

***Carolina Watchman* runaway slave ads, 1837**

Transcribed from microfilmed editions of the newspaper

Note: Passages that were illegible in the microfilm are marked [illeg.]

January

[Posted Jan. 7, 1837]

\$20 REWARD

RANAWAY from the subscriber on 19th of November, a negro man, named TIM about 45 years of age, black complexion, about five feet four or five inches high, has a stoppage in his speech. He professes to be a very devout Baptist. Having purchased him in Montgomery county, not far from Stokes' Ferry, my opinion is, that he is in that neighborhood. I will give the above reward for his apprehension and delivery to me.

HENRY S. GORMAN

Concord, Dec 17, 1836 -- 4w22

[Posted Jan. 7, 1837]

State of North Carolina, SURRY COUNTY

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, November Term, 1836

William Davis, Adm'r & Ex'r Expartae

Pursuant to an order of Court, the subscriber will expose to public sale, at Mount Airy, Surry Co. on the 6th day of January next, on a credit of six months,

TWELVE LIKELY

Negroes,

Consisting of a likely fellow,
two women, and nine well
grown children

The purchasers will be required to give bond with approved security.

WM. DAVIS Admir of James
McCraw, dec's, and Ex'tor of
Matthew Davis, deceased

December 17 -- 3w 22

[Posted Jan. 7, 1837, the following ad ran until June 24, 1837.]

\$50 REWARD

RANAWAY from the subscriber two negro slaves, viz TONEY and JOHN. Toney is about 35 years of age, five feet nine or ten inches high, dark complexion, square and stout build and had on when he left, a bright drab Petersham overcoat. He was purchased by me of Mr. Richard Brasley (sp?) of Wilmington, and calls himself Toney Montague. John is about twenty years of age, of rather lighter complexion than Toney, about five feet 10 inches high, and is quite stout b_____ -- he has a full round face, and has lost two front teeth above and below which is his most distinguishing mark. He had on when he left, a light grey woolen round Jacket and pantaloons.

The above slaves left the camp of the subscriber while on his way to the Western country, eight miles above Lincolnton, on 28t of last month, and will no doubt endeavor to make their way back to Wilmington. The above reward will be given for their apprehension, so that I get them again.

JAMES MOORE.

Dec 10, 1836 -- __21

[Posted Jan. 7, 1837, the following ad ran until June 17, 1837.]

CASH FOR NEGROES

THE Subscriber will purchase any number of likely young NEGROES during the next six months, for which liberal prices in cash will be given.

I wish all letters on business, addressed to me at Germanton, Stokes County.

TYRE GLEN

July 18, 1836 -- __52

[Posted Jan. 7, 1837, the following ad ran until Jan. 14, 1837.]

NOTICE.

IN pursuance of an order of the Cabarrus County Court, made at October Sessions 1836, I will sell at the Courthouse door in Concord, on the 3d Monday in February next a Negro Boy named NATHAN, the property of W.P. Stackton, dec'd, for cash.

W.H. ARCHIBALD, Shff.
Of Cabarrus County N.C.

Dec 3 1836 -- tf20

[Posted Jan. 7, 1837, the following ad ran until Jan. 28, 1837.]

Stop the Runaway.

RANAWAY from the subscriber living near Liberty Hill, in Iredell county, N.C., a negro man named

PETER,

Formerly owned by James Cunningham. He is between forty and fifty years old; of a yellowish complexion -- round face and small eyes. He is marked with a scar in one of his ears, which has not grown together; also with a scar on the underside of his heel; which has not filled up; he has also a small scar on one of his cheeks and is about five feet, five or six inches in height.

Any one taking up this negro and lodging him in jail or delivering him to me, shall be reasonably compensated.

HUGH CUNNINGHAM

Liberty Hill, Iredell co. N. C.
June 11th, 1836 -- __47

[Posted Jan. 14, 1837, the following ad ran until Jan. 21, 1837.]

Taken up and committed

to the Jail of Cabarrus County, some time in the month of September last a negro man, Nathan, who says he belongs to the estate of W. P. Stockton. Said negro is about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high about 45 years old, some gray hairs; has lost several of his front teeth. The owner is requested to come forward prove property and pay charges and take him.

WM. H. ARCHIBALD, Sh'ff.

July 30th, -- 6?3 __Pace \$6.25

Dec 3 1836 -- tf20

[Posted Jan. 21, 1837, the following ad ran until Mar. 4, 1837.]

NEGROES FOR SALE

At the last residence of Conrad Staly deceased, Randolph County, we shall sell at Public Sale, on Saturday the fourth of March next,

Nine likely Negroes;

Four of which are Fellows, two Women and three children. Terms made known on the day of sale.

ABRAM HOADLY
ALFRED STALY, Ex'ors

January 6, 1836 -- 6w27

February

[Posted Feb. 4, 1837, the following ad ran until June 3, 1837.]

***FOR SALE upwards of
300 ACRES OF LAND***

about 24 miles from Salisbury, with a good ***GRIST & SAW MILL*** and in a good neighborhood for sutom.

ALSO

8 NEGROES,

and all the personal property attached to my farm viz: ***HORSES, CATTLE, HOGS,*** Grain, Furniture, Working Tools, &c. &c. If the above property is not sold privately, I will Sell the same at auction on the premises on the 10th day of August next.

JACOB TRAVIS.

Salisbury, February 4, 1837 -- 6m29

[Posted Feb. 18, 1837, the following ad ran until Mar. 4, 1837.]

NOTICE.

PURSUANT to an order of the County Court for Cabarrus County, I will sell, on Saturday the 4th of March, at Mount M[illeg.], Iredell county, a likely

NEGRO BOY,

The property of Caleb P[illeg.], minor heir of John F. P[illeg.]. A credit of twelve months will be given, the purchaser giving bond and approved security.

Wm. KNOX, Guardian

February 11 -- 3w36

[Posted Feb. 25, 1837, the following ad ran until Apr. 1, 1837.]

(ran until 4/1)

TAKEN UP & COMMITTED TO JAIL,

IN this place on the 6th day of November last, a Negro Man, between 30 and 35 years old, 5 feet 5 inches high, a dark mulatto, he has a small scar under his chin, he has lost two of his upper front teeth, he had with him when taken, a great many clothes, three coats of homespun -- 6 or 7 shoes, 6 or 7 pair of pantaloons, and 5 or 6 vests, a rifle gun, a Lapine Watch, and two gold breast pins.

He calls himself John Blair, and says he is a free man, and was raised in Charleston, S.C.

JOHN M. VANHOY, Jailor
Germanton, Stokes Co., N.C. 1837 -- 6w32

March

[Posted Mar. 11, 1837, the following ad ran until Mar. 18, 1837.]

SALE OF GEN. JOSEPH GRAHAM'S NEGROES & LAND

THE administrators will proceed to sell, at the late residence of Gen. Joseph Graham, dec'd, in Lincoln county on the [illeg] of March, 1837, the following property, viz:

A large quantity of CORN,
A quantity of Iron, Castings,
And Pigmetal,
Tyrolese Gold Mill Castings,
Stampers, Troughs, &c.
Nails, LEATHER, Library,
Surveying Instruments,
1 Mantlepiece Clock (Brass)

1 STRAW CUTTER
(Eastman's Patent)

Household and Kitchen
FURNITURE,

-- ALSO --

44 NEGROES,
ALL YOUNG.

Amon the number are some
Good Potters, Refiners, in a
Forge and Hammermen,
Blacksmiths, Car-
Penters and Col-
Liers.

TERMS -- A credit and made known on the day of Sale. Sale from day to day.

JOHN D. GRAHAM

M. W. ALEXANDER

Administrators with the Will [illeg]

N.B. The house will proceed to sell at the some time and place, all the landed property of [illeg] deceased, consisting in part of a first rate Farm, with newly [illeg.]

April

[Posted Apr. 1, 1837, the following ad ran until Apr. 8, 1837. **NOTE: This ad is not for a slave, but rather for a runaway apprentice. It may be useful for comparison.**]

Five Cents Reward

RANAWAY from the Subscribed, in Davidson County, N.C. on the 22d [illeg] a bound boy, by the name of Thomas Tippet. The above reward will be given to any person for the delivery of said boy to the subscriber in Lexington, N.C.

W. ADDERTON

April 1st, 2w37

[Posted Apr. 8, 1837, the following ad ran until Apr. 29, 1837.]

NEGROES FOR SALE

Being appointed commissioner to make a division of property among the next of kin of Philip Howard, deceased, I will sell on 24th day of this month, *TWO NEGROES*, on a credit of six months. The sale will take place at the residence of the said deceased.

N. L. Williams, Coun'r.

[Posted Apr. 15, 1837, the following ad ran until Apr. 22, 1837.]

Jailor's Notice

TAKEN up and committed to the Jail of this County, the 17th of March, a Negro woman, who calls her name SALLY JONES, she says that she belongs to Robert King and that Mr. King purchased her of Mr. Rowly near Washington city. She states that she run away from Mr. King near the Yadkin Bridge some short time before last Christmas. Said woman appears to be about 40 years old. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take her away.

JOHN M. THOMAS, Jailor
Lexington, Davidson Co., N.C.

[Posted Apr. 15, 1837, the following ad ran until May 27, 1837.]

Runaway taken up.

COMMITTED to the Jail of Rowan County on the 5th [illeg] a negro man named AARON who says he belongs to Col. Means of Concord, N.C., that Means bought him from McRae and McRae from Ritchie. This man is apparently about 50 years old, of common stature, dark complexion.

The owner of this fellow is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away.

J. H. Hardie, Sh'ff.

May [Note: No new ads related to enslaved people ran in May 1837.]

June [Note: The June 1837 newspaper was much more difficult to read on microfilm than earlier editions. Also, the last six months of 1837 contained fewer intact editions in the microfilm copy available than the first six months of the year.]

July [Note: Only three issues from July 1837 were available.]

[Posted July 1, 1837, the following ad ran until July 15, 1837. **NOTE: This ad is not for a slave, but rather for a runaway apprentice. It may be useful for comparison.**]

5 CENTS REWARD

RUNAWAY from the Subscriber on the 10th of June, an apprentice boy, by the name of Radem Z. Graday or R. Z. Wiggons. He wil certainly alter his name before he goes far. He is about 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, a celebrated gambler, a great man in a grog shop, and a great man where he is not known. He will try to pass for a smart man, as he is a great rascal, and always goes well armed with 2 or 3 pistols and one breast dirk unknown to me. He will make for the West I expect. The above reward and no thanks will be given to the man that will take up said apprentice and fetch him to me in Concord, North Carolina. I forwarn all persons from harboring said apprentice in anywise whatever, as I will put the law in full force against them.

Wm. M. Henderson, Esq.

[Posted July 8, 1837, the following ad ran until Aug. 5, 1837.]

**50 DOLLARS
REWARD.**

RANAWAY from the subscriber the night of the 18th last, three negroes, viz; a fellow named ENOCH, about 50 years of age, well set, about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, a little bow leged, hair bushy, complexion a little light, intelligent, and answers questions with great propriety, but is slow in doing so. Two girls, daughters of the above -- one about 20 years of age -- the other 18. The elder named JINNEY thick and chunky -- the young MARY, spare made. They left without the slightest provocation, which leaves me utterly at a loss to conceive their design. From the quantity of plunder taken with them it is believed they are assisted by some white person. The above reward will be paid for the apprehension of the above negroes, and either delivery to me at my residence in Sumter dist. S.C. or confinement in any Jail, of this, or any adjoining state so I get them. A proportional reward will be given for either singly.

WILLIS SPAN.

July 8, 1837 -- 6w51

[Posted July 15, 1837, the following ad ran until Aug. 5, 1837. **NOTE: This ad is not for a slave, but rather for a runaway apprentice. It may be useful for comparison.**]

Runaway Apprentice

An apprentice by the name of JACKSON KENT runaway from me on 6th of June last without any cause except his own misconduct. I caution all persons from harboring or employing said apprentice under penalty of having the law enforced.

ELIJAH BRUNT.

Davie county, July 15, 1837 -- 4w52

August [Note: No new ads related to enslaved people were available for August.]

September [Note: Only one hard-to-read issue was available for September and it did not seem to have any advertisements related to enslaved people.]

October [Note: No new ads related to enslaved people were available for October.]

November [Note: Only two issues were available for November – Nov. 4 and 11.]

[Posted Nov. 4, 1837, the following ad ran until Nov. 11, 1837.]

**10 DOLLARS
REWARD**

RANAWAY from the Point Plantation, of Mrs. Catharine Pearson in Davidson county, North Carolina, on the 25th of October, a negro man named

BILL

of a light black complexion, about five feet four inches in height. The said boy has no particular mark with which he can be described, except he has a full face, large nostrils, and speaks bold when spoken to. He has large feet and is a little reelfotted. A reward of Ten Dollars will be given for the delivery of said boy to me, or for his apprehension and committal to jail.

JOHN FOARD, Agent

November 4, 1837

[Posted Nov. 4, 1837. **NOTE: This ad is not for a slave, but rather for a runaway apprentice. It may be useful for comparison.**]

AN APPRENTICE

BETWEEN the ages of 12 and 16, of good character and habits and of a sound constitution, can get a situation in this Office, if application is made during the week of our next Superior Court or shortly thereafter. A youth from the country would be preferred. He will be received as a member of the Editor's family and kindly treated.

[Posted Nov. 11, 1837]

**Committed to the Jail of
ROWAN COUNTY
ON THE 8TH INST**

A NEGRO boy about 16 or 17 years old, who calls himself
GEORGE

And says he belongs to James Patterson, who purchased him of Thomas Drury of Norfolk & that he left his master, a negro trader of Portsmouth, Va., near Columbia, in South Carolina. This boy has a scar from a burn on his left hand. No other distinguishing marks noticed. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away.

JOHN H. HARDIE, Shff.
of Rowan County.

November 11, 1837

The Portsmouth Times will publish this till the charge amounts to three dollars, and charge the same to the office of the Watchman.

December

Only this ad from December 2 was available for December 1837:

**TWENTY DOLLARS
REWARD.**

RANAWAY from the plantation of the subscriber, near Leaksville, Rockingham County, NC, his negro man

MOSES,

Taking a horse from said plantation, which he no doubt has rode off. He is of low station, standing five feet, five or six inches high, stout and well made, complexion dark but not very [illeg] face broad and full, with tolerable large [illeg] and about twenty-two or three years of age. He probably has with him a bundle of clothes as none of his clothes can be found. The [illeg] negro I took out of Pittsylvania Jail, Va. [illeg] months since. He then changed his name and said he belonged to some other man, and he will probably do the same again, if taken. The horse he rode off is of a bay color with a [illeg] on his forehead, near five feet, two or three inches high, his upper lip twisted a little to one side and about seven years of age.

The above sum I will give to any one for taking up the negro and horse, so that I get them again -- or fifteen dollars for the negro and [illeg] dollars for the horse, if taken alone.

ABNER WEBSTER
Madison, N.C. Nov 8th, 1837
