with square shoulders and pleasant look, and rather of a dark yellow or copper color. I will give Fifty Dollars, if he is arrested out of the county of Johnson, or \$25 if taken any where in the county.

O. D. HOGINS, Owner  
Brownsville.

3 July 1851

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 11, 1851)

Notice is hereby given,

That a certain mulatto man has been this day committed to my custody, as a Runaway slave. The said mulatto man is about 26 or 28 years of age, about five feet seven inches high, of light color, has light hair, had on a white jeans frock coat, and pantaloons of same material was bare-footed, is thin in flesh, and has an unusual sized belly, and calls himself WILLIAM. The owner is hereby notified to come forward, prove his property, pay charges and take him away or he will be dealt with according to law. Given under my hand, this 3d day of July, 1851.

BEN. F. DANLEY, Sheriff and Jailor of Pulaski county, Arkansas  
Little Rock.

3 July 1851

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 11, 1851)

Runaway Woman in Jail

Was committed to the custody of the undersigned, as Sheriff and Jailor of Pulaski county, as a runaway slave, a Negro Woman, who says her name is SUSAN, and that she belongs to H. B. GREENWOOD, of Montgomery county, Ark's. She is light copper color; about 4 feet 10 or 11 inches high; and supposed to be 17 or 18 years of age. The owner is hereby notified to come forward, prove his property, pay charges and take him away or he will be dealt with according to law. Given under my hand, this 3d day of July, 1851.

BEN. F. DANLEY, Sheriff and Jailor of Pulaski county, Arkansas  
Little Rock.

20 July 1851

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 25, 1851)

Runaway Negro Man in Jail

Was committed to the custody of the undersigned, as Sheriff and Jailor of Pulaski county, on the 12<sup>th</sup> inst., on the commitment of Wm. S. Hutt, a Justice of the Peace of said county, a certain Negro man who says his name is JOHN, and was taken up, as a runaway slave, by Mr. John W. Purdom. The said Negro says he belongs to O. D. HOGINS, of Johnson county, but showed a paper purporting to be a pass, signed by C. Baremoore, authorizing him to pass and repass, and to work where he could get employment. Said Negro is supposed to be 28 or 30 years of age, is 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, stout-and well made, will weigh about 150 lbs., is of dark copper color, and has a pleasant countenance. The owner of said Negro slave is hereby notified to come

forward, prove his property, pay charges, and take possession of him, or he will be dealt with according to law.

B.F. DANLEY, Sheriff  
 Sheriff's Office, Pulaski co  
 Little Rock.

1 August 1851

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 8, 1851)

Notice is Hereby Given

That a certain Negro man calling himself GEORGE, was committed to my custody, as a runaway slave, on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July, 1851. Said Negro man is about 25 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high, weights about 165 or 170 lbs., is of dark copper color, says he belongs to HENRY McNEIL, of Jefferson county, Arkansas, and had on when he was committed, a white cotton shirt and pantaloons. The owner of said Negro is hereby notified to come forward, prove his property, and pay the expenses of apprehending, securing and advertising, said boy, otherwise he will be dealt with as the law directs.

BEN. F. DANLEY, Sheriff and Jailor of Pulaski Co., Ark's.

5 September 1851

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 12, 1851)

Runaway Slave In Jail

Was committed to my custody as Jailer of Pulaski county, on the 28<sup>th</sup> August (inst.) [sic] a runaway Mulatto Man, who says his name is WILLIAM. He is about 26 or 28 years of age, about five feet seven inches high, of light color, has light hair, is thin in flesh, and has an unusual sized belly, and says he belongs to Mr. CRAIG, of Arkansas county. The owner is hereby notified to come forward, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be dealt with according to law. Given under my hand, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1851.

BEN. F. DANLEY, Sheriff and Jailor of Pulaski county, Arkansas.

8 October 1851

*Arkansas Gazette* (October 24, 1851)

\$25 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, in Mine Creek township, Hempstead co., Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, a Negro boy, who calls his name BAKER QUALLS. He is 24 years old, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, stout built, copper colour. Had on a Leghorn hat, and had with him, a home-made sack, with blue and copperas stripes, a black cloth frock coat with velvet collars, a pair of black jeans, and also a pair of black summer cloth pantaloons. When last heard of, was on a bay horse going in the direction of, and inquiring for, the State of Missouri. I will give \$25 reward for the apprehension and confinement where I can get him, provided he is not in custody at the date of this instrument.

G. W. STUART  
 Mine Creek, P.O.

22 October 1851

*Washington Telegraph* (December 3, 1851)

\$50 reward

Ranaway from the camp of the subscriber near Washington on the night of the 21<sup>st</sup> of October a Negro man named DANIEL about 30 years of age, of light copper color about 5 feet 10 inches high weights about 165 lbs has one or two small scars on the left side of his neck and is inclined to be bowlegged; had on when he left a white wool hat an common Negro clothes. The Negro formerly belonged to WILLIAM D. WATTS of Lawrence District South Carolina. I will give the above reward for his apprehension and confinement in any jail so that I can get him. Any information regarding him may be addressed to the subscriber at Pineville P.O. Bossier Parish LA.

Allen Vance

Washington.

3 November 1851

*Washington Telegraph* (December 3, 1851)

Ranaway from the subscriber on the 31<sup>st</sup> ult a Negro boy named GEORGE. He is of small stature, light colored, about 22 years of age, and had on when he left a white wool hat and linen sack coat. The Negro says he formerly belonged to a gentleman near Fort Smith, and is supposed he will make for that place. A liberal reward will be paid for his apprehension and confinement so I can get him. Any information in regard to him, addressed to the undersigned care of W. H. Etter Washington will thankfully be received.

JAMES MAGNESS

Ouachita County AR.

7 November 1851

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 16, 1852)

Runaway Slave in Jail

Notice Is Hereby Given, That a certain Negro man calling himself GEORGE, was this day committed to my custody, as Sheriff and Jailor of Pulaski county, as a run away slave. Said Negro man is about five feet and nine inches high, will weigh one hundred and eighty or ninety pounds, is thirty or forty years of age, of very black color, has small whiskers, and a small scar over the right eye, had on a cap and pantaloons of white jeans or kersey, and says he belongs to a man by the name of McALLISTER, of Jefferson county, in this State. The owner of said slave is hereby notified to come forward, prove his property, and pay charges, or he will be dealt with according to law.

BEN F. DANLEY Sheriff and Jailor of Pulaski co, Ark.

Little Rock.

## 1852

15 March 1852

*Arkansas Gazette* (April 16, 1852)

### Five Hundred Dollars Reward

Taken from my residence; in Ogelthorpe county, Ga., on the night of the 26<sup>th</sup> of February last, by John A. Woods, my Horse and Negro Girl, DILCEY ANN. Woods is about 25 years old, 6 feet high, weighs about 135 or 140 pounds, fair skin; yellow grey eyes; light hair, nearly white eyebrows, and reddish beard. When he left he had a goatee, wore a black frock coat, black pants; silk vest, cotton velvet cap, nearly black and boots. The Negro Girl is black, about 22 years old, 5 feet 3 ½ inches high, short hair, eyes somewhat red, thick lips, delicately formed, of good countenance, good sense, speaks clear, teeth white, and has a scar on one breast, caused by a burn. The girl carried off one checked silk, one red-flowered barege, and several gingham calico, and blue striped Northern homespun frocks. It is probable she may pass as a boy. The Horse is a bay, 10 years old, well gaited, 5 feet 3 inches high, black slim tail, heavy man, both of his hind feet white, and one of his forefeet white edged. The above reward will be given for the delivery of Woods and the Negro Girl to the Jailor or Sheriff of Oglethorpe county, Ga. Any information that will enable the subscriber to apprehended Woods, or to recover the Negro and Horse, or either, will be liberally rewarded.

JOHN THORNTON

Lexington, Ga.

29 March 1852

*Arkansas Gazette* (April 23, 1852)

\$25 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber; in Arkansas county; about the 7<sup>th</sup> ult., my Negro man GEORGE.—He is about 28 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches in height, of a dark copper color, strong, well proportioned, and active, stammers when speaking, and has rather a dogged look when spoken to by a white man. I suspect said Negro is lurking about Little Rock; as he has a wife at Dr. Watkins; but in all probability is making for the northern or western part of the State or toward Memphis, as he started in the direction of the Big Prairie when he left. I will give the above reward for his apprehension and confinement where I can get him—or; if apprehended about Little Rock, may be delivered to William E. Woodruff, at that Place.

J. FLOYD SMITH

Arkansas co.

4 May 1852

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 6, 1852)

Was Committed To the Penitentiary [sic]

By the sheriff of Scott county, on the 2d day of May, 1852, as a runaway slave, a Negro Man who says his name is MOSES alias ALLEN: is 5 feet 3 ½ inches high; about 31 years of age, yellow complexion, has a scar on his nose, has lost two of his upper front teeth, is tolerably quick spoken, and has very good sense. Said negro says he belongs to a gentleman by the name of SAVINGTON, residing in Chicot county, or in the upper part of Louisiana near the Arkansas line, and that he left his owner about the 4<sup>th</sup> July 1851. The owner of said runaway is hereby required to come forward, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away, within one year from the date of his commitment to the Penitentiary, or he will be dealt with according to law.

ALEX GEORGE, Keeper of the Penitentiary

## ARKANSAS PENITENTIARY

Little Rock.

27 May 1852

*Arkansas Gazette* (June 4, 1852)

Runaway Negro in Jail

Notice Is Hereby Given, That a certain Negro man was committed to my custody, as a Runaway Slave, on the 22<sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> [sic] day of May, A.D. 1852. Said Negro calls himself JOHN, is 21 or 22 years of age, of dark copper color, 5 feet 10 inches high, weighs about 150 or 160 lbs, and has a small scar on the right jaw. Had on a black sack coat and grey colored pantaloons, both very much worn, coarse new white shirt, and white wool hat, and was barefooted. Says he belongs to SAMUEL KEY, who lives near Searcy, White county, Arkansas. The owner is requested to come forward, prove his property, pay charges and take him away, within six months from the date of this advertisement, or he will be dealt with according to law.

Given under my had, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1852.

BEN. F. DANLEY, Sheriff of Pulaski county, Arkansas.

2 June 1852

*Washington Telegraph* (June 2, 1852)

Runaway In Jail

Was taken up and lodged in the jail of Hempstead county, on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst a Negro man about 35 years of age, dark color, stout built, will weigh about 180 pounds, and has a scar on his right hand caused by a burn. The Negro calls himself WILLIAM, and says he belongs to JAS. H. HUGHES of Bossier Parish La. He owners is requested to pay charges and take him away or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

W. T. BOON jailer

Hempstead County.

5 June 1852

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 2, 1852)

\$100 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, living near Lewisburg, Conway county, Arkansas, on the night of the 31<sup>st</sup> ult., a Negro boy named ANDREW, about 6 feet high, dark complected, weighing about 170 or 180 lbs., and has a downward look, when spoken to. I will pay the above reward of \$100, for his apprehension and delivery to me, if taken out of the State; or Twenty-five Dollars, if taken out of this county; or Tea Dollars, if taken in Conway county, and delivered to me.

EMZY WILSON

Point Remove.

4 July 1852

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 22, 1852)

Runaway Slave in Jail

Notice Is Hereby Given, That a certain bright mulatto man, calling himself WESLEY, was committed to my custody on the 4<sup>th</sup> July, 1852, as Sheriff and Jailer of Pulaski county, as a Runaway slave. Said mulatto is 19 or 20 years old, 5 feet and eight inches high, weighs about 160 lbs., has a scar across his throat which he says he cut himself, had on blue cottonade pantaloons and white domestic shirt, and says he belongs to JOHN CRESS, of Union Parish, Louisiana. The owner is hereby notified to come forward, prove his property, pay charges, and take his property away, or he will be disposed of as the law directs.

BEN. F. DANLEY, Sheriff of Pulaski county, Arkansas  
Little Rock, Ark.

4 July 1852

*Arkansas Gazette* (October 1, 1852)

Runaway Negro in Jail

Notice Is Hereby Given, That a certain Negro man calling himself EDMOND, was committed to my custody, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, 1852, as Sheriff and Jailer of Pulaski county, as a Runaway Slave. Said Negro man is very black, 24 or 25 years of age, 5 feet 3 inches high, weighs 135 or 140 lbs., has three stiff toes on the right foot caused from having been cut, had on black cotton pantaloons and coarse white domestic shirt, and says he belongs to Dr. WILLIAMS, of Union county, Arkansas. The owner of said slave is hereby notified to come forward, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be disposed of as the law directs.

BEN. F. DANLEY, Sheriff of Pulaski county, Arkansas  
Little Rock, Ark.

29 July 1852

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 27, 1852)

Runaway Negro in Jail

Notice Is Hereby Given, That a certain Negro man calling himself COLUMBUS, was committed to my custody, on the 29<sup>th</sup> July 1852, as Sheriff and Jailer of Pulaski County, as a runaway slave, on the 29<sup>th</sup> July, 1852.—Said Negro man says he belongs to WILLIAM CUMMINS of Bradley county, in this State, is of very black color, 5 feet 7 inches high, weighs about 160 lbs., and is about 25 years old, had on a dress coat and pants, both of striped cottoned, fine domestic shirt with linen bosom, black hat and coarse shoes. The owner of said slave is hereby notified to come forward, prove her property, pay charges, and take him away or he will be disposed of as the law directs.

BEN. F. DANLEY, Sheriff of Pulaski county, Arkansas  
Little Rock.

31 July 1852

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 27, 1852)

Runaway Negro in Jail

Notice Is Hereby Give [sic]; that a certain Negro man calling himself AUSTIN, was committed to my custody, on the 31<sup>st</sup> July A.D. 1852, as Sheriff and Jailer of Pulaski County, as a runaway

slave. Said Negro man is of the dark color, about 30 or 31 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches high, weighs about 140 lbs., has a small goatee on his chin, has a scar of a horn on his elbow, had on an old hickory shirt, and an old pair of brown cassimere pants, no shoes nor hat, and says he belongs to SARAH MASON, who lives in Jefferson county, on Old River, in this State. The owner of said slave, is hereby notified to come forward, prove her property, pay charges, and take him away or he will be disposed of as the law directs.

BEN. F. DANLEY, Sheriff of Pulaski county, Arkansas  
Little Rock, Ark.

31 July 1852

*Arkansas Gazette* (October 8, 1852)

Forty Dollars Reward

Ran Away from the subscribers, residing in Bolivar county, Mississippi, opposite the Mouth of White river; Ark., two Negro Men named MAY and AARON. May is a copper-colored Negro; about 40 or 45 years of age, 5 ft 10 inches high, will weigh 175 or 180 lbs.; his front teeth stand a little open; some scars on his seat and thighs, caused by the whip or cowardice; the scars show plainly above the skin; has a tolerable beard, is very intelligent when spoken to or interrogated; had on when he left a pair of brown jeans pants, a white linsey sack coat and old fur hat. Aaron is a tall black fellow, about 24 years of age, 6 ft. 1 or 1 inches high, rather leans forward, speaks coarse when spoken to and looks wild, shows the white of his eyes when stealing a look at you, has a small scar on his arm or wrist caused by a burn, and was bare-headed when he left. May belongs to the former and Aaron to the latter of the subscribers. We will pay the above reward to any person who will apprehended the above Negroes, (or in proportion for either of them,) [sic] on their delivery to us, at our plantation, or for confining them in any Jail so that we get them, and informing us thereof by letter addressed to Victoria, Bolivar county; Mississippi.

JAS. H. COUSAR,

JOHN C. KIRK

Bolivar county, Miss.

2 August 1852

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 27, 1852)

Runaway Negro in Jail

Notice Is Hereby Given; That a certain Negro man, calling himself DANIEL, who says he belongs to JOHN HAMILTON, of Union county, in this State, was committed to my custody, on the 2d day of August, A.D. 1852, as Sheriff and Jailer of Pulaski county, as a runaway slave. Said Negro man is of very black color, about 21 or 22 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, weighs above 165 lbs., had on when committed, a black frock cloth coat; striped cottonade pants, fine domestic shirt, linen bosom, black cloth cap, and a pair of coarse shoes. The owner of said slave is hereby notified to come forward, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be disposed of as the law directs.

BEN. F. DANLEY, Sheriff of Pulaski county, Arkansas

Little Rock.

2 August 1852

*Arkansas Gazette* (October 22, 1852)

Stop The Runaway Slave

Ran Away from the subscriber, residing at the Old Agency, in the Creek nation, west of Arkansas, on the 29<sup>th</sup> July (ult.) [sic], a Negro man named GRANDERSON. He is a dark Mulatto, of black complexion; is about 26 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, has large feet, long hands, rather a flat nose, large mouth, is easy and pleasant in his manners; and has but little to say except when spoken to. He was raised by Col. R. B. MASON; and is known by many officers of the U.S. Army. His dress is unknown, and I have no doubt he has been furnished with free papers by some person or persons traversing this Indian country. I will pay a liberal reward for the delivery of said boy to me; at the Old Creek Agency, or for his being secured in any Jail, so that I may get him.

EDGAR RUST

Old Creek Agency.<sup>48</sup>

18 August 1852

*Arkansas Gazette* (October 29, 1852)

\$50 Reward

Ranaway from me at my plantation on the Arkansas river, in Sebastian county, about twenty miles below Fort Smith, on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August, 1852, a Negro man named WILCHER, aged about thirty-five years. Said Negro is a blacksmith by trade, very black, weighs about 135 pounds, is about five feet six inches high, has a scar on one of his thumbs, and wore when he left a white wool hat and white Lowell or cotton clothes, and took with him a blue blanket coat. I will give the above reward to any one who will apprehend said Negro and commit him o jail, and inform me so that I get him into my possession.

JOHN D. ARBUCKLE.

23 August 1852

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 27, 1852)

Runaway Negro in Jail

Notice Is Hereby Give [sic], That a certain Negro man, who calls himself ROBBIN, was committed to my custody, as Sheriff and Jailer of Pulaski county, on the 23d day of August, 1852, as a runaway slave. Said Negro is dark colored, 5 feet 6 inches high, weighs 160 lbs., is 30 years of age, had on white linsey frock coat, brown jeans pants, coarse cotton shirt, white wool

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<sup>48</sup> See also *Arkansas Gazette*, 2 August 1852 [in October 29, 1852]

\$100 Reward for a Runaway!

Ran Away from the subscriber, residing at the Old Agency, in the Creek nation, west of Arkansas, on the 29<sup>th</sup> July (ult.) [sic], a Negro man named GRANDERSON. He is a dark Mulatto, of black complexion; is about 26 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, has large feet, long hands, rather a flat nose, large mouth, is easy and pleasant in his manners; and has but little to say except when spoken to. He was raised by Col. R. B. MASON; and is known by many officers of the U.S. Army. His dress is unknown, and I have no doubt he has been furnished with free papers by some person or persons traversing this Indian country. I will pay a \$100 reward and all expenses paid for the delivery of said boy to me; at the Old Creek Agency, or for his being secured in any Jail, so that I may get him.

EDGAR RUST

Old Creek Agency.

hat, and coarse shoes, and says he belongs to JAMES BANKHEAD, of Jefferson county, Arkansas. The owner of said slave is hereby notified to come forward, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be disposed of as the law directs.

BEN. F. DANLEY, Sheriff of Pulaski county, Arkansas  
Little Rock, Ark.

23 August 1852

*Arkansas Gazette*

August 27, 1852 (August 27, 1852)

Runaway Negro in Jail

Notice Is Hereby Given, That a certain Negro man who calls himself DENNIS, was committed to my custody, as Sheriff and Jailer of Pulaski county, on the 23d day of August, 1852, as a runaway slave. Said Negro is copper colored, 5 feet 6 inches high, weighs 170 lbs., 25 or 26 years old, had on a black frock jeans coat, brown jeans pants, coarse cotton shirt, oil cloth cap, and coarse shoes, and says he belongs to JAMES BANKHEAD of Jefferson county, Arkansas. The owner of said slave is hereby notified to come forward, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be disposed of as the law directs.

BEN. F. DANLEY, Sheriff of Pulaski county, Arkansas  
Little Rock, Ark.

24 August 1852

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 27, 1852)

Runaway Negro in Jail

Notice Is Hereby Given, That a certain Negro man who calls himself JAMES PASCHALL, was committed to my custody, as Sheriff and Jailer of Pulaski county, on the 22d day of August, 1852, as a runaway slave. Said Negro is very black, has a heavy beard, is 5 feet 7 inches high, weighs 175 lbs., 38 years of age, had on a coat and pants of blue cassinet (the coat a short pea jacket with bright buttons) [sic], coarse domestic shirt, old coarse shoes, and old black silk hat, and says he belongs to Mrs. JANE PALMER, of Jefferson county, Arkansas. The owner of said slave is hereby notified to come forward, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be disposed of as the law directs.

BEN. F. DANLEY, Sheriff of Pulaski county, Arkansas  
Little Rock, Ark.

24 August 1852

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 27, 1852)

Runaway Negro in Jail

Notice Is Hereby Given, That a certain Negro man who calls himself HENRY, was committed to my custody, as Sheriff and Jailer of Pulaski county, on the 23d day of August, 1852, as a Runaway slave. Said Negro is of dark color, 27 or 28 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches high, weighs 140 lbs., had on a heavy drab overcoat, striped cottonade pants, coarse cotton shirt, black wool hat, and coarse shoes, and says he belongs to JAMES BANKHEAD of Jefferson county, Arkansas. The owner of said slave is hereby notified to come forward, prove his property, pay

charges, and take him away, or he will be disposed of as the law directs.

BEN. F. DANLEY, Sheriff of Pulaski county, Arkansas

Little Rock, Ark.

7 September 1852

*Arkansas Gazette* (October 1, 1852)

Runaway Mulatto in Jail,

There was committed to the custody of the undersigned, as Sheriff and Jailer of Pulaski county, on the 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1852, as a runaway slave, a Mulatto Man who says his name is JOE. He is about 31 years of age, 5 feet 9 ½ inches high, weighs about 160 lbs., has lost an eye-tooth on the right side of his mouth, is of light copper-color, and his back is considerably scarred and marked from being whipped, had on an old pilot cloth frock coat, blue cottonade pantaloons, and old black wool hat, and coarse shoes. He can spell and read in one or two syllables, and says he belongs to Col. JAMES SMITH, of Arkansas county. The owner of said slave is hereby notified to come forward, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be disposed of as the law directs.

BEN. F. DANLEY, Sheriff Pulaski county, Arkansas

SHERIFF'S OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark.

7 September 1852

*Arkansas Gazette* (October 1, 1852)

Runaway Mulatto in Jail,

There was committed to the custody of the undersigned, as Sheriff and Jailer of Pulaski county, on the 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1852, as a runaway slave, a Mulatto Man, who says his name is JIM. He is about 23 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, weighs 140 or 150 lbs., is of light copper-color, has been shot in the left shoulder, has a few light spots on his left cheek, and scars on both elbows. Had on blue Kentucky jeans pantaloons, a brown tweed sack chat, black cloth cap, red spotted woollen vest, fine linen bosom shirt marked E. H. Smith, and coarse Negro shoes, and, when taken was carrying a double-barreled shot gun. He can read a little, appears to be very intelligent, and says he belongs to Col. JAMES SMITH of Arkansas county. The owner of said slave is hereby notified to come forward, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be disposed of as the law directs.

BEN. F. DANLEY, Sheriff Pulaski county, Arkansas

SHERIFF'S OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark.

30 September 1852

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 12, 1852)

Runaway Negro in Jail

There was committed to my custody, as Sheriff and Jailer of Sevier county, State of Arkansas, on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1852, as a runaway slave, a Negro man, of dark complexion, about 35 years of age, about 5 feet 10 inches high, will weigh 160 or 170 lbs., places the violin well, is quite

intelligent, had on when taken, green jeans pants, lowell cotton shirt, and wool hat, and says he belongs to Capt. PETERSON, who lives near Shreveport, Louisiana, and says his name is BIRD. The owner of said slave is hereby notified to come forward, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

J.S. DOLLARHIDE, Sheriff and Jailer of Sevier county, Arkansas  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE, SEVIER co.,  
Paralifia.

30 September 1852

*Arkansas Gazette* (February 11, 1853)

Runaway Slave in Jail

Was committed to my custody as Sheriff and Jailer of Sevier county, Arkansas on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1853, a runaway slave who says his name is DOUGLASS, and that he belongs to a Mr. JOSEPH P. KELLY, of Yallabusha county, Mississippi. He is a bright mulatto, about 28 years of age, weighs about 160 pounds, and had on when taken up, dark colored woollen clothing and a cap. The owner of said slave is hereby notified to come forward, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

J.S. DOLLARHIDE, Sheriff and Jailer of Sevier county, Arkansas  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE, SEVIER co.,  
Paralifia.

15 December 1852

*Arkansas Gazette* (March 18, 1853)

\$200 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber near Look-fah-tah, Choctaw Nation, the latter part of June last, a Negro boy named WILILAM [sic], aged about twenty-four or five years. Said Negro is a good blacksmith, is about five feet high, will weigh about 135 or 140 pounds; has a small round scar on his right cheek about the size of a five cent piece, also a scar on the left side of his upper lip—took with him a black horse mule, Spanish saddle, such as are used by the Indians, bridle, martingales, saddle-bags, and a six-shooter pistol. The mule is thirteen or fourteen years old, walks very fast, and has a defect in one of his hind feet. I will pay the above reward for his apprehensions and delivery time, at my residence near Look-fah-tah, or one hundred (\$100) [sic] dollars, if he is lodged in any jail, in any of the States, so that I can get him.

JAMES PICKENS

Look-fah-tah.

## 1853

12 January 1853

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 21, 1853)

\$50 Reward

My boy NED, a dark brown Negro, aged about forty years; ran off on the 12<sup>th</sup> December, 1852, supposed to be aiming to reach Colorado county, Texas, as Dr. S. H. Doxey—whose Negro

family included his wife—has lately removed to that county. He is about six feet high, weighs about 170 pounds, when spoken to has an averted look but speaks quickly and confidently, has a scar on his forehead above his eye (which not remembered) [sic], caused by an accidental blow from his master thirty years ago, his feet are eleven inches long and toes turn out in walking more than common, has two teeth on right side decayed, had good clothing when he left, wore a blue silk plush cap, carried an umbrella and overcoat, and about \$25 in money. He works well in wood, can stock a plough, make a good gate, but is slow, and is a pretty good turner. As he was last seen (the 15<sup>th</sup> December,) [sic] with Dr. Doxey's Negroes, near Macon, on the route to Texas, it is possible he is provided with a free pass, so as to travel through Arkansas and Texas, or he may be aiming for a free State. If take [sic] out of the State, and delivered to me, I will pay \$50 reward, and five cents per mile for brining him to me; if taken out of the State, and confined so I get him, \$25, it taken in the State, and delivered to me, \$25.

CHARLES BAIRD

Near New Castle, Fayette co., Tenn.

20 April 1853

*Arkansas Gazette* (May 20, 1853)

\$25 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, living in Pulaski county, 8 miles below Little Rock, on the morning of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst., a Mulatto man named TRUMAN, aged bout 21 years; about 5 feet 10 inches high, stout built, weighs about 170 lbs., speaks quick, has a broad full face, had on white Lowell pants, snuff-colored linsey sack coat, an old hat and old brogan shoes. A reward of \$10 will be paid, if apprehended in this county, or \$25 if taken out of this county; and committed to any jail so that I get him again.

NOAH H. BADGETT

Pulaski county.

18 May 1853

*Arkansas Gazette* (June 24, 1853)

Runaway Negro

Ran Away from the subscriber, living near Pine Bluff, on Sunday night last, WINN, a bright mulatto, aged 24 years, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches in height, weighs 180 lbs., inclined to stutter when speaking quick, scars on both legs from knife cuts, has been trying to pass himself sometimes as a Choctaw and white man, half breed, &c. I will give a liberal reward to any one apprehending said Negro, who will deliver him to me at Pine Bluff, or confine him in any jail so that I get him again—and will pay all reasonable charges.

L. G. WELLS

Jefferson co.

24 June 1853

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 13, 1854)

\$100 Reward

Left the Notrebe Place, three miles below Post of Arkansas, on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> January last, the

slave DANIEL. For his delivery to me I will give \$25 if taken in Arkansas county, \$50 if taken out of this county, \$100 if taken out of the State and delivered to me, at “Cummins Place,” 10 miles above Napoleon, on the Arkansas river—or for any information in regard to said slave, I will pay a suitable reward. Address to the undersigned, at Nicottoo P.O. Arkansas county, Arkansas.

EDWARD C. MORTON

Description

Said boy is black, 40 years old, about 5 feet 5 inches high, stout and well made, has a swinging gait, and at any time to save an hours work can throw his left shoulder out of place, has excellent teeth, fond as he says of “argufieying” and stutters when excited, can read but cannot write, has one scar on right foot cut with a hoe, has been seen about the Post of Arkansas. I will pay \$500 reward for the conviction of any one harboring him. Said boy was purchased from the estate of WM. MONTGOMERY, and may be lurking about the mouth of White River.

21 July 1853

*Arkansas Gazette* (February 24, 1854)

Runaway Negroes In Jail

Take [sic] up in Pulaski county Arkansas, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 1853, a Negro boy REUBEN about 21 years of age, about five feet ten inches high, weighs about 180 pounds, dark complexion; had on when taken, white domestic pants, linen bosom shirt, coarse brogans shoes, and black cloth cap: says he belongs to AVERY BREED. WILLIAM, five feet 7 ½ inches high, about 21 years of age, dark complexion, weighs 165 pounds; had on when taken, cotton pantaloons white shirt, coarse boots, a white domestic cap; says he belongs to AVERY BREED; they say they left their master below New Orleans; that he was a Negro trader; that he was trying to sell them, when they left. The owner of said Negroes is hereby notified, that unless he comes forward, proves property, pays charges, and takes them away, they will be dealt with according to law.

JOHN C. PEAY, Sheriff and Jailor of Pulaski county, Ark’s.<sup>49</sup>

10 August 1853

*Washington Telegraph* (August 10, 1853)

\$100 reward

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<sup>49</sup> See also *Arkansas Gazette*, 2 May 1854 [in October 20, 1854]

Runaway Negroes

A Runaway Negro, who calls himself HENRY, was delivered to the Contractors of the Arkansas Penitentiary, on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 1854, by the Sheriff of Desha County, belonging to WM. FERGUSON, Moulden, Russell county Alabama. Said Negro man is five feet, seven and a half inches high, has a scar on the back of his right hand, medium six, a little corpulent, cock-eyed, and stammers when talking, weighs 163 lbs., says he is 30 years of age. REUBEN and BILL were delivered to the Contractors of the Arkansas Penitentiary by the Sheriff of Pulaski County. Said Negroes say they belong to a Negro trader by the name of EVERY BREED Patsego, on the Louisiana Bay, Mississippi River. Said Reuben is 5 feet 11 inches high, a bout 20 years old, stout built, weighs 184 lbs. and has a few marks on his back. Said Bill is 5 feet 5 inches high, about 22 years old, heavy set, high cheek bone, weighs 172 lbs., and has a few marks on the back of his shoulder. The owner or owners are hereby requested to prove property, pay charges, or the said Negroes will be dealt with according to law.

GEORGE & ROBINS

Contractors of the Arkansas Penitentiary.

Ranway [sic] from the plantation of the subscriber in Union County Arkansas on the 6<sup>th</sup> inst, two Negro men JACOB and ALLEN. Jacob is a mulatto about 27 years old six feet two inches high has as a scar below his left eye, and the little finger of his right hand is off. Allen is also a mulatto about 21 or 22 years of age, low and stout—rather chunky—his eyes are of a yellow complexion. I will pay the above reward for the delivery of the two men to me, at my residence in Union county or I will pay for information that will lead to their apprehension. It is supposed they have gone in the direction of Van Buren. Address the undersigned at Union Spring PO Union county Arkansas  
H. GEORGE.

10 October 1853

*Washington Telegraph* (October 10, 1853)

\$50 reward

Ranaway from Red River Lafayette County on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst a Negro man BILL and his wife, HANNAH. The man is a dark mulatto between 31 and 36 years of age and heavy built. The woman is between 30 and 35 years of age and a tall mulatto. It is supposed they have gone in the direction of the Choctaw nation. We will give the above reward for delivery of the Negroes at Washington Arkansas.

D & V Block

Washington AR.

12 October 1853

*Arkansas Gazette* (November 18, 1853)

\$30 Reward

Ran Off, on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., a boy called JOHN—about 18 or 20 years old, nearly black, weighs about 135 pounds, is about 5 feet 7 inches high, rather light built, steps short and quick, speaks rapidly, and at times stammers a little. He had on a good blue blanket coat with velvet collar. He has perhaps gone towards Little Rock or Camden. I will give Thirty Dollars for his delivery to me, near Fulton, Hempstead co., Ark.

O. S. JONES.

4 November 1853

*Arkansas Gazette* (February 10, 1854)

Runaway Negro In Jail

Was committed to the Jail of Prairie county, Arks., on the 13<sup>th</sup> of Oct., 1853, a Negro boy [MAN], who says that he belongs to WILLIAM DAVIS, of Bradley co., Arks. Said Negro is about 35 years old, 5 feet 2 inches high, dark copper color, some upper teeth out on each side, had on when taken up coarse cotton shirt, brown jeans or tweed pants, slightly marked on the back hips and thighs with whip or cowhide. I have said Negro in Prairie county jail, to be disposed of according to law.

E.E. DISMUKES, Sheriff and Jailor of Prairie county, Arks.

23 December 1853

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 20, 1855)

Runaway Negro in Jail

Was committed to the Jail of Sevier county, Arkansas, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1853, a Negro man, who says his name is JACK, and that he belongs to JOSEPH BRIANT, of Bossier Parish, Louisiana. He says he is fifty-four years old; but has not the appearance of being that age. Descriptions—is of dark complexion, stout built, will weigh about 160 lbs; had on when committed, common Negro clothing and black hat. The owner is hereby notified to come forward; prove his property, and pay charges, otherwise he will be dealt with according to law. J.S. DOLLARHIDE, Sheriff.

## 1854

16 February 1854

*Arkansas Gazette* (May 12, 1854)

\$200 Reward

Run Away from the subscriber about the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, 1853, his Negro man JARRATT, at that time hired to Mr. GREGORY in Macon, Ga. The said Negro is about 26 or 27 years old, about 5 feet 11 inches high, rather spare made, dark copper color. He is supposed to be lurking either in Bladen or Sampson counties. The above reward will be paid for the delivery of said Negro to me, or his lodgment in any Jail, so I can get him again.

D. McDANIEL.

15 March 1854

*Democratic Star* (March 15, 1854)

Sheriff & Jailors Notice

Was committed to my custody as Sheriff & Jailor of Phillips county Arkansas, on the 12<sup>th</sup> instant as a runaway slave a Negro boy who calls his name DICK, and says he belongs to JOHN MILTON of Bolivar County Mississippi. Said boy is 20 or 21 years of age, black complexion, about 5 feet 8 inches in height, weighs about 140 or 150 pounds has a scar on his right knee, has an impediment in his speech does not seem to have very good sense, rather knock kneed, one of his feet turns out considerably. He had on when committed white linsey pants, black jeans sack coat, brown jeans waistcoat, Lowell shirt and heavy brogan shoes.

ARTHUR THOMPSON

Sheriff of Phillips County.

2 May 1854

*Arkansas Gazette* (October 20, 1854)

Runaway Negroes

A Runaway Negro, who calls himself HENRY, was delivered to the Contractors of the Arkansas Penitentiary, on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 1854, by the Sheriff of Desha County, belonging to WM. FERGUSON, Moulden, Russell county Alabama. Said Negro man is five feet, seven and a half inches high, has a scar on the back of his right hand, medium six, a little corpulent, cock-eyed,

and stammers when talking, weighs 163 lbs., says he is 30 years of age. Reuben and Bill were delivered to the Contractors of the Arkansas Penitentiary by the Sheriff of Pulaski County.<sup>50</sup> Said Negroes say they belong to a Negro trader by the name of EVERY BREED Patsego, on the Louisiana Bay, Mississippi River. Said Reuben is 5 feet 11 inches high, a bout 20 years old, stout built, weighs 184 lbs. and has a few marks on his back. Said Bill is 5 feet 5 inches high, about 22 years old, heavy set, high cheek bone, weighs 172 lbs., and has a few marks on the back of his shoulder. The owner or owners are hereby requested to prove property, pay charges, or the said Negroes will be dealt with according to law.

GEORGE & ROBINS

Contractors of the Arkansas Penitentiary.

24 August 1854

*Arkansas Gazette* (February 23, 1855)

\$100 Reward

Runaway from the subscriber in Morehouse Parish La., n the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June last, a Negro boy named ENOCH, a dark mulatto, aged about 30 years. Said boy is about 5 feet 9 inches high, head very bald in front, and a small scar on the left side of his mouth. The above reward will be paid upon the delivery of the by to me; or fifty dollars for his confinement in any jail of this State, so that I can get him.

Address HENRY BEACHAM, Bastrop, La.

25 August 1854

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 29, 1854)

Runaway Negroes in jail

Take [sic] up, by Isaac C. Hicks, in Prairie County, Arks, on the 18<sup>th</sup> inst., two runaway Negroes. Description.—SIMON, 27 years of age, six feet high, very black, had on when taken up an old low crown wool hat, old white coat, dark cotton twill pants, slightly marked with whip. Says that he belongs to JEROME PILLOW of Phillips County, Arkansas. ARCHAL, a boy of about 23 years of age, five feet 10 Inches high, dark copper color, had on when taken up plush cap, old black alpaca coat, dark cotton drill pants. No marks perceivable. Says that he belongs to DICK FORD, of Phillips co. Arks. I have said Negroes in the Prairie county Jail to be disposed of according to law.

E. E. DISMUKES, Sheriff and Jailer of Prairie County, Arkansas.

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<sup>50</sup> [duplicated] See: *Arkansas Gazette*, 21 July 1853 [in February 24, 1854]

Runaway Negroes In Jail

Take [sic] up in Pulaski county Arkansas, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 1853, a Negro boy REUBEN about 21 years of age, about five feet ten inches high, weighs about 180 pounds, dark complexion; had on when taken, white domestic pants, linen bosom shirt, coarse brogans shoes, and black cloth cap: says he belongs to AVERY BREED.

WILLIAM, five feet 7 ½ inches high, about 21 years of age, dark complexion, weighs 165 pounds; had on when taken, cotton pantaloons white shirt, coarse boots, a white domestic cap; says he belongs to AVERY BREED; they say they left their master below New Orleans; that he was a Negro trader; that he was trying to sell them, when they left. The owner of said Negroes is hereby notified, that unless he comes forward, proves property, pays charges, and takes them away, they will be dealt with according to law.

JOHN C. PEAY, Sheriff and Jailer of Pulaski county, Ark's.

1 September 1854

*Arkansas Gazette* (September 29, 1854)

Runaway

Was taken up by Jeremiah Ward, near the Choctaw Agency, Choctaw Nation, on Monday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of August 1854, a black man by the name of PETER or PIEER. Said man is 5 feet 4 ½ inches in height, supposed to be 28 or 30 years of age. Had on when taken an old pair cottonade pants, and shirt of the same material, and an old striped blanket coat, an old pair russet shoes, rather worn. Said Negro man is slow spoken, and appears that he has an impediment in his speech. Says he belongs to ROBERT POOL of Bastrop County, La. The above described Negro is required to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away, otherwise if not taken away in six months, from the time of his arrest will be dealt with according to law. JAMES THOMPSON Clerk of Mushelatobbie District Choctaw Nation.

1 September 1854

*Arkansas Gazette* (December 8, 1854)

Two Negroes in Jail

Was committed to the jail of Desha county, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1854, as a runaway a Negro man, who says his name is MOSES, about 25 years old, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, weighs 165 or 170 lbs., black complexion, says he belongs to THOS. POWELL, a Negro trader, and that he formerly belonged to the heirs of THOMAS ROBERTS, dec'd, late of Anderson co., Ky.; has a mark on the left side of his neck, which he calls a raspberry; had on an old domestic shirt, blue cottanade pants, an old Kossuth hat, and barefoot. Also: Was committed to the jail of Desha county, Arks, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1854, as a runaway slave, a Negro man who says his name is WEDLOCK, dark copper color, about 25 years old, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high; had on Lowell shirt, and pants of same, an old oil cloth cap, and russet shoes; says he belongs to Dr. CHARLES SMITH, near Yazoo City, Miss. The owners of said Negroes are herby requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take them away, or will be dealt with according to law.

ELIHU RANDOLPH, Sheriff and Jailer, Desha county Arkansas

DAVID RIPLEY, Deputy.

21 September 1854

*Democratic Star* (September 21, 1854)

Sheriff & Jailors Notice

Was committed to my custody as sheriff & jailor of Phillips county Arkansas, on the 18<sup>th</sup> instant as a runaway slave, a Negro boy who calls his name JACK and says he belongs to THOMAS SIMMS, who lives in Jackson Miss, and has a farm eight miles from Delta, Miss. Said boy is about 25 years of age, black complexion, about 5 feet 8 inches high, weighs about 160 pounds, has scar on all the fingers of his left hand caused by a gin saw, has on blue cassinet pants and round jacket.

ARTHUR THOMPSON.

27 September 1854

*Washington Telegraph* (September 27, 1854)

Runaway Arrested

Maj. Steen commandant at Fort Belknap has now in his custody a Negro boy who calls himself JAMES quite black 5 feet 5 high boy was left 15<sup>th</sup> of June by Mrs. HOLIDAY an emigrant to California. He was wearing at time dark brown hat and pantaloons. He was taken from a Mr. E [?] near Washington AR with whom he was on the way to Fort Smith Arkansas.

12 October 1854

*Democratic Star* (October 12, 1854)

\$25 reward

Ranaway from my residence in Phillips County Arkansas, on Monday 2d inst a Negro man named HENRY. Henry is about 32 years old, nearly black, weighs about 175 lbs, about 5 feet 11 inches high, quick spoken and would be easily alarmed by any one attempting to take him. I believe Henry may with assistance attempt an escape by means of a steamboat. I will pay the above reward to any person who may apprehend and deliver said boy, or lodge him in jail where I can get him.

W. E. NEWSOM.

12 October 1854

*Arkansas Gazette* (December 1, 1854)

Runaway in Jail

Was committed to the Jail of Desha co., Arks, on Monday, the 2d day of October 1854, a Negro man [MAN] supposed to be a runaway slave, about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, light built, weighs about 130 or 140 lbs., a light mulatto, has a bushy head of hair, and a small scar on the right side of his forehead, had on an old undershirt and rusty looking pants, says he belongs to JOSIAH WILLIAMS, of Bourbon co., Ky., and says he ranaway from his young master somewhere on the Mississippi river. About 29 or 30 years old. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be dealt with according to law.

ELIHU RANDOLPH, Sheriff and Jailer of Desha county, Arkansas

By DAVID RIPLEY, Deputy.

16 November 1854

*Democratic Star* (November 16, 1854)

Sheriff & jailors notice

Was committed to my custody on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst, as a runaway slave a Negro who calls his name GEORGE, and says he belongs to JOHN WADE back of Lake Providence LA, about 15 miles. Said boy is 35 years of age, very black complexion, weighs about 160 pounds, about five feet 10 inches in height, has a small bald place on the top of his head, has a very bad sore on his right leg, has some old scars on his right hip and thigh where he had been shot. He had a pass purporting to be from Col Coffee who he claimed first as his master. He also had in his possession some fifty or sixty dollars in money.

ARTHUR THOMSON Phillips county

## 1855

7 March 1855

*Arkansas Gazette* (April 30, 1855)

\$100 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber in Little Rock, on Friday night, the 2d of March, instant, one Negro man named SAMUEL, a bright mulatto aged about 28 years and his wife SALLY, nearly white, aged about 27 years. The boy is about five feet eight inches in height, has a scar upon his left cheek, and is active and unusually sensible. The woman is nearly white, straight hair and large eyes. She will doubtless pass herself for a white woman and as the mistress of the man. The above reward and all necessary expenses of bringing them, will be paid upon the delivery of said Negroes to me. The above reward for their confinement in any jail in this State, so that I can get them.

J. A. NELSON.

3 May 1855

*Democratic Star* (May 3 1855)

A Negro boy who calls his name RAFE and says he belongs to THOMAS HENRY McNEIL of Coahoma, MS. Said boy is about five feet four inches in height black complexion about 24 years old, weighs 140 pounds has a scar on his right foot, had on when committed black cassimere pants, black wool hat, and white linsey coat.

ARTHUR THOMPSON Sheriff Jailor Phillips county.

3 May 1855

*Democratic Star* (May 3 1855)

Was committed on the 2d instant a Negro boy who says his name is "JAMES" [sic] and says he belongs to JOSEPH RAFFMAN of Millikens Bend LA. Said boy is about 16 years of age, copper complexion, five feet 2 or 3 inches, 100 or 110 pounds, had on when committed blue cottonade pants jeans frock coat and brogan shoes.

ARTHUR THOMPSON.

3 May 1855

*Democratic Star* (May 3 1855)

Was committed in Mississippi County Arkansas a Negro boy named ALEXANDER and says he belongs to JAMES JONES of Nagadoches LA. Said boy is supposed to be about 30 or 35 years old, and is of black complexion, 5 feet 10 inches and will weigh 180 or 200 pounds. Has a scar on his forehead and had a large flat nose.

CHARLES BOWEN Jailor Mississippi County.

30 May 1855

*Washington Telegraph* (May 30, 1855)

\$25 reward

Ranaway from the undersigned in Lafayette County AR on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst a Negro man named JAKE of Black complexion about 29 years of age 5 feet 5 inches high said Negro shows his teeth very plainly when talking. He will probably attempt to make his way to Missouri where he once lived.

GILMER & McCLINTOCK.

31 May 1855

*Democratic Star* (May 31, 1855)

Ranoff

From the subscriber on the 28<sup>th</sup> last, the yellow boy JOHN, 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high 27 years of age has his left thumb badly crippled from an old cut of the ax. The said boy will try to get on a boat for Bayou sara LA [sic].

s. G. GETTOON [sic]

Helena AR.

7 June 1855

*Democratic Star* (June 7 1855)

\$50 reward

Ranaway from the plantation belonging to the estate of JOHN W OTEY, dec'd situated 8 miles northwest of Helena Ark, on the night of the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 1855 a Negro man DAVY of dark complexion about 30 years old, about 5 feet 9 inches high heavy built rather quick spoken and intelligent. Also Negro man JERRY aged about 30 years dark complexion about 5 feet 6 inches in height rather slender and tolerably quick spoken. I will give twenty dollards [sic] reward for apprehension and confinement of said Negroes in jail so that I can get them if apprehended in the counties of Phillips St Francis or Crittenden [sic] AR or 25 dollars each if apprehended in the States of MS or TN. I am apprehensive that said Negroes are endeavoring to make their way to Madison county Ala from whence I bought them last winter. Address at Helena.

J. T. MOOORE [sic]

Adm'r of estate of Jno W Otey dec'd.

5 July 1855

*Democratic Star* (July 5 1855)

Sheriff and Jailros [sic] notice

Was committed [sic] to my custody as shefirr [sic] and jailor of Phillips county Arkansas on the 2d instant as a runaway slave a Negro man who calls his name JACK, and says he belongs to AUSTIN BOYD of Vicksburg. Said Negro is about 30 years, black complexion, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, weighs about 140 pounds and had on when committed a black casinet vest hickery shirt and cotton pants.

ARTHUR THOMPSON [sic].

9 August 1855

*Democratic Star* (August 9, 1855)

Jailors notice

There was committed to my custody as Sherrif [sic] and Jailor of Mississppi [sic] County Arkansas on the 3d day of July 1855 a Negro man who calls his name ADAM, and says he belongs to JOHN BERRY, living near Rick's land on the Arkansas river. Said boy is 30 or 35 years of age and had on when committed casinet pants and a hickery shirt. Said boy is of black color.

CHARLES BOWEN

Sheriff & Jailors notice

There was committed to my custody as Sheriff & Jailor [sic] of Mississippi County, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 1855 a Negro man who calls his name WILLIAM and says he belongs to one JACK MOORE, living in Carroll County in the state of MS. Said boy is of a copper color and is about 25 or 30 years old; will wiegh [sic] about 150 pounds had on when committed [sic] capprases pants and hickory shirt and a scar on each leg.

CHARLES BOWEN.

30 August 1855

*Democratic Star* (August 30 1855)

Was committed to my custody as sheriff and jailor of Mississippi County Arkansas on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 1855 as a runaway slave a Negro man who calls his name WILLIAM and says he belongs to DAVIS & WILLIAMS, Negro traders. Said Negro is of dark copper color and is about 35 or 36 years of age five feet 7 and will wiegh [sic] about 156 pounds. His middle finger on his left hand is crooked he had a scar on his left arm and has rings in his ears. Was committed to my custody as sheriff and jailor aforesaid, also as a runaway slave a Negro woman who alls [sic] her name MARY, and says she too belongs to DAVIS & WILLIAMS. Said Negro woman is 27 or 28 years of age, black complexion will weigh about 135 pounds is 5 feet 3 inches high, and her fore finger on her right hand is crooked caused by a felon.

CHARLES BOWEN.

26 October 1855

*Democratic Star* (October 26 1855)

\$50 reward Ranaway from the subscriber living about 15 miles from Helena on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 1855 a Negro boy named HENRY about 23 years of age well built very black tolerably quick spoken and shows considerably the white of his eye had on when he left, white Lowell pants and an old but fine blanket coat. He had been apprehend [sic] in the St. Francis jail and escaped where he claimed to belong to PREMBROKK SETTOON of New Orleans and may possibly try to pass by that name.

S. G. SETTOON.

11 November 1855

*Washington Telegraph* (November 11, 1855)

\$100 reward

Ranaway from my plantation about eighteen months ago EMILY a Negro woman about 30 years old and of a dark complexion. Said Negro was bought of R HAMILTON. The above reward will be paid for her delivery at or near Oak Hill Lafayette County AR.

JOHN HAMITER.

14 November 1855

*Washington Telegraph* (November 14, 1855)

Ranaway from the undersigned at Bossier parish LA on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July last five Negro men to wit WASHINGTON six feet high black complexion and about thirty years old and his brother HENRY About same height and description These two men were raised in Independence county were purchased at Messrs BATES & BELL and it is thought will attempt to make their way back to that county. Also HENRY HARRISON small man copper color about 5 feet 8 inches high 30 years old MOSES a thick set black man 6 feet 6 or 8 high 39 years old and STEPHEN a heavy set black man about 5 feet 10 inches and 25 years old I will give 50 dollars each for the apprehension and delivery. And thirty dollars each for Henry Harrison Mosses and Stephen.

JAMES B. GILMER.

23 November 1855

*Democratic Star* (November 23, 1855)

Sheriff and Jailors Notice

Was committed to my custody as Sheriff and Jailor of Phillips county Arkansas on the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst as a runaway slave a Negro man who calls his name HENRY, and says he belongs to a Mr. STAPLES of Memphis. Said Negro is about 25 years of age, bright yellow complexion about 5 feet 9 inches in height, weighs about 150 pounds has a scar over his left eye brow has a goatee on his chin, had on when committed a white wool hat gray blanket coat, heavy mud boots, check shirt and white linsey pants.

ARTHUR THOMPSON.

## 1856

15 August 1856

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 23, 1856)

Runaway Negro

Committed to the jail of Pulaski county, on the 10th day of August, 1856, a mulatto boy, supposed to be a runaway slave, who says his name is BILL or WILLIAM, and that he belongs to WILLIAM SLADE or JOHN FLEMING, of Jackson, Mississippi. Said boy is a bright mulatto, about five feet ten inches high, weighs one hundred and thirty five, aged 19 years [sic] and has a mole on his upper lip. The owner or owners of said boy are hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

JOHN C. PEAY, Sheriff and Jailer, Pulaski county, Ark.

15 August 1856

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 16, 1856)

Runaway Negro

Committed to the jail of Pulaski county, Arks, on the 11th day of August, A.D. 1856, THOMAS, or TOM, who says he belongs to JAMES HOLDMAN, and that he was hired to THOMAS HALL, of Phillips county, in this State. Said boy is a copper color, age 40 or 45 years, weighs 130 lbs., 5 feet 6 inches high, and has a scar over the left eye. The owner or owners of said boy are hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges, &c., or said boy will be dealt with as the law directs.

JOHN C. PEAY, Sheriff and Jailer, Pulaski County, Arks.

12 November 1856

*Arkansas Gazette* (May 2, 1857)

Notice

Was committed to the Jail of Pulaski county, on the 10<sup>t</sup> of November, 1856, a Negro man, calling himself MIKE, about 30 years of age, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, black bushy hair, small mustache and whiskers, copper color, weighs about 160 or 170 pounds, two small scars on the back of his left hand; and says he belongs to JOHN HARRIS, of Sparta, Georgia. When taken had on black blanket coat, brown cassinet pants, and a white wool hat. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be dealt with according to law.

BEN. F. DANLEY Sheriff

By Sam Brookin, Deputy Sheriff.

12 November 1856

*Arkansas Gazette* (May 2, 1857)

Notice

Was Committed to the Jail of Pulaski county, on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November, 1856, a Negro man calling himself HENRY, about 30 years of age, very black small whiskers, about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, and weighs about 180 or 190 pounds, his little finger on his left hand stiff, which he says was caused by a bone felon; and says that he belongs to JOHN HARRIS, of Sparta, Georgia. When taken had on a gray drab coat, brown jeans pants, and black wool hat. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be dealt with according to law.

BEN. F. DANLEY Sheriff

By Sam Brookin, Deputy Sheriff.

**1857**

14 March 1857

*Arkansas Gazette* (May 2, 1857)

## Runaway Notice

Was place [sic] in the Jail of Pulaski County, on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March, 1837, a Negro boy calling himself WILLIAM, and says that he belongs to Col. ABRAMS, of Lafayette County, Arkansas. Said Negro is about 22 years of age, and about 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, very black, and has a scar across two of his toes, on his right foot. Had on when committed, an old black hat, white woolen coat, white cotton pants and russet shoes. The owner is hereby requested to come forward pay charges and take him away, or he will be dealt with according to law.  
BEN. F. DANLEY Sheriff and Jailer of Pulaski County, Arks.

6 April 1857

*Arkansas Gazette* (April 11, 1857)

\$25 Reward,

Will be given for the apprehension and delivery to me, of my Negro man TOM, who ran away on the 30<sup>th</sup> ult. Tom is about 26 or 27 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, black complexion, quick and active in his movements, had on white woolen pants, white cotton and red flannel shirts, gray blanket overcoat, and black wool hat. he is, no doubt, lurking about Little Rock.

A. M. WOODRUFF

Little Rock.

21 April 1857

*Arkansas Gazette* (May 9, 1857 )

Fifty Dollars Reward!

Ran Away from the subscriber, living near Richland, Jefferson county, about the 8<sup>th</sup> of March, a Negro boy "RUFFIN" [sic], aged about 16 years, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, well made, color black, has a scar on the right side of his face extending to the corner of mouth. I will pay the above reward for his delivery to me, or his confinement in jail so that I can get him.

DANIEL CRAIF

Richland, Jefferson County.

9 May 1857

*Arkansas Gazette* (May 16, 1857)

Runaway Notice

Was Committed to the Jail of Pulaski County, on the 20<sup>th</sup> instant, a Negro man, who says that his name is JOHN. He also says that he belongs to Col. HARDWICK, of Johnson County, Arks. Said Negro is about thirty-nine years of age, very black, five feet four or five inches high, and weighs about 140 pounds—has four of his front teeth out. Had on when committed, an old black wool hat, white cotton pants and coat and russet shoes. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be dealt with according to law.

BEN. F. DANLEY Sheriff and Jailer of Pulaski County

By SAMUEL BROOKIN, D. S.

6 June 1857

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 4, 1857)

Ran Away,

On the 28 inst, a Negro man named MAT, he is about thirty years old, is a dark mulatto in color, rather under ordinary size and well made, would weigh about 140 pounds. I will amply reward any person to arrest him so that I can get him. My address is Tulip, Dallas County, Ark.

ANDREW CRUDUP.

25 November 1857

*Washington Telegraph* (November 25, 1857)

\$250 reward

Ranaway from the plantation of B. C. PHILLIPS in Sevier County on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April last a Negro man named NED, of copper color about 30 years old, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, and weighs about 160 lbs. He has thick lips but rather pleasant countenance—walks briskly and has a good many scars upon his back. He was brought from the Cherokee nation once belonged to Mr. COCKRAM, and afterwards to a Mr. MYERS in the neighborhood of Fort Smith and it is supposed will endeavor to make his way in that direction to the Cherokee nation. Said Negro is guilty of Murder and is a fugitive from justice. I will give the reward for his delivery to me at my residence in the forks of the Red & little rivers Sevier county Arkansas

WM. F. BAILEY.

## 1858

17 July 1858

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 14, 1858)

\$25 Reward!

Ran Away from the subscriber, on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst., between Dardanelle and the Sulphur Springs, my boy HARDIN. Said boy is about 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, about 20 or 21 years old, jet black, large face, and very white teeth, and weighs about 130 or 140 pounds—his lips are prominent. When he left he had a silver watch, black dress coat, brown pants with blue stripe, calico shirt, yellow, with broad stripe. I have lost a Colt's 5 shooter, which I expect he has with him. He may have some money, but I do not know what amount. I have reason to believe that said boy, has been furnished with a pass by an abolitionist, whom I believe is in the country. I purchased said Negro boy from Messrs. MYRICK & CO, of Tennessee, about six months ago. I will give the above reward for his apprehension.

F. C. KENDALL.

28 July 1858

*Washington Telegraph* (July 28, 1858)

Stolen or runaway on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> inst a Negro man OSCAR, aged about 28 or 30 years of very light complexion (nearly white) [sic] six feet high well built weighs about 160 lbs has some teeth out in front. The boy is not very smart, and would not I think leave on his own account but would be very easily enticed off by a white man. I will give \$25 for his precession and delivery

to me here if taken in Caddo or Bossier parishes or \$50 if taken out of the state and informed of his arrest or \$150 for the apprehension of the Negro and thief where justice may reach the abductor

E. C HART.

Shreveport LA.

5 August 1858

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 7, 1858 )

Runaway Negro

A liberal reward will be given for the apprehending and securing the Negro fellow TOM, who ran away from my farm on the 30 inst. Said Negro is slim built, stoop shouldered, and will weigh about 140 pounds, copper color, or might be called by some a mulatto, stutters in speaking, and when walking has a slow lazy carriage. Said Negro belongs to Capt. JAMES M. DANLEY, and was formerly a hand on the steam boat Quapaw I think it likely that he is lurking about Little Rock.

BEN. F. DANLEY

Little Rock.

16 October 1858

*Arkansas Gazette* (October 23, 1858)

Notice

Was taken up and placed in the Jail of Pulaski County about the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, inst., a Negro boy, who says his name is JACK, and that he belongs to ABRAHAM HAMMACK, who lives 9 miles from Monticello, Drew County, Arkansas. Said Negro is a mulatto, about twenty-eight years of age, weighs about one hundred and sixty pounds, and has a scar on the left side of his face, which he says was made by the kick of a horse. He had on when taken up a black silk hat, gray jeans coat and white woolen pants. The owner of said Negro is hereby notified to come forward and prove property pay charges and take him away, or he will be dealt with according to law in such cases made and provided.

B. F. DANLEY, Sheriff

By SAM. BROOKIN, Deputy Sheriff.

25 December 1858

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 15, 1859)

Jailer's Notice

Was Placed in the Jail of Pulaski County, on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December, 1858, a mulatto boy, who calls himself "DICK", and says that he belongs to L. W. CARROLLTON, who resides five miles from Hillsborough, Union county, Arkansas. Said boy is about twenty-four years of age, dark complexion, about five feet nine or ten inches high; will weigh about 150 or 160 pounds. He had on when arrested, a black cloth coat, black cloth pants, and a black wool hat. He also had with him a black horse, and saddle and bridle, which he says he stole from his master. The owner of said Negro is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be dealt with according to law.

THO'S FLETCHER, Sheriff  
By SAM'L BROOKIN, Jailer.

26 December 1858

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 15, 1859)

Jailer's Notice

Was Placed in the Jail of Pulaski County, on the 26<sup>th</sup> of December, 1858, a mulatto boy, who calls himself "AUSTIN" [sic], and says that he belongs to L. J. WILLIAMS, of West Baton Rouge, La. Said Negro is thirty-five or forty years of age, dark complexion, five feet ten or eleven inches high, will weigh about 180 or 190 pounds. He had on when arrested, Oanaburg [sic] coat and pants, red flannel shirt, white wool hat, and brogan shoes. The owner of said Negro is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be dealt with according to law.

THO'S FLETCHER, Sheriff  
By SAM'L BROOKIN, Jailer.

## 1859

1 January 1859

*Arkansas Gazette* (January 15, 1859)

Jailer's Notice

Was Placed in the Jail of Pulaski County, on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December, 1858, a mulatto boy, who calls himself "MUNROE" [sic], and says that he belongs to L. W. CARROLLTON, who resides five miles from Hillsborough, Union county, Arkansas. Said Negro is about twenty three years of age, bright mulatto, about five feet seven or eight inches high, will weigh about 140 or 145 pounds. Has a scar on his right cheek. Said boy also had with him a bay horse, four years old, two hind feet white; saddle, bridle, and a pair of saddle bags, all of which he says he stole from his master. The owner of said Negro is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be dealt with according to law.

22 January 1859

*Arkansas Gazette* (February 5, 1859)

\$20 Reward

Ranaway, from the plantation of the subscriber, in Pulaski County, on Friday morning the 14<sup>th</sup> inst., a Negro man, named RANSOM, aged about twenty or twenty one years, about six feet in height, slender spare made, somewhat stoop shouldered when he walks. Had on, when he left, a suit of Gray Kentucky Jeans (pants and sack coat) [sic]. The above reward will be paid on his delivery or confinement in jail so that I can get him.

N. H. BADGETT.

29 January 1859

*Arkansas Gazette* (February 26, 1859)

## Jailor's Notice

Was Committed to the Jail of Pulaski County, Arkansas, on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst., a Negro boy, calling himself JOHN WILSON, as a Runaway. Said boy is a light Mulatto, straight hair, about five feet 7 or 8 inches high, about 18 years of age, will weigh about 145 or 150 pounds. The owner of said Negro is hereby requested to come forward, prove his property, and pay charges, and take him away, or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

THOMAS FLETCHER, Sheriff

By THOMAS PARCEL D.S. and Jailor.

29 January 1859

*Arkansas Gazette* (February 26, 1859)

## Jailor's Notice

Was Committed to the Jail of Pulaski County, Arkansas, on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst., a Negro Boy, a runaway, who calls himself JOHN MOORE. The said boy is a dark mulatto, five feet seven inches high, about twenty-two years of age, and will weigh about one hundred and fifty pounds. The owner of said boy is requested to come forward, prove his property, and pay charges, and take him away, or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

THOMAS FLETCHER, Sheriff

By THOMAS PARCEL D.S. and Jailor.

26 February 1859

*Arkansas Gazette* (April 2, 1859)

## Notice

Was Committed to the Jail of Pulaski County, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1858, a Negro man, who calls his name JOE, and says that he belongs to JESSE PAXTON, of Claiborne Parish, La. Said Negro is about twenty seven or twenty eight years of age, five feet ten or eleven inches high, dark copper color, long wooly hair, and weighs about 180 pounds. The owner of said Negro, is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, and pay charges, and take him away, or otherwise he will be dealt with as the law directs.

THOMAS FLETCHER, Sheriff

By THO'S PARCEL D.S. and Jailor.

5 March 1859

*Arkansas Gazette* (March 26, 1859)

## Notice

Was Committed to the Jail of Pulaski county, Arkansas, on the 23d of February, 1859, a Negro Boy, who calls his name HORACE, and says he belongs to MIRTH McCOY, who resides in Tennessee, and who owns a plantation on Plum Bayou, Jefferson county, Arkansas, under the control of DIRK VATON, as Overseer, from which plantation he ran away. Said boy is about nineteen or twenty years of age, dark copper color, five feet six or seven inches high, and weighs about one hundred and forty pounds. The owner of said boy is herby notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away, otherwise he will be dealt with as the law

directs.

THO'S FLETCHER, Sheriff

By THO'S PARCEL Jailer.

25 March 1859

*Arkansas Gazette* (March 26, 1859)

Runaway Negro

Ran Away from the undersigned, at Palarm Bridge, Pulaski co., Arkansas, on the 22d inst., a Negro man named SAM. Said Negro fellow is about 28 or 29 years old, will weigh about 175 or 180 lbs., about 5 feet 11 inches or 6 feet high, is black and has quite a heavy beard, and is very likely and intelligent; and apparently of good disposition. If said Negro is not decoyed off by some white man, he is likely lurking about the country between the Palarm and Lewisburg; or on the south side of the river, in Perry county, as he has acquaintances on both sides of the river. He also has some acquaintances in Little Rock, and may be in that vicinity. The apprehender will be paid a suitable reward by delivering said Negro to me, or confining him in jail, so that I can get him.

B. F. DANLEY

Palarm Bridge.

4 June 1859

*Arkansas Gazette* (June 4, 1859)

Notice

Was committed to the Jail of Pulaski county, Arkansas, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1859, a Negro man, who calls his name ANDERSON, and says he belongs to WM. ROSS, of Jefferson county, Arkansas. Said Negro is a dark mulatto, about 5 feet 7 inches high, about 30 years of age weighs about 140 pounds, has a scar on his forehead and under lip, caused he says, by the kick of a mule; had on when taken up, coarse cotton pants, shirt and vest, and an old black hat. The owner of said negro is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away, otherwise he will be dealt with as the law directs.

THO'S FLETCHER, Sheriff

By THO'S PARCEL Jailer.

18 June 1859

*Arkansas Gazette* (June 25, 1859)

Ran Away

From the subscriber, at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, on the night of the 18<sup>th</sup> inst., a brown mulatto boy, named DICK, about 23 years old, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, and weighs about 140 pounds, is of thin visage, has had front teeth, and is very sprightly when spoken to, has black bushy hair, nearly straight. Had on brown linen clothing, and brown rabbit fur hat. Was raised in Georgia, and sold to me by R. H. SULLIVAN, of that State. It is supposed that he, in company with some other runways, is aiming for the Indian Nation. A liberal reward will be paid for his apprehension and delivery to me, or to any Jailer, so that I get him again.

THOS. S. JAMES

Pine Bluff, Arks.

### 1860

31 March 1860

*Arkansas Gazette* (March 31, 1860)

Jailor's Notice

Was committed to the Jail of Pulaski County, Arkansas, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1860, a Negro man who calls his name WILLIS, and says he belongs to JAMES FINLEY, of Union county, Arkansas, near Hillsborough. Said slave is about 28 or 29 years of age, 6 feet high, stout built, black complexion, and weighs about 180 pounds, has a scar under his right jaw, he says caused by the King's Evil when a boy. The owner of said slave is hereby [sic] notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away, otherwise he will be dealt with as the law directs.

THOMAS FLETCHER, Sheriff

By THOMAS PARCEL, Jailer.

### 1862

15 January 1862

*Washington Telegraph* (January 15, 1862)

Was committed to the jail of Pike county Arkansas on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December 1861, 3 Negro slaves who say their names are BEN, DICK and PALA and that they belong to JEFFERSON HERD of Ashley Co, AR and say they left him 5 months since. The Negro man Ben supposed to be about 22 years of age, 5 feet in height of black color. The boy Dick supposed to be 18 years of age, 5 feet in height of copper color and has a soar [sic] above his eyes and nearest the right eye; also a scar on his right knee. And the boy Pala is supposed to be about 14 or 15 years of age, of copper color and four and a half feet in height and has a scar on or near his left eye.

WILLIAM GILMER Sheriff

By WM. R SMEDLEY Jailer

Pike County AR.

20 April 1862

*Washington Telegraph* (April 20, 1862)

Negro in Jail

Taken up in this place on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April last a Negro man named LEWIS who says he belongs to BENJAMIN ETHERDIGE [sic] of Calhoun County. Said Negro is of dark complexion very large eyes about 21, 22 years of age five feet in height weighs about 150 pounds, and had on when taken kersey pants and a kersey cap. The owner of said Negro is requested to come forward prove property and take him away or he will be dealt with according to law.

W. V. KING Jailer Hempstead County.

6 August 1862

*Washington Telegraph* (August 6, 1862)

Was committed to the jail of Pike County AR as a runaway slave on the 23d day of July 1862 a Negro man calling himself JOHN. Said boy is about 5 feet 6 inches supposed to be about 30 or 35 years of age, is of a copper color and has lost the fore finger of his left hand and will weigh about 160 pounds. Says he is the property of JAMES BOLT who he says lives near Natchitoches LA.

Sheriff Pike County.

13 August 1862

*Washington Telegraph* (August 13, 1862)

Ranaway from the Texas Iron Works, in Marion County, TX on Sunday evening, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 5 Negro Men of the following description

HENRY is about 5 feet high, heavy set, bald headed 35 years old, a black.

ALECK 5 feet 4 inches, very quick spoken 33 years old copper colored.

LAWRENCE 6 feet high, near sighted, 27 years old, copper colored.

JIM is 5 feet 6 black had on a cap.

JESSE is 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, 26 years old, dark copper had on a cap.

The above Negroes were hired of a Mr. WEBB of Mo [Missouri] and it may be that they are trying to make their way back to MO.

NASH PERRY & CO.

20 November 1862

*Arkansas Gazette* (December 13, 1862)

\$50 Reward

Runaway, from Mrs. SUSAN COLE, of Clark county, Arkansas, abut [sic] the last of September, a Negro man, named PETER—said Negro is very dark, 30 or 35 years old, about 6 feet high, weighs about 180 lbs., and is stout and well built. Says he has a pass from his mistress to go to Gen. Hindman's command, and was employed by Capt. White, of Missouri, to drive a team—said Negro was employed at the Anthony House some 18 or 20 days, and left there on the 8th inst., without leave. The above reward will be given for his apprehension and delivery to me at this place, or \$25 will be paid if he is confined in any jail in the State where I can get him.

SUSAN COLE

By H. B. STUART atty

Arkadelphia.

10 December 1862

*Washington Telegraph* (December 10, 1862)

Ranaway from the subscriber at the Salt Works in Sevier Co on the 3d inst, a Negro man named ABRAM dark complexion rather tall weighs 175 or 180 pounds. He was raised by ADAM STROUD of Clark Co., and will probably try to make his way to that neighborhood. I will pay 25 for his apprehension and delivery to me.

B H KINSWORTHY  
Nashville ARK.

13 December 1862

*Arkansas Gazette* (February 21, 1863)

\$50 Reward

Ranaway from the subscriber on the night of the 1<sup>st</sup> inst., a Negro man named JOE, about 25 years old, of copper color, down look and quick spoken; he is about 5 feet, 6 inches high, weighs 150 or 160 pounds. He was brought from near Weston, on the Missouri river, by W. A.

GUTHRIE, from whom I purchased him. He has a good many good clothes with him—wore boots, a fine wool or felt hat and a mixed coat a little worn, with imitation of keg bottoms. The above reward will be paid, and all necessary expenses, if delivered to me in Little Rock.

JAMES TIMSS.

24 December 1862

*Washington Telegraph* (December 24, 1862)

Ranaway from the subscribers at the Salt works in Sevier County a Negro man named ZACH, aged about 24 years, stout built, very black weighs about 160 pounds rather quick spoken was formerly owned by E. V. COLLINS Esq., and we suppose will be lurking about Washington in Hempstead Co., Millwood in Sevier County or perhaps the neighborhood of James Bradbury who owns his wife. We will pay \$25 for his delivery or confinement in any jail.

HOOVER & KINSWORTHY

Nashville Hempstead Co, AR.

### 1863

1 April 1863

*Washington Telegraph* (April 1, 1863)

\$50 reward

Ranaway from the undersigned on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst a Negro man named SAM. Said Negro is black about 30 years old and about 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, with an upper front tooth out. Had on when he left a hat a won satinett coat, of a brownish color, and home made linsey pants.

T. H. TURNER

Daingerfield, Titus Co, TX.

22 April 1863

*Washington Telegraph* (April 22, 1863)

\$25 Reward

Ranaway from the plantation of A. STEPHENS 10 miles from Boston a Negro man named HENRY. He is a mulatto about 28 years old 5'3 or 4 inches, heavy set, bow legged, has two broad teeth in front, has a bundle of cloths with him. He was formerly owned by Mr. LASSLUR of Point Pleasant, MO and is probably making for the Mississippi River.

John S. DEADERICK  
 Dekalb, Bowie County Texas.

6 June 1863

*Washington Telegraph* (June 6, 1863)

Runaway from the undersigned near the state line between Minden, LA & Lewisville, AR a Negro man named JACK aged about 40 years, black complexion, 5'8 or 10 inches, high gray hair quick spoken when addressed, general appearance on the African order. Negro was bought from Mr. H. D. WAGNOR at Delhi, LA formerly belonged to someone in Arkansas.

WM. H. HAYES

Blossom Prairie, Lamar County Texas.

10 June 1863

*Washington Telegraph* (June 10, 1863)

\$50 Reward

Runaway from the subscriber in Bowie County, Texas, a Negro man, HENRY about 26 or 27 years old, 5'2 inches high, weighing about 175 or 180 lbs., black having a small scar or notch on one of his ears also a small scar on his breast caused by a shot, and is the size of a common bullet with some sign of the lash on his back, quick spoken speaks boldly when spoken to. I suppose he is on his way to Jasper County Mississippi. When last heard from he was 10 miles south of Lewisville Arkansas on the Camden Road.

JOHN C. GREENE.

10 June 1863

*Washington Telegraph* (June 10, 1863)

\$100 Reward

Runaway from the subscriber on the night of the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2 Negroes TOM & HARRY. Tom is about 23 years old very quick spoken, 5'8 inches high, weighs about 150 lbs; color Black. Harry is about 20 years old copper colored 5'6 inches high, heavy head of hair very bushy, weighs about 140 lbs. These Negroes wore off a white wool hat each. Also on same night one Negro fellow named CAPP, belonging to the estate of JOHN SHIPP, deceased. Capp is about 25 years old, very black about 5'6 inches high, heavy set and weighs about 165 or 170 lbs and has a scar on his nose which is flat caused by a lick from the horn of a steer. Also on the same night one Negro fellow named ANTHONY belonging to the estate of — GOLDIN deceased. Anthony is about 20 years old, very black, rough featured, thick lips 5'10 inches high weighs about 160-165.

JOSEPH A. GLADDEN

Caddo Cove, P.O. Montgomery County Arkansas.

13 June 1863

*Arkansas Gazette* (June 20, 1863)

Jailor's Notice

Was committed to the Jail of Pulaski county, Arkansas, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1863, a Negro

boy, who calls his name WILLETT, and says he belongs to JAMES EPPERSON, near Piney, Missouri. Said boy says his Master belongs to the Confederate Army, and left him about two months ago at Vicksburg, from which place he ran away. Said Negro had in his possession when taken up, a chestnut sorrel stallion, about 5 years old, 15 ½ hands high, not shod, and a small American saddle, with a piece of coarse bagging under it. He says he traded for the above horse a short distance below Pine Bluff Arkansas. Said boy is about 5 feet 8 inches, dark mulatto color, about 22 years of age, and weighs about 150 pounds, has a small scar on his forehead, and a large scar on his left arm near the elbow. The owner of said slave, is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him away, otherwise he will be dealt with as the law directs.

J. M. GILES, Sheriff

By THOS. PARSEL, deputy.

4 July 1863

*Arkansas Gazette* (July 4, 1863)

\$250 Reward

Ran Away from the subscriber, on the 7<sup>th</sup> inst, a Negro boy named FRANK, of dark color, about 16 years old, of stout build, heavy made and intelligent countenance; weighs about 170 pounds, had on when he left a grey soldier's cap, cotton shirt and pants, thick heavy shoes and he is supposed to have made his way towards Phillips county; where he has a wife belonging to his former master. Said Negro also stole off with him a nice ball faced bay horse, about five years old, medium size, shod before, and had a little white (believed to be) [sic] on the left foot.

I will give the above reward for the apprehension and delivery to me of the boy in any jail, so that I can get him.

JOHN COLLINS, Little Rock.

5 August 1863

*Washington Telegraph* (August 5, 1863)

Ran away from my place near Washington a Negro man named JACK who is about 5'4 inches high, about 24 years old, black, rather quick spoken and motioned, will weigh about 130 lbs. I will pay \$25 reward.

A. T. BELLER.

5 August 1863

*Washington Telegraph* (August 5, 1863)

Runaway committed to the jail of Pike County at Murfreesboro, a black boy [MAN] 5'6 weighs 130 lbs. He says he belongs to ROBERT DUTY near Walnut Hills, Arkansas.

J. D. HANCOCK Jailor.

18 August 1863

*Arkansas Gazette* (August 29, 1863)

\$200 Reward

Ran Away, from the subscriber, on Monday night, the 17<sup>th</sup> inst., four Negroes. One woman, "NANCY!" [sic] black, 33 years old, and her three children viz: WILLIAM, 10 years old: JOHN HENRY, 8 years old, and LAURA, 5 years old—all yellow complected. The woman is near her confinement and her legs are considerably swollen. The above reward will be paid upon the deliver of the above named Negroes.

F. CARPENTER  
Little Rock.

26 August 1863

*Washington Telegraph* (August 26, 1863)

Runaway in Jail

Was committed to the jail of Hempstead County on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August a Negro boy named BILL who says he belongs to JOHN ROBERTSON formerly of Jacksonport, Arkansas but now of Texas. He is also about 16 years of age, dark complexion, about 5'8 inches high, weighs about 150.

J. ERVIN Jailor Hempstead County.

9 September 1863

*Washington Telegraph* (September 9, 1863)

Was committed to the jail of Pike County Arkansas a certain Negro man, calling himself JACK about 5'10 inches high, of black color, says he belongs to WILLIAM CRADY near Columbia Tennessee, and was carried to Claiborne Parish, Louisiana and hired to WILLIAM JACKSON on some of the salt works on Lake Bistonoe.

J. D. HANCOCK Jailor Pike County.

9 September 1863

*Washington Telegraph* (September 9, 1863)

\$250 Reward

Runaway from the subscriber at Fulton on the 7<sup>th</sup> inst the following Negroes, for which a reward of \$250 will be given for their apprehension and confinement in any jail so that I can get them, or \$75 for either of them delivered to J. L. Bouldin, Esq. in Washington: ARCHER a bright mulatto 27 yrs of age and a blacksmith by trade. Rode off a black mare with a swab tail. JERRY a dark copper colored boy 22 years old knock kneed and large feet toes turned out very much JACK a dark boy 23 years old short neck and small statue; stammers a little when spoken to DICK a stout black boy 30 years old likely and good looking. The three last went off on foot from Fulton.

JAS. B KEATTS.

9 September 1863

*Washington Telegraph* (September 9, 1863)

Runaways in Jail

Was committed to the Jail of Hempstead County on the 2d inst two Negro men one named LOUIS, dark complexion about 30 years of age about 5 feet 6 inches high weighs about 140

pounds The other named MILFORD a dark mulatto about 25 years of age, about 5 feet 10 inches high and weighs about 150 pounds. Said slaves say they belong to a Mr. PITTSBURGH, residing near Augusta on White River in this state. They also said they were on their way to Texas and made their escape from the overseer near Boston. Milford says he has a wife at Spott Gibson's now stopping at Mr. Runnells on Red River.

J. ERVIN Jailor Hempstead County.

23 September 1863

*Washington Telegraph* (September 23, 1863)

Committed to Sevier County Jail

One Negro boy named JOHN copper color. Said boy is about 6 feet high weighs about 180 pounds and says he belongs to TAYLOR FORTENBERRY of Lawrence Co AR.

H. C. PRIDE

Sheriff and Jailor Sevier Co AR.

30 September 1863

*Washington Telegraph* (September 30, 1863)

\$100 Reward

Runaway from the undersigned at Lewisville Lafayette Co AR on the night of the 22d inst; a dark mulatto boy named MILES, about 6 feet in height. At the time of leaving he stole a bright bay horse mule. The above reward will be paid for the recovery of both or \$50 for either.

T. J. CHURCHILL.

30 September 1863

*Washington Telegraph* (September 30, 1863)

\$100 Reward

Ranaway from the subscriber living at Dekalb, Bowie county TX on the 23d inst. for which I will pay one hundred dollars reward for his apprehension and confinement in any jail so that I can get him, a Negro man named EPHRAM of black color about 40 years of age 5 feet 2 inches high heavy set round face had on a gray wool hat white jeans pants and recently bought from Corley's Ridge and in all probability will try to get back to that place.

ROBERT BEVILL.

7 October 1863

*Washington Telegraph* (October 7, 1863)

Runaway committed to the jail of Hempstead County as a runaway on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst a Negro man calling himself ANTHONY about 23 years old dark copper color 5 feet 4 inches high an weighs about 140 pounds.

J. ERVIN

Jailor Hempstead Co AR.

14 October 1863

*Washington Telegraph* (October 14, 1863)

Committed to Lafayette county jail a Negro man calling himself BEN, of black color about 5 feet 4 inches high with a white spot and scar on his forehead. Says he belongs to R K HARRISON of Caddo parish LA.

F. M. WALDRIP Sheriff and Jailor Lafayette Co AR.

14 October 1863

*Washington Telegraph* (October 14, 1863)

Committee to Lafayette County jail two Negro men FRANK copper color about 5 feet 8 inches high a blacksmith. MANUEL black color about 5 feet 10 inches high a shoemaker who say they belong to Col. WILLIAMS near Pine Bluff AR.

14 October 1863

*Washington Telegraph* (October 14, 1863)

\$1000 reward

Runaway from the subscriber about the 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. , two Negro men CHARLEY about 6 feet high, very black, prominent featured, left hand withered. ANDERSON aged 20 to 30, black, round face, slow spoken. Said Negroes took with them two mules one a tall lengthy black mare mule, aged 4 or 5 years shaved considerably by the gear the other medium sized 6 or 7 years old sorrel color. Any person taking up said property and delivering the same or any part to Capt. John Wellay of Col. Morgan's regt. Gen Price's army or to Dr Janes near Lanesport with an advertisement of said property will receive \$400 for each Negro and \$100 for each mule. Said Negroes when last heard from were making in the direction of Perryville Perry county ark [sic]. Any information directed to me at Madersonville, Maderson County, Texas will reach me  
EB ALSTON.

28 October 1863

*Washington Telegraph* (October 28, 1863)

\$200 Reward Ranaway from Capt GEO. TAYLOR's Wagon Yard near Washington 4 Negroes of the following description

BILL mulatto aged about 22 years weighs about 140 lbs.

HENDERSON about 50 years old whiskers and hair grey. Said Negroes belong to Mrs.

BUFFORD of Jefferson Co AR

Also boy JACK about 85 [sic] years of age dark color weighs about 150 lbs.

BEN about 24 years of age weighs about 150 pounds dark color belonging to Dr HENDERSON of Jefferson County AR.

The above reward will be paid for the four Negroes or \$50 for either of them when delivered to Wm J Nolan at Mr. Thomas' office at Washington AR or John Caldwell Fulton AR.

28 October 1863

*Washington Telegraph* (October 28, 1863)

Committed to the jail of Hempstead county ark on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 1863 a Negro man who says his name is HENRY about 27 years of age, of dark color five feet high, weighs about 140 lbs has on a federal uniform and says he belongs to a man by the name of BESHERS and was sent to TX by a man named DEDERICK.  
Jailor Hempstead Co.

28 October 1863

*Washington Telegraph* (October 28, 1863)

Runaway in Jail

Committed to the jail of Hempstead County AR on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October a Negro man named GEORGE about 25 years of age dark color 5 feet 4 inches high weighs about 140 pounds has a scar over his left eye says he belongs to DAVISON CUNNINGHAM.  
Jailor Hempstead Co.

28 October 1863

*Washington Telegraph* (October 28, 1863)

\$400 Reward ranaway from the subscriber near Rondo, Lafayette Co Ark on the 16<sup>th</sup> Oct, four Negroes. JOHN a very tall Negro aged about 33 years. LEWIS a heavy built low fellow, aged about 33 years, the muscles of his arms are remarkably large. NELSON a heavy built lubberly Negro drags his feet when he walks, has scrofulous scars about his neck the sight of one eye is out aged about 21 years. ISREAL [sic] an awkward knock kneed boy about 19 years. All of them are black Negroes. They came from Prairie County beyond Little Rock. They took with them two mules one an iron grey horse mule about 4 or 5 years old. I don't recollect whether he is branded or not. The other a bay mare mule, aged about 1 or 15 [sic] years.  
BENJ. C. TOTTEN.

28 October 1863

*Washington Telegraph* (October 28, 1863)

\$500 Reward

Ranaway from the undersigned near Clarksville TX two Negro men one named NET sometimes called BILL aged 20 years bought at Pine Bluff AR. Another named BAILEY aged 26 or 28 years, formerly from MS. They will probably attempt to go the Federals.  
I. H. ADDLER.

11 November 1863

*Washington Telegraph* (November 11, 1863)

\$100 Reward

Ranaway from the subscribers place near Booley's Ferry a few days since, my boy GEORGE riding a little light bay mare with a star in her face. George is about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, coal black long hair teeth out in front.

Mrs. MATILDA JOHNSON

Lewisville Lafayette Co AR.

18 November 1863

*Washington Telegraph* (November 18, 1863)

\$200 Reward

Broke jail from Lewisville Lafayette co on the night of the 21<sup>st</sup> October last a Negro boy calling himself JAM OVERSTREET of chocolate color and small size aged 21 years and his wife a Negro girl named LIZE or LOUISA OVERSTREET of black color with high cheek bone aged 18 years. Said Negroes are doubtless making for Little Rock. I will give \$100 reward for the apprehension of each of them and their delivery to Col A. H. Carrigan of Hempstead Co who lives 6 miles west of Washington on the Fulton Road  
BL ARMSTRONG.

## 1864

6 January 1864

*Washington Telegraph* (January 6, 1864)

I caught on my premises a Negro Boy who says his name is HARRIS and he belongs to ALFRED RAMBELL formerly of Knoxville Tennessee and who left his master at Moro Landing whilst on his way to Texas.

CLEMENT SCHAER

Calhoun County Arkansas, Moro Landing.

27 January 1864

*Washington Telegraph* (January 27, 1864)

Ranaway from the subscriber on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of December 1863 one Negro woman named MARY, about 35 years old some 5 feet high, of black color, several scars on her head, also her two children the oldest WANDER, about 14 years old low and heavy set but small to her age of black color. The other HENRY about 7 years old also black color.

JOSEPH EAST

Mt. Moriah P.O. Box Hempstead County.

27 January 1864

*Washington Telegraph* (January 27, 1864)

\$200 Reward

For JOE who ran away from Dr. TOM BRANDON near Spring Hill Wednesday last. Joe is a bright mulatto about 32 years old 150 or 160, grey or light blue eyes wore a cashmere cap, brown pants and no coat. Pickets will please look out.

20 July 1864

*Washington Telegraph* (July 20, 1864)

\$500 Reward

Runaway from the subscriber 2 miles southwest of Paris, Lamar County Texas on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 1864 a Negro man named BILL (he may call his name JAKE) about 24 years old full 6 feet high walks erect weighs 170-200 lbs. Wore off a frock tail brown jeans coat, (tails very short) and cotton pants.

S. S. PIERSON.

20 July 1864

*Washington Telegraph* (July 20, 1864)

\$1600 Reward

Runaway from my plantation in Walnut Prairie Choctaw Nation Sunday 3d of July four Negro men

JOHN aged 40 years black complexion, 5'7 inches down look when spoken too [sic].

CHARLEY aged 25 years rather dark same height as first

JIM copper color 5'9, 27 years very quick spoken

ANTHONY copper color 5'5 20 years old

R. JONES.

20 July 1864

*Washington Telegraph* (July 20, 1864)

Notice

Taken up by a scout under my command on the 13<sup>th</sup> inst. near my residence 22 miles past Washington a Negro man [MAN] who says he belongs to CAD. HOLMES of Jefferson County.

J. B. DAVIS Capt.

Comdg. Scout.

27 July 1864

*Washington Telegraph* (July 27, 1864)

Ranaway from the subscriber near Black Oak P.O. Hopkins County Texas about the 1<sup>st</sup> of May last a Negro man named ADDISON, complexion dark about 19 or 20 years old, 5'7 inches high weighs about 160 or 165 lbs. Had on when he left a suit of coarse country made lowells, and a home made cap. When confused can hardly talk. Will try for Arkansas River. Will pay \$200 in jail or reasonable reward if delivered.

ROBERT FLETCHER.

27 July 1864

*Washington Telegraph* (July 27, 1864)

\$100 Reward

Ranaway from the Post Quartermaster at Lewisville, Arkansas on 17<sup>th</sup> inst. Two Negro men JOHNSON a mulatto about 5'8 or 10 inches, about 22 years of age. CALEB copper color about 6 feet 1 or 2 inches high, 21 or 22 years of age. I will give \$100 for each of them delivered to me or Capt. B. J. Brown at Lewisville.

ROBERT FLETCHER

Black Oak PO, TX.

27 July 1864

*Washington Telegraph* (July 27, 1864)

Runaways arrested

Taken up by me on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July two Negro men. BARNET a man about 30 years of age dark complexion 5'10 ½ inches high, small scar on each cheek says he is a house carpenter by trade ranaway from Government service and belongs to KINN McCLURE in Turnwar Creek Clark County Arkansas. Also, boy ELY a very bright mulatto about 25 years, 5'8 inches high says he is a tanner and belongs to JAMES BOWMAN near Arkadelphia ran away from MIKE BOSEMAN near Pittsburgh Upshur County Texas. My residence is in Bowie County Texas 3 miles west of Moore's Store on the road to Epperson's Ferry.

THOMAS E. VIOTT.

7 September 1864

*Washington Telegraph* (September 7, 1864)

\$500 Reward

Ranaway on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst a Negro man named CHARLES, about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, black color, 160 lbs has a scar on left hand caused by cut with an ax.

ELIJAH FERGUSON Washington Arkansas.

21 September 1864

*Washington Telegraph* (September 21, 1864)

Ranaway from M. JOPLIN's place near Linden Texas about the 1<sup>st</sup> inst a Negro boy JIM. Yellow complexion 5'8 weighs about 160 lbs age about 20 years. One of his legs sore and somewhat enlarged. He formerly lived near Rockport AR.

## 1865

4 January 1865

*Washington Telegraph* (January 4, 1865)

\$500 Reward

Ranaway on the 29<sup>th</sup> November last JACK a Negro boy 15 years old of a dark copper color spare made 5 feet. He wore off a wool hat a pair of dove colored jeans pants and an old jeans sack coat near the color of the pants, sleeves wore off short. Jack is a very good cook and wash. And is smart enough to tell a plausible tale and perhaps has joined some emigrants or scouts and told them that himself and master had been capture [sic] that he had made his escape and was wanting to go south and perhaps has made his way to TX having ran away before changed his name and told similar story. I will pay for his delivery at my address Center Point AR

A W MATTHEWS.

4 January 1865

*Washington Telegraph* (January 4, 1865)

Runaway from my residence in Hempstead Co about 5 miles from Centerville, about 6 weeks ago a Negro man named HENRY heavy set dark complexion weighs about 150 has lost ½ one big toe quick spoken and intelligent.

JOHN DAVIS

Mitchell Hempstead CO AR.

4 January 1865

*Washington Telegraph* (January 4, 1865)

\$1000 Reward

Ranway [sic] from Dallas TX on the 14<sup>th</sup> ultimo two Negroes ADOLPHUS a light mulatto aged 27 years rather below the medium size and ANGELINE his wife also a mulatto aged 17 years and rather small. They took off a large bay mare mule. Don't know their dress as I was not home when they left. The above reward will be paid for their delivery to my wife in Dallas or for their confinement in jail. Said Negroes were bough [sic] from Dr SMITH of Princeton AR and are doubtless trying to make their way to the Federal lines in that vicinity.

A HARWOOD.