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## Fugitive Slaves and the Underground Railroad in Pennsylvania

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(21) at one arrival- arrived from Norfolk, by Cap. F, the following passengers- Allan Tatam, Daniel Car, Michael Vaughn, Thos. Nixon, Frederick Nixon, Peter Petty, Nathaniel Gardner, John Brown, Thos. Freeman, James Foster, Godfrey Scott, Willis Wilson, Nancy Little, John Smith, Frances Haines, David Johnson, Phillis Gault, Alice Jones, Ned. Wilson, Sarah C.Wilson.

Alan is about 30 yrs of age medium size, dark, intelligent and appears to be of moral habits. For the last 14 yrs had been owned by Lovey White, a widow, who was the owner of 9 Slaves from whom she derived her support. In her habits she was considered moderate was a member of the Methodist Ch. Alan had been used in the habit of hiring his time for the last ten years for which he had pd \$120- himself having to loose make up besides the sick time & find his own clothes. He was prompted because he dislikes his Mrs. Said she was a mean principled woman. Left 3 sisters, 1 Bro. and a daughter. The names of the sisters & bro were as follows: Mary Ann, Rachel, Wm. Daughter Mary....

Peter is about 24 yrs of age, of slender make, pleasant countenance, genteel manners, intelligent and active. He had been owned by Jos. Borkley, Hair inspector, rowdiest in his habits, deceitful and slye, would readily sell his slaves. P. left because of "hard bondage, something like the children of Israel." From his hire he was compeled to pay \$156 per annum. Even when he lost time by sickness or rainy days he was oblige to make up that time besides find all his clothes &c. He left a wife Lavinia, and child Eliza- slaves- He told his wife of his intentions to which he agreed. He left parents all his bros. & sisters were sold. He would have sold Peter but believing that he had "too good religion to run away" kept him. His master was a Methodist, also peter belonged to the same church. Speciman of Preaching-"Servants obay your masters"- "good servants makes good masters" - "When you want to go to church ask your mistress & master" - Never heard but one preacher preach against slavery- and he had to leave and come North. A Quaker lady spoke against slavery in meeting one day which caused an outbrake and which resulted in the braking up of the meeting.

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