



## Runaway Slave Notices and Posters

Ever since slaves were brought to North America, many tried to avoid the cruel treatments and punishments by running away. These quests for freedom were seen in not just the South but in all of the United States. Local newspapers used to publish daily notices of runaways. Shown below is a section from a Louisiana newspaper.

	<p><b>Slaves - Slaves.</b></p> <p>The subscriber has just received and offers for sale at his old stand, No. 7 Moreau street, Third Municipality, New Orleans, the largest lot of <b>NEGROES</b> in the city, consisting of house servants, field hands, and mechanics. They will be sold on reasonable terms for cash or good paper. (mb9-3m) <b>WM. F. TALBOTT</b></p>	
	<p><b>TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS REWARD</b>—Will be paid for the apprehension of the mulatto boy <b>DANIEL</b>, aged about twenty three years and about five feet five inches high. He left his master's plantation in Iberville on the evening of the 9th inst. and came to this city on the steamboat E. D. White. The above reward will be paid for his delivery at the parish jail, or to <b>W. M. GREENWOOD,</b> 40 Old Levee street.</p>	
	<p><b>TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS REWARD</b>—Ran away in the early part of February, the negro man <b>RINGGOLD</b>. He is about 34 years old, about 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high; is a griff; can speak a little French; is a carpenter, whitewasher, &amp;c. The public are cautioned against employing or harboring said boy. Any person delivering the said boy to me at McDonoghville, shall receive the above reward. mb18-st* <b>CHARLES KORNER.</b></p>	
	<p><b>TEN DOLLARS REWARD</b>—Ran away on the 15th January, my negro woman <b>ROSETTA</b>, black, 36 years of age, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high. She belongs to the estate of Mr. Isaac Pipkin, deceased. I will give the above reward to any one who will apprehend and deliver her up at Warwick &amp; Martin's trading yard, Common street. mb18-1f <b>W. B. MUSE,</b> agent for the heirs.</p>	
	<p><b>TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD</b>—Ran away on the 6th inst. from the plantation of A. Armitage, on Bayou Lafourche, the negro man <b>JOF</b>, about 40 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, dark griffe very stout and broad shouldered, heavy dull manner and a husky voice when speaking, has a sore on his left shin bone not yet quite well. He is in all probability to be found about the steamboats, having been hired by his former owner, Capt. D. Kinney, as a fireman on the tow boats. We will give the above reward to any one arresting him and putting him in jail, and advising us of the same. mb18-10f <b>CANNACK &amp; SQUIRES.</b></p>	

Perhaps one of the most famous runaway slave ads came from Thomas Jefferson. Despite his campaigning for freedom for the slaves he still owned several. What was surprising is that by all accounts, Jefferson was a kind and reasonable master.



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

Shown below are two more, which need no further explanation.

**THIRTY DOLLARS REWARD:**

**R**UN - A WAY from the Subscriber, the 16th of September last, a Negro Man named **BOOD**, about 38 Years old, 5 Feet 10 Inches high, yellow Complexion, thin Visage, has had the Small Pox; his great Toes have been froze, and have only little Pieces of Nails on them: He is much addicted to strong Liquor, and when drunk very noisy and troublesome. Whoever takes up said Slave, and brings him home, or secures him in Gaol, so that his Master may get him again, shall be intitled to the above Reward of **THIRTY DOLLARS**, paid by  
**WILSON HUNT.**

Any Person who takes up said Negro, is cautioned to be particularly careful that he does not make his Escape, as he is a remarkable stout, cunning, artful Fellow.

*Hunterdon-County,*  
*Maidenhead, December 20, 1766.*

**\$100  
REWARD.**

Ran away from my farm, near Buena Vista P. O., Prince George's County, Maryland, on the first day of April, 1855, my servant **MATHEW TURNER.**

He is about five feet six or eight inches high; weighs from one hundred and sixty to one hundred and eighty pounds; he is very black, and has a remarkably thick upper lip and neck; looks as if his eyes are half closed; walks slow, and talks and laughs loud.

I will give One Hundred Dollars reward to whoever will secure him in jail, so that I get him again, no matter where taken.

**MARCUS DU VAL.**

BUENA VISTA P. O., MD.  
MAY 10, 1855.

The abolitionists did their best to assist the runaways, either by helping them follow the Underground Railroad or assimilate into society after their escape to freedom.

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**FUGITIVE SLAVES**  
IN  
**CANADA.**

**BUXTON MISSION.**

A PUBLIC MEETING  
WILL BE HELD IN THE  
**FREE CHURCH**  
GEORGE STREET, DUMFRIES,  
On **MONDAY** Evening, September 3d,  
At Eight o'Clock, when the  
**REV. WILLIAM KING**  
*Formerly a Slave-owner in Louisiana, United States,*  
Will Address the Meeting on the subject of  
**Slavery in the United States, and the Social and Moral  
Improvement of the Fugitive Slaves in Canada.**  
At the close of the address a Collection will be taken up in aid of  
the Mission and Schools at Buxton, Canada West.  
Dumfries, August 29, 1860.  
Dumfries—Printed at the Standard Office, by Walter Johnston.

One of the most famous posters that was published is often part of a multiple choice question or a document on a DBQ essay on the New York State Regents Examination

**CAUTION!!**  
**COLORED PEOPLE**  
**OF BOSTON, ONE & ALL,**  
You are hereby respectfully CAUTIONED and  
advised, to avoid conversing with the  
**Watchmen and Police Officers**  
**of Boston,**  
For since the recent **ORDER OF THE MAYOR &  
ALDERMEN,** they are empowered to act as  
**KIDNAPPERS**  
**AND**  
**Slave Catchers,**  
And they have already been actually employed in  
**KIDNAPPING, CATCHING, AND KEEPING**  
**SLAVES.** Therefore, if you value your **LIBERTY,**  
and the **Welfare of the Fugitives** among you, Shun  
them in every possible manner, as so many **HOUNDS**  
on the track of the most unfortunate of your race.  
**Keep a Sharp Look Out for**  
**KIDNAPPERS, and have**  
**TOP EYE open.**  
**APRIL 24, 1851.**