TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.
Ran away from the subscriber, living in Anne Arundel county, and near the Governor’s Bridge P.O., on Saturday night last, without any cause or provocation, a short, well-set NEGRO MAN, of dark complexion, grum [sic] appearance, down look, slow of speech and motion. He calls himself Perry Anderson, and is about 30 years of age. Had good clothing, such as grey pants, red vest, chocolate colored coat, and black fur hat. There are reasons to suppose he may be lurking in or about the District of Columbia, as it is likely he is in company with a tall bright mulatto man belonging to Mr. James W. Kent, who absconded at the same time, and who has a wife at Mr. Clement Hilliary’s, near Bladensburg. I will give the above reward of two hundred dollars if taken out of the State, and secured so that I get him again, or one hundred dollars any where in the District of Columbia or State of Maryland.

DANIEL KENT, M.D.

$200 REWARD.—Ran away from Mr. McJilton’s [?], No. 111 South High street, Baltimore, on Thursday, the 14th May, (where she has been hired for the last twelve months,) my Negro Woman HARRIET, aged about 18 years, about five feet high, stout built [sic], a heavy suit of hair and of light complexion. She has on one of her hands the mark of a blackberry, also a cavity in one of her front teeth, which makes her look as though she had lost one of them. No other mark remembered. I will give the above reward for [type missing] apprehension and saf delivery to Mr. JAS. GILM[type missing], No. 3 Aisquith street, if taken out of the State [type missing]aryland, and One Hundred Dollars if taken in the State.

JOHN DILLOHAY

IMPORTANT INFORMATION SENT TO MARRIED MEN.—Address, with four postage stamps, Dr. A. J. THURDELL, New York city [sic].

$200 Reward

I WILL GIVE THE ABOVE REWARD OF $ 00 [sic] for my Negro Man WASHINGTON, if delivered in any Jail in this or the adjoining Counties, or to Mr. W. W. Hall’s Jail in Norfolk city, uninjured. The said Negro is about 5 feet, 7 to 8 inches high, not quick spoken, has a scar on either his right or left hand. Has a father about Deep Creek, and a mother at Mr. F. Perrier’s in Norfolk city. The last I heard of him, he was as a free man, oystering near Norfolk.

SUFFOLK. Nov. 29

BENJ. D. SMITH
ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD.—I will give the above reward for the apprehension of my MEN, BEN and JAMES. When last seen they were in Westmoreland county, Virginia, when they were making great efforts to escape in vessels freighting with wood for the North, and may possibly have succeeded in reaching Baltimore, from which place they will no doubt attempt to go North. Ben is of a light brown complexion, 23 or 24 years old, of ordinary size, has rather a bushy head, with one of his front teeth half broken off. He has with him a good supply of clothes, the kind of which is not particularly known, but I believe there is among them a blue cloth coat with a short skirt, quite wide, and has both a hat and cap. Ben possesses more than ordinary intelligence, and will be very dexterous in making his escape to a free State.

James, who is the brother of Ben, is also of a light brown complexion, about 18 or 20 years old, rather under Ben’s size, but resembles him very much in appearance. Has wide front teeth, and speaks quickly when spoken to. James’ supply of clothes is not very good, nor is the kind known, but I believe he left with a light cloth sack coat and a cap. Ben and James are no doubt in company.

I will give the above REWARD of ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS if apprehended out of the State, and FIFTY if taken in, so that I get them again.

DANDRIDGE SALE,
Loretto, Essex county, Va.

$2300 Reward
ABSCONDED from the swamp[s] J.[?] S. Simmons, the following NEGROES, viz:
Jim Twea[?]dy, aged about 26, purchased in Tyrell Co.
Sam Riddick,     do  45,     do  Gates Co.
Sambo Eason,     do  38,     do  do
Jim White,       do  28,     do  do
cass Saunders,   do  28,     do  do
dave Barrell,    do  45,     do  do
Sam Goodman,     do  4[?],     do  do
Jack Ra?co[?],   do  3[?8],   do  do
cato Baker,      do  40,     do  D.S. Canal
lonon [?] Butt,  do  40,     do  In Virginia
isaac Sanderl[?], do  25,     do  In Camden
isaac Humphries, do  [?]0,   do,     do
Armstead Leary, do  25,     do  Chowan Co.
Chas. Sample,    do  28[?],   do  do
Noah Sample,    do  39,     do  do
Sampson Arnold, do  35,     do  do
isaac Casey,    do  39,     do  do
Job Chesson, do  28,     do  Wash’n Co.
Broy Chesson,    do  28,     do  do
Matthew,       do  28,     do  Chowan Co.
Stark Smith    do  38?,    do  Hertford.

Tom Hil?l      do  35?,    do  Roanoke Island.
Mark Gallop do 45, do Camden Co.
The undersigned will pay a reward of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS each for said
Negroes, if apprehended and lodg[e]d in the jail of W. W. Ha[l], in Norfolk, or
confined in any jail, so that we get them.
Persons wishing to purchase any of the aforesaid negroes, are requested to
apply to James W. Roberts, of Gatesville, W. W. Ha[l], Norfolk, or to the
undersigned

H. G. SPRUILL
C. L. PETIGREW } Trustees
C. LATHAM

$50 Reward
RANAWAY FROM GEO. B. GORDON, GATES County, North Carolina, on the 13th of
February, 1856, Negro Boy, ANDREW.
Said Negro is about 20 years old, 5 feet, 3 to 8 inches high, very bright
colored, and has an uneven, slightly halting gait when walking ordinarily. He
displays an unusual proportion of white in his eyes, th[e] iris of which is nearly the
color of his skin.
His father, a negro, named Noah, formerly the property of the late Thomas
Twine, is living in or abo[ut] Norfolk, and it is supposed Andrew is with him.
The undersigned will pay $50 for his apprehensi[on] and confinement in Jail,
if caught out of this Sta[te] or $25 if within it. Address

JOHN C. GORDON,

SUNSBURY Post Office, Gates County, North Car[oli]na
Journal C. of Station No. 2 U.G.R.R.
ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.
Ran away from the subscriber, living in Rockville, Montgomery county, Md., on Saturday, 31\textsuperscript{st} of May last.

\textit{NEGRO MAN, ALFRED,}
About twenty-two years of age: five feet seven inches high; dark copper color, and rather good looking.

He had on when he left a dark blue and green plaid frock coat of cloth, and lighter colored plaid pantaloons.

I will give the above reward if taken out of the county, and in any of the States, or fifty dollars if taken in the county or the District of Columbia, and secured so that I get him again.

\textsc{John W. Anderson.}

FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD.—Ran away from the subscriber, living near Upper Marlborough, Prince George's county, Md., on Monday, 25\textsuperscript{th} of August, negro man \textit{LEWIS}. He is about forty years of age, five feet ten or eleven inches high, black complexion, is crippled in the knee and one leg, believed to be the right, and it inclines so much as to run against the other in walking. He generally walks with a cane. He is also suffering from hernia, and is in consequence compelled to wear a truss.

I will give a reward of fifty dollars for his apprehension if taken out of the county, and twenty-five dollars if taken in the county. In either case he must be brought home or secured in jail so that I can get him again.

\textsc{Thomas Clagett.}

\$100 \textit{REWARD.}—Ran away from Mr. E. Wroe's, Washington city, my Negro Woman \textit{CHARLOTTE}. She is about 23 years of age, stout made, not over the medium height, of bright copper color, good suit of hair, rather sulky when spoken to. The above reward will be given for her apprehension if taken out of the District of Columbia, and fifty dollars if taken within the limits of the District; in either case she must be secured in the Washington city or Baltimore jails. Any information addressed to G. Clark, 93 McElderry's wharf, Baltimo[...]re, will be properly attended to.

\textsc{Eleanor Conaway.}

FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.
Ran away from the subscriber, living on Long Green, Baltimore county, Md., \textit{NEGRO MAN JAKE}, who calls himself JAKE DUPEN; he is a dark mulatto, about thirty years of age, five feet six or seven inches high, rather delicately made; the thumb of the left hand has been sprained, which gives it a clumsy appearance, and has also a large scar on the back of the right, caused by a cut. Had on when he left home (and I believe no others were taken) a pair of blue pants, with a light stripe running down them, black frock coat, and a light colored felt hat. I will give Two Hundred Dollars if taken in the city or county of Baltimore, or the above reward if taken out of the State of Maryland. In either case he must be secured in jail so that I get him again.

\textsc{Wm. M. Edelin,}
Fork Meeting House P.O
ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.
—Ran away from the subscriber on Friday morning, the 23d of May, 1856, my Slave MADISON, about 21 or 22 years of age, of chestnut [sic] color, well made, about five feet six or eight inches high; weighs about 150 or 160 pounds; his clothing not all recollected. He has a mother living in Prince George’s county, Md., and a sister living in the city of Washington, D.C., and may be secreting himself somewhere near them. I will give the above reward for his apprehension, no matter where taken, so that he be secured and I get him again.

LAWRENCE POSEY, Allen’s Fresh
Charles co., Md.

[Handwriting immediately below the above advertisement at the bottom of the left-hand column:]

Pallidan [?] of
Sep. 23/56

M.W. Baldwin

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ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.—Ran away from the subscribers, living near Markham Station M. G. Railroad, on Saturday night, the 13th of September, the following slaves, [illegible] NEGRO MAN ELIAS, about 35 years of age, and about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high; well made and dark mulatto, civil in his manner when spoken to; and a blacksmith by trade. LYTTLETON, about 22 years old, black, rather stoutly made, and 5 feet 9[?] or 10 inches high. JOHN LAWRENCE, a black, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, woolly head, and about 40 years of age. OAKEY, about 16 years of age, very slim, a dark mulatto.—ARTHUR, a mulatto, about 28[?] years of age, about 6 feet high, and very stout. SMITH, about 22 years of age, black, and about 5 feet 6 or 8 inches high. JIM, about 23[?] years old, an Albino, and 5 feet 6 or 8 inches high.

The above reward will be given for the apprehension for the whole if taken beyond the borders of Virginia, or Two Hundred Dollars for each, if out of the State; and One Hundred Dollars for each if taken in the county of Hampshire; Thirty Dollars each if taken in the county of Fairfax; and Fifty Dollars each if taken elsewhere. In every case they must be put in jail so that we can get them again.

JAMES K. MARSHALL,
ROB’T M. STUBBING,
E. L. L. MARSHALL.

[The next advertisement repeats the one in the right-hand column]

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LAWRENCE POSEY, Allen’s Fresh
Charles co., Md.

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.—On Saturday, the 20th instant, ran away from the subscriber, residing near Owensville, Anne, Arrndel [sic] county, Md., my NEGRO MAN, JNO. BARTON. He is about 22 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches high, and is very black, slim and straight. I will pay the above reward if apprehended and secured out of Anne Arundel county, or $50 if within the said county. JAS. IGLEHART, Jr.

[The following list of names have been revealed from behind a section of the advertisements peeled back in the right-hand column on the above page 3. They have been transcribed as they appear there.]

T.[?] R. Davis
X C. D. Cleveland
X S. Rhoads £10
X John M Whitall #
X A. L. Pennock
X Rebecca White
Townsend Sharpless
D. L.

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1 Initially a supporter of the movement to colonize black Americans in West Africa, Charles D. Cleveland came to embrace antislavery in 1836 and turned to support political abolitionism and the Liberty Party in the 1840s. He argued that the Constitution had compromised with slavery, but that finally it favored freedom over slavery and that political activity could ultimately remove the blot of bondage from the nation. Outraged by the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850, he became very involved in the underground railroad in Philadelphia in the 1850s. He was also a strong advocate of female education and operated a school for young ladies in the 1850s. He lived at 3 Clinton Street in 1854. William Still, The Underground Rail Road. A Record of Facts, Authentic Narratives, Letters, &c., Narrating the Hardships Hair-breadth Escapes and Death Struggles of the Slaves in their efforts for Freedom, as Related by Themselves and Others, or Witnessed by the Author; Together with Sketches of some of the Largest Stockholders, and Most Liber Aiders and Advisers, of the Road. (Philadelphia, 1872), 723-34. [Cited forthwith as Still, Underground Rail Road].

2 Born in Philadelphia in 1806 and a lifelong Quaker, Samuel Rhoads was a leading member of the Free Produce Association of Philadelphia in the 1840s and 1850s. Advocating abstention from purchasing any slave-grown products, Rhoads helped edit the free produce movement’s principal journal, The Non-Slaveholder (1846-50, 1853-54). He often rendered assistance to the Vigilance Committee of Philadelphia. Rhoads was also the publisher and editor of the “Friend’s Review” in the 1850s. In 1854, he lived at 50 North Fourth Street. Still, Underground Rail Road, 719-21.

3 John M. Whitall was a merchant who in 1854 had his business at 138 Race Street and his residence at 161 Filbert Street.

4 Abraham L. Pennock had advocated antislavery since the 1830s. Along with Samuel Rhoads, Pennock was a leading proponent of the free produce movement in Philadelphia and helped edit the movement’s main organ, The Non-Slaveholder. In 1854, Pennock lived at 231 Market Street. Still, Underground Rail Road, 719-20.

5 Townsend Sharpless was a merchant who in 1854 had his business at 32 South Second Street and his residence at 187 Arch Street.
Dec. 25/52  Philadelphia

Arrived Hannah Jane Thompson; Left Sussex last Jan’y. first. Stopped with Jacob Paxson. Went from his house to his Cousin’s at Upper Dublin where she Stayed 7 mos.
Expences & forwarding to J.R.G. 3.2?

Jan. 6/53  Arrived from Md. Two men. directed by A.D. Shadd, to Saml. Williams were duly examined & forwarded to J.R.G.
Expences 5.0?

31  Arrived irvin Parnell, from the Eastern Shore of Md. left 1st Thursday after Christmas last, was duly examined & forwarded to J.R.G.
Expences 2.0?

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6 Yet to be identified. Possibly James Gibbons of Philadelphia, a member of the Gloucester family, someone in Lancaster County, or another through which a fugitive might pass in transit.
7 Abraham D. Shadd appears only once in Journal C and was either about to move to Canada in early 1853 or was already there.
1853

Feb. 10th  Philadelphia

Arrived W^m^ Allen alias Parnet, from Perrysville Md.__by Henry Chamberlin
Expence for forwarding &c  2.00

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Arrived Thos. Wilson of Md  Examined by J.C. White^8^ & forwarded to J.R.G.
Expences  1.50

Mar. 1  Arrived Geo. Moore from near Cantwells Bridge, Del.
Left on the 20^th^ ulti.  Was duly examined by J.C. White & N.W. Depee^9^, and forwarded to J.R.G.  Expences  3.00

26

Arrived Alice Thomas from Frederick Co. Md__  Left
James Short on the 19^th^ inst.__ duly examined and forwarded to J.R.G.  Expence  1.50

Jacob C. White, Sr. (1806-1872) was a leading entrepreneur in black Philadelphia and a tireless opponent of slavery and racial discrimination. In 1854, he lived at 223 Lombard Street. He launched his career as a barber and dentist and in 1847 purchased land which he converted into one of the city’s handful of black-owned burial grounds—Lebanon Cemetery. He was a leading member of both the Vigilant Committee of the 1840s and of the Vigilance Committee of the 1850s, serving on its Acting Committee. He also was an ardent advocate of the free produce movement which was centered in Philadelphia. This movement promoted the purchase of only those agricultural goods which could be certified as produced exclusively by free labor. Jacob’s son, Jacob Jr., would become a leading member of postbellum black Philadelphia.

Nathaniel W. Depee had long been active in the Philadelphia black community. In 1845, he helped form the short-lived Colored American National Society with several other black Philadelphians. He was instrumental in the creation of the Vigilance Committee in late 1852 and served on its Acting Committee. He was a dedicated operative in the underground railroad. In 1854, he lived at 334 South Street.
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<td>Arrived Helen &amp; Mary Parker, the original N. of the ab. were as follows: Rebeca Brown (held by T.C. Howard of Annapolis, Md.) and Jane Matilda Menia (?), held by Rich Duckett near Annapolis, Md.; Duely Exam. &amp; forwarded to J.R.G.</td>
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<td>Arrived Mary Kelly (now Charlotte Spriggs,) of Baltimore held by Wm Watkins; This case was examined and forwarded by C.L.R.</td>
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10 Charles Lewis Reason (1818-1893) was born in New York City to parents who had immigrated from Haiti. He excelled as a student and became an instructor of mathematics at the city's African Free School by 1832. In 1849, he was appointed professor of literature and languages at the interracial New York Central College. In the early 1850s, he came to Philadelphia to teach at the Quaker-sponsored Institute for Colored Youth, where he dramatically increased enrollment. He also served on the board of the Vigilance Committee and regularly assisted fugitives. In 1855, he returned to New York City to teach and eventually became a principal in the city's public school system.
1853

April 19, Philadelphia

Arrived__ David Jones Alias Jefferson Pipkins\textsuperscript{11}, from Balt Md.__ held by the Widow Pipkins Also Eliz\textsuperscript{th} Brit\textsuperscript{12} Louisa Pipkins\textsuperscript{13} Also Harriet Brown\textsuperscript{14} (Jane Wooton__) by Geo. Stewart of Balti. Also Gracy Murray\textsuperscript{15}, (Sophia Sims__) by Stewart, as above Also Ed. Williams\textsuperscript{16} (Henry Johnson) ___ by Ed. Moons, Balti. Also Chas. Lee\textsuperscript{17}, (Thos. Bushier ) ___ by Stewart (as above)

The 6 persons above refered to, all left Balti. ↑on↓ the 1\textsuperscript{st} Sunday in April. It appears they were respectable, cleanly, and gave evidence of having highly appreciated that which they had been all their lives robed of_ liberty_ Four were from 20 to 28. Two were about 37 to 40 yrs of age. Brought forward.

\textsuperscript{11} Jefferson Pipkins is mentioned in Still,\textit{Underground Rail Road}, 136-37. He eventually settled in Yorkville near Toronto in Canada West. In September 1856, he wrote William Still, seeking his assistance in securing the liberty of his children still enslaved in Virginia and North Carolina.

\textsuperscript{12} Elizabeth Britt is mentioned in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 136-37.

\textsuperscript{13} Louisa Pipkins is mentioned in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 136-37.

\textsuperscript{14} Harriet Brown is mentioned in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 136-37.

\textsuperscript{15} Gracy Murray is mentioned in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 136-37.

\textsuperscript{16} Edward Williams is mentioned in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 136-37.

\textsuperscript{17} Charles Lee is mentioned in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 136-37.
1853

Apr. 19  Philadelphia

Brought forward
They were all duly care'd for by the com. And forwarded to N.Y.
Exp. For bread, carriage hire & Fare  14.50

May 4  Arrived__ Singleton Davis (Wm Snowden) from Balti. held by Augustus Riggs. Left on the 23 ult. Left a wife & 2 children in Columbia to be forwarded to him. Age about 38, and of dark complexion
Expences  2.00

July 20th  Arrived__ Charlotte Harris, from Wilmington, Del. She brought with her a son (Thos. Garrison) nine years of age. and a younger one (Wm Henry) 10 Mos old. They were satisfactorily examined & forwarded to N.Y.
Expences  5.25
1853

Aug. 16 Philadelphia

Arrived__ A Young man, age 17, from the Eastren Shore of Md. Duly examined & forwarded by J.C.W.

Expences 2.25

22 Arrived Eliz\textsuperscript{th} Thompson & Inphant, from Baltimore.
Duly examined by J.C.W. She had left Balti. in the Spring of 53 having ever since been secreted in this city & elsewhere

Boarded with Mrs. Birch .75
Carriage hire .50
Fare to N.Y. 2.00
Cash 1.00

27 Arrived__ Henry Foster, from Richmond __ duly examined by J.C.W. & W.S.\textsuperscript{18}, and forwarded to J.R.G.
S. came per C. of R.\textsuperscript{19} Expences 2.75

\textsuperscript{18} William Still.

\textsuperscript{19} “C. of R.” refers to the steamboat, City of Richmond, which regularly traveled between Philadelphia and Richmond. It carried fleeing fugitives on a number of occasions over the years.
1853

Sep. 2  Philadelphia

Arrived__ Hether Johnson: Stopped at Bias'\textsuperscript{20}, as reported by J.C.W.; and was forwarded at the Expence of the Com\textsuperscript{21}, Fare, &c.  2.50

10  Arrived__ John W. Brown from Balt. left the previous Thursday evening; came by R.R. This case was reported by J.D.O.\textsuperscript{21}, and duly forwarded Expences  2.00

13  Arrived__ John Walker, 25 years of age, from Clarksville Va. where he was ____ by a man by the name of Eascley, where he left a wife, & a child, 6 mos old, in Slavery. Came as a White man being fair in a Vessel from Richmond. This case was exam. By C.L.R. & J.C.W., and duly forwarded to J.R.G. Expences  2.50

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\textsuperscript{20} James J. G. Bias (? – 1860) was a former slave who practiced as a cupper, bleeder, dentist, and phrenologist in Philadelphia. His wife, Eliza, commonly served as his medical assistant. Long active in Philadelphia's underground railroad, Bias was a key member of the Vigilant Committee in the 1840s and of the Vigilance Committee in the 1850s. Bias also participated in state and national colored conventions and in moral reform organizations.

\textsuperscript{21} John David Oliver, an oyster dealer, was one of the founding members of the original Vigilant Committee of the 1840s. He continued as a board member of the Vigilance Committee in the 1850s.
1853

Sept. 23

Philadelphia

Arrived__ John Henry Hill\textsuperscript{22}, from Petersburg Va. He is 26 Yrs of age_ remarkably fine looking_ intelligent_ reads and writes_ and by trade is a carpenter_ on the 1\textsuperscript{st} of last Jan'y after having paid the monster who claimed him $150_ John's years hire_ he was taken by James Mitchell to an auction, in Richmond, and without ↑the owner↓ giving him the least intimation of ↑his↓ cruel intention ↑that↓ he was to be sold_ So just as they were taken Hill in ↑to↓ the auction house_ fearing that he might grow unruly, at seeing himself exposed for sale, his claimant laid hands on him_ at which he grew desperate and fought four or five ↑men↓ so terribly with his fist, feet & knife, that he

\textsuperscript{22} John Henry Hill (1835 - ?) fled enslavement in Petersburg, Virginia in 1853. He was was assisted by the Vigilance Committee in Philadelphia and left immediately for Toronto in Canada West. Initially Hill settled in Toronto where he worked as a carpenter. In 1855, he moved to Hamilton in Canada West. While very active in antislavery and community organizations in Canada, he also remained in regular contact with William Still, keeping him informed of the labors of black Americans in Canada. He helped innumerable fugitives who found their way to Canada. After the Civil War, he returned to Petersburg, where, by 1872, he had become a justice of the peace. Further details of Hill’s dramatic escape from the auction block in Richmond and of his settlement in Canada, along with many of his letters are contained in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 41, 189-200.
Sep. 23  Philadelphia  
(Brought forward) terrified his enemies, and fled. He secreted 9 mos. after which a passage was procured for him on the C. of R. at the expense $1.25. He left a wife & two children who were all free in Petersburg.  
Expenses  2.00

Oct. 3  Arrived  John Scott, alias Levi Duncans, age 22 Yrs. from Haverford Co. Md. left last June. duly examined & directed to J.R.G.  
Expence nothing  0.00

Wm Ellis, alias John Jones & his wife Mary both middle age, medium size and of dark complexion had left North Carolina about 3 weeks previous to their arrival in this city. They left two boys, one ten & the other 12 yrs of age. was directed to S. Smith after being duly examined &

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23 Stephen Smith (1795/97-1873) was born the son of a slave woman in Pennsylvania. Subject to the state’s Gradual Emancipation law, he was indentured at an early age. By age 16, he had purchased his freedom and over the ensuing years established a successful lumber business in the town of Columbia. In the 1830s, he undertook a partnership with William Whipper, a prominent black Philadelphian dedicated to moral improvement and antislavery. By 1850, Smith had moved to Philadelphia and amassed a fortune in lumber and other enterprises. He also was an ordained minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Both Smith’s and Whipper’s homes in Columbia, as well as their lumber yard, were known stations on the local underground.
1853 Philadelphia

Oct. 6
Cared for by the com" they were forwarded to J.R.G.
Expences 6.00

Oct. 25
Arrived_ John Brifton alias Chas. Stewart, age 34_
chestnut color. Medium size_ and of prepossessing
appearance_ from Richmond_ John had made several
unsuccessful attempts to gain his freedom by flight, for
which he had suffer the punishment of being sold, and
even at ↑ before making ↓ the last trial he was still living
under the daily fear & threat of being again sold.

About 3 years ago his wife and children became
free by will and not being allowed to remain in the state
of Va. after being freed was obliged to leave,
1853

Oct. 25 Philadelphia

Consequently She with her children came to this city where she has since been maintaining her children separated as she has been.

He was _____ by Archibald Thomas.

On being duly examined he was forwarded to J.R.G.

Expenses 3.87 ½

Arrived__ Nelson Harris alias Chas Wilson. Complexion dark. Age 27 Yrs of medium size_ was _____ by Wm B. Beale of Richmond where he left on the 20th inst. He left a wife; Rosanna; a son John Henry & a daughter Evelina. Nelson was induced to fly for his liberty through the fear of being sold_ having been a short time previous, much threatened by his_____
1853

Oct. 25  Philadelphia

He came away on the City of R.24
1 ½ days boad .50
Carpet bag 1.
Carriage hire .37
Fare to N.Y. 2.
Cash 1.

Shipped to John H. Hill of Toronto, one large Box of
Goods from his wife_ Paid by Express 4.

Oct Nov 27th  Arrived_ Mark Hamlet Thos. Goff, from Retirement,
Mont. Co. Md_ Left home on the 15th of oct_ went to
Washington & stopped with a man by the name of Lee_
obtained instructions and so came on_ was arrested
soon after he reached the Pa line by 6 white men, but
was soon released

24 The “City of Richmond.”
Philadelphia

He was brought to my house by C.L.R. and was examined by him and myself, and also next morning, by Mr M K. at the A.S.O. We was not as thoroughly satisfied with this case as we wished to be but were all agreed that it was advisable to send him a way __

Expences 1.75

1853
Nov. 2nd

Arrived_ Robt. Jackson (shot man) alias Wesley Harris, age 22 Yrs. of dark complexion and of slender Stature. Robt. Was born in Martinsburg Va. and _____ by Philip Pendleton. From a boy had always been hired out. At the first of this present year he commenced serving with Mrs. Carroll proprietress of the U.S. Hotel at Harpers Ferry; of Mrs. C. he speaks in very greatfull terms. Saying that she was kind to him and all the Servants, and promised

\[25\] James Miller McKim (1810-1874), a liberal Presbyterian minister, was an early supporter of William Lloyd Garrison and the American Anti-Slavery Society. In the 1840s, McKim launched the antislavery newspaper, The Pennsylvania Freeman, in Philadelphia. Throughout the 1840s and 1850s, he actively assisted fugitives and was a member of the Board for the Vigilance Committee in the 1850s. He was also involved in the woman's rights movement in the 1850s and attended at least one related convention with his wife, Sarah, in West Chester, Pennsylvania, in June 1852. He supported numerous relief efforts for the freedmen in the South during and after the Civil War.

\[26\] Anti-Slavery Office.

\[27\] Further details of Robert Jackson’s escape are contained in Still, Underground Rail Road, 48-51.
all their freedom at her death. She excused herself for not giving any of the few she owned immediately emancipation on the ground that her husband had died insolvent, leaving her with the responsibility of his debts to settle. But while Mrs. C. was very kind to her Servants, her manager was equally as cruel. About a month before Wesley left the overseer, for some trifling cause, attempted to flog him, but was resisted & himself flogged by Wesley. This resistance by the Slave was regarded by the overseer as an unpardonable offense; consequently he communicated the intelligence to his owner which had the desired effect on his mind, as appeared from his answer to the overseer, saying which was nothing less than instructing that if he should again attempt to correct W, and if he should again resist and he should repel the wholesome treatment, the overseer was to put him in prison & sell him. Whether he
offended again or not the following Christmas he was to be sold
without fail. Wesley’s mistress was kind enough to apprise him of the
intention of his owner & the overseer soon told him if he could do
better he had better do so. So from that time his mind began to
contemplate how he should escape the doom which had been planned
for him. "A friend by the name of C. Matterson told me that he was
going off. Then I told him my Bess↑masters↓ writing to Mrs. C.
concerning selling me, and that I was going off too. We then
concluded to go together. There were three two other Bros of
Matterson28, who were apprised of our plan to escape, and readily
joined with us in the undertaking. So one Saturday↑night↓ eve, at 12
o’cl. We set out for the north. So after traveling upwards of two days,
and over 60 miles, we found ourselvesVISION unexpectedly in Tanneytown
↑md↓. There we was informed by a friendly Col’d man of the danger we
were in of the bad character of the place towards Col’d people,
especially escaping for their freedom and

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28 Further details of the flight of the three Matterson brothers are contained in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 48-51.
he advised us to hide as quickly as we could. We at once went to the woods and hid. Soon after we had secreted ourselves, a man came near by and commenced splitting some wood, or rails, which interrupted us. We then moved to another hiding place, in a thicket, near a farmer's Barn where we was soon interrupted again by a dogs coming and barking at us. Consequently the attention of the owner of the dog was drawn to his barking & to where we was. The owner of the Dog was a Farmer. He asked us where we were going_ we replied to Gettysburg, to see our Aunts, &c._ he told us that we were running off. He then offered frn’dly advice_ talked like a Quaker_ and advised us to go with him to his barn for protection. After much persuasion we consented to go with him. Soon after putting us in his barn, himself and daughter fixed us a nice brakefast, which cheered our spirits, as we were hungry. For four brakefast we pd him $1. He next told us to hide on the mough till eve_ when he would safely direct us on our road.

29 Mow—the part of the barn where the hay is stored.
to Gettysburg. We, all, being very much fatigued from traveling fell asleep (excepting myself) I could not, I felt as if all was not right
About noon men were heard talking around the barn_ I woke my companions up and told them that that man had betrayed us. At first they did not beleive me. In a moment afterwards the barn door was opened and in came the men _ eight in no. One of the men asked the owner of the barn (Joe Reeves) if he had any long straw_ yes was the ans_ So up on the mough 3 of the men came when to their great Surprise, as they pretended, we were discoved. The question was then asked by one of the men, if he harboured Runaway Negros in his barn! He answered no, and let on to be entirely ignorant of these being hid in his barn. One of the men replied that four Negros were on the mough, and he well knew of it. The men then asked us where we were going_ We told them to Gettysburg, that we had Aunts & a Mother there.
Also we spoke of a Mr. Houghman— a [ink blot] we happened to have some knowledge [ink blot—probably “of ha”] having seen him in Va.__ We was next asked for our Pass__ we told them that we hadn’t any__ that we had not been requested to carry them where we came from__ They said that we would have to go before a Magistrate, and if he would allow us to go on well & good__ The men all being armed and furnished with ropes__ we were ordered to be tied.  I told them if they took me they would have to take me dead or crippled__ at that instant, one of my friends cried out__ where is the man who betrayed us?  Spying him at the same moment, he shot him (badly wounding him)  Then the conflict fairly began.  The constable seized me by the collar, or rather behind my shoulder __ I at once shot him with my pistol, but in consequence of his throwing up his arm ↑which↓ hit mine as I fired__ the effect of the my load of my pistol was much turned aside__ his face was badly burned besides his shoulder being wounded.  I again fired on our persuers__ but do not know whether
I hit any body or not. I then drew a sw[ink blot—probably “ord“] from a case I had brought with [ink blot—probably “me a’"]nd was about to cutting my way to the [ink blot—probably “door”] when I was shot by one of the men_ receiving the entire contents of one load of a double Barrelled gun in my left arm_ that being the arm which I was defending myself with. The load brought me to the ground_ and I was unable to make further struggle for myself. I was then badly beaten with guns, &c. In the meantime my friend Craven who was defending himself, was shot badly in the face_ and most violently beaten, until he was conquered and tied. The two young Bro’s of Craven stood still without making the least resistance.

After we were fairly captured, we w[ere] taken to Tanneytown, which was in sig[ht] of where we were betrayed. By this time [I] had lost so much blood from my wounds that they concluded my situation too d[an]gerous to admit of being taken further. So I [was] made a prisoner at a Tavern keept by a ma[n] named Fisher where my wounds were dressed
Thirty two shot were taken from my arm. For three days I was perfectly crazy, and they thought I would die. During the first two weeks while I was a prisoner at the Tavern, I raised a great deal of blood, and was considered very dangerous, so much so that individuals who desired to see me were not prevented. Afterwards I began to get better, and was then kept very privately was strictly watched day & night. Occasionally however, the cook (a col’d woman Mrs. Smith) would manage to get to see me. Also James Mathews succeeded in getting to see me. Consequently, as I improved in my wounds healed, and my senses came to me, I began to plan how to make another effort to escape. I asked one of the friends alluded to how to get me a rope. He got it. I kept it about 4 days in my pocket. In the meantime I procured 3 nails. On the Friday night, Oct. 14th, I fastened my nails in under the window sill, tied my rope to the nails, threw my shoes out of the window; put the rope in my mouth, then took hold of it with my well hand. clambered into the window. quite nervous very weak [second half of this line split and damaged—balance of this line probably includes “but still managed to”] [Also the apparent last line on this page is actually the last line from page 22.]
to let my self down to the ground. I was so weak that I could scarcely walk; But I managed to hoble off to a place ¾ of a mile from the Tavern_ where a frd had fixed upon for me to go, if I succeeded in making my escape. There I was found by my friend, who kept me secure till Saturday eve, when a swift horse was furnished by James Rogers, and a col’d man found to conduct me to Gettysburg_ instead of going direct to Gettysburg we took a different road, in order to shun our persuers, as the news of my escape had created general excitement_.

My three other copanions who where captured with me were sent to westminster Jail, where they were keep three weeks, and after sent to Baltimore, and sold for sold $12000 a pice, as I was informed while at the Tavern in Tanneytown_
Blank
1853

Nov. 16th Philadelphia

Archer Barlow\textsuperscript{30} alias Emit Robin, directly from Norfolk where he had been _____ for the last 4 Yr’s by Dr Geo. Wilson, who had used him very hardly, exacting a $120-a year for his services, besides making him find himself. Archer is about 31 Yrs of age_ dark molato_ and of medium size_ During the last year he had been sickly, but he was not released from his obligation to pay his wages, nevertheless. This inhuman barbarity was what induced him, more than anything else, to fly for his liberty. He had been married & had one child but both were dead. Was duly examined & forwarded.

Expences $3.35

\textsuperscript{30} Further details on Archer Barlow and his escape from slavery are contained in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 203-04. He eventually settled in Boston, Massachusetts.
1853

Nov. 16  Philadelphia

Arrived Joseph Henry Champ31 age 20 uncommonly smart & good looking. He was Dr. K. Clark who was a hard man. The very day that Joseph fled for his liberty he had been sold to a Trader for $1400 without the least notice before hand from his owner of that fact. Of the fact of his being sold he was apprised by a Mr. Robt. Parrett of Parson & King’s Express office. So, that night, instead of going to meet the fate of which he had just been forewarned, he made an earnest resolve to strike for his freedom. was successfully secreted for 3 weeks. His mother being a slave resolved to go with him, but in the course of a weeks time she became faint hearted and gave up the struggle.

31 For further details of Camp’s escape, see Still, Underground Rail Road, 66-7. Camp settled in Canada.
Consequently she was detected and sold.

Was duly examined & forwarded

Expences $3.23

Letter to & from J.H. Hill $0.20

$3.43
1853

Nov. 16 Philadelphia

Arrived__
Saml Bush\textsuperscript{32} alias Wm Oblebee 33 years of age_ dark comp. med. Size and quite intelligent He had been in the habit of hireing his time. He says_ I found that I was working for my master to his advantage, and when I was sick I had to pay $7- per month just as much so as when I was well. But still he was cross & said that he intended to sell me_ to do better by me another year. Times growed worse and worse constantly so I thought, as I had heard, if I could raise $30- I would come away_ Sam'l left a wife and child. The name of his wife was Ann and his child Adam. His wife was _____ by a carpenter by the

\textsuperscript{32} Further details on Samuel Bush and his escape are contained in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 204.
Philadelphia

The name of Bailey, the name of the individual who he himself was Wm. Loyle
Duly examd. &c.
Expences $3.23
1853

Nov. 21       Philadelphia

Arrived__ Perry Johnson³³, age 24 Yrs, from Elkton Md, where he was _____ by Chas. Johnson. Perry was prompted to strick for his freedom in consequence of a flogging which his M. inflicted upon him about a load of fodder “falling off” a Perry bore bore the marks of ill usage in many ways. He had been deprived of one of his eyes by a severe stroke with a cowhide in the hands of his Mistress who was according to his account a perfect savage. She was in the habit of cowhiding one of her slaves when ever she felt like it, which was quite often.

Duly exam’d &c. Expences $3.12

³³ Further details on Johnson’s escape from slavery are contained in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 64
1853

Nov. 23  Arrived__ John Spencer and Wm his Son, and James Albert, from the Eastern Shore of Md. had been away about 3 months__ had been living in Haddonfield, NJ. last, but had been alarmed by a rumour that their owner was about.

The above persons were thoroughly examined by J.C.W., Mr. Depee, & myself__ and forwarded to J.R.G.

Expences $6.75

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34 Hotly pursued by their former owner and his agents, John, William, and James followed the advice of the Vigilance Committee and departed for Canada in disguise soon after arriving in Philadelphia. Still, Underground Rail Road, 204-05.
1853

Nov. 25th Arrived Hetty Scott alias Margaret Duncans, and her Daughter Precilla. From Havana Md. by David Coobly. They left last May went to Quakertown where they have been ever since. Was brought to this city by Henry Franklin

Hetty’s owner had been threatened to sell her and her child the fear of which prompted them to escape. So she got herself ready & 3 children, and two of her neighbour’s children (young men & women) ready and soon escape the doom that hung over her head.

The owner of this family were particularly severe

Expences $4.37

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35 Hetty fled enslavement in Harvard, Maryland, accompanied by her three children and a young couple whom she encouraged to join them. They successfully journeyed to Quakertown, Pennsylvania, where they were received by “friends of the slave.” However, they there decided that their company must separate and she went to Philadelphia with her daughter, Priscilla. Aided by the Vigilance Committee, they departed for Canada. Still, Underground Rail Road, 205.

36 Henry Franklin escaped from slavery in Maryland in 1837 and was living in Quakertown at this time.
Nov. 28  

Arrived_ Joseph Hulson\textsuperscript{37} alias Joseph Kneeland, from age 26_ dark complexion_ well made & prepossessing in manners. He was held by Jacob Kneeland. The Farther of the present owner had generally been kind to Joseph up to his death last Sept. when he fell into the hands of the son from whom he escaped. The young master had always manifested a very malignant & tyrannical Spirit towards Joseph, and had often before the death of his Father used what influence he possessed to induce his Father to sell him_ but his Father had never harken to his son in that respect. So after his death the Son took occasion to apprise the Joseph of the fact that he was not to be hired out another year_ tauntingly telling him that he was to go some where_ not telling him where_ over

1853

Nov. 28th Of course Joseph unstood what that meant and at once set about the work of making a change which would be more agreeable to himself than the which he had reason to fear that his master was contemplating for him. Accordingly he succeeded in getting a passage on the Underground R.R. and so left the master to get along the best way he could.

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Dec. 13, 185[ink blot]

Arrived__ Wm Davis\(^{38}\), medium size, dark Molato__ good looking__ age 31 years. Was owned by Joseph Reynolds, of Newtown__ Portsmouth, Va.; where he left a wife, Catherine, a daughter Louisa, 2 Y & 1 m.; and a Son Wm 7 mos old. The 6\(^{th}\) of Dec. he left home. His owner had threatened to sell him from which cause he was prompted to make his escape. He had been hired out by the year at $12 per month.

Before leaving he did not apprise his wife of his intentions So to do.

Also Arrived__ Willis Redick\(^{39}\) of Portsmouth, Va. He was owned by S J. Wilson, Merchant, who hired him out for $100__ a year. He is of quite dark complexion__ thickly set__ 32 years of age, & intelligent. His owner was a severe man__ and had threaten to make his lot still more severe by changing his situation. This prompted him to escape. He had been married only 5 mos. His wife Lydia, was not informed previous to her

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\(^{38}\) Further details on William Davis are contained in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 66.

\(^{39}\) Further details on Willis Redick are contained in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 66.
husbands leaving, of his design in So doing.

Isaac Forman also came in company with the two named above. He is 23 years of age, a Dark Molato, prepossing in appearance, and was owned by the widow Saunders, who had hired him out at the rate of $120 per year. He had served for the last 4 yrs as Steward on board of the Steamer Augusta. His home was Norfolk, but had a wife living in Richmond. His name is Fannery. She was confined the morning that her husband left. He had been denied the privilege of living with his wife, in Richmond instead of Norfolk, hence his escape without seeing her in after her confinement. He told his wife nothing of his plan of leaving as he was conscious that it would render her unhappy & cause her to throw obstructions in his way. His excuse for thus acting towards his wife was found in the fact that he was only allowed, once or twice in the year to visit her.

After departing Philadelphia, Forman travelled to Canada West where he settled in Toronto. By early 1854, he was well employed there at Russell’s Hotel. Yet, he remained “very gloomy and his heart is almost breaking about his wife.” Two letters that he sent to William Still in 1854 seeking any information on her are reprinted in Still, Underground Rail Road, 64-65.
The expenses in the three cases above described are as follows:

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<td>Cash to each of the</td>
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<td>C. Shorter(^{41}) _ carriage</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$11.00</strong></td>
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Dec. 17. 1854

Arrived _ John Bowen _ Had been in the neighbourhood of David Evans for 3 years or more and had accumulated some means.

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<td>Expenses for a Porter</td>
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<td>So Paid Mrs. Julius(^{42}) for boarding a Fugi.</td>
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Dec. 21  Paid Mrs. Buchanan for keeping Bell Jackson 1 night $0.37 ¼

Jackson was on Strict exam.

believed to be an Imposter $0.87

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\(^{41}\) Charles Shorter was a coachman in Philadelphia and lived at 181 Lombard Street in 1854.

\(^{42}\) Rebecca Julius lived at 21 ½ Mayland Street in 1854.
Dec. 28/53

Arrived Robt. Fisher⁴³, now Noah_ tall, dark age 30. Left John Ed. Jackson of Anaranall Md. On Christmas Eve. Robt had never been married, for the reason as he assigned that he wished not to be incumbered_ to prevent his obtaining his freedom. According law he was intitled to his freedom at the age of 25_ but had been illegally kept out of it, and saw no prospect of obtaining it through any just lawfull process. Robt spoke of his master as a very hard man_ who would work his servents early & late, without giving them food or clothing sufficient to shield them from cold & hunger. His hands &c bore the most unmistakable marks of having experienced severe hardships owing to hard treatment he left.

Nathan Harris⁴⁴ (now Joseph) came in company with Robt. Fisher, and

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⁴³ Further details of Fisher’s life in slavery are contained in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 206.
⁴⁴ Fisher converted Nathan Harris to his plan of escape which they successfully executed together. Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 206.
had been owned by the Same man, and treated no better than his companion. Age 21, dark, not tall, rather interesting

Expences

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<td>&quot; Board with Mrs. Julius</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; of John Bowen with Mrs. Julius</td>
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Dec. 30th 1853

Arrived, Hansel Waples⁴⁵ from Millsboro, Indian River, Del. was owned by Wm. E. Burton. He had left a wife and 6 children. The wife left last June to collect money to buy her husband, but failed to return. She was owned by the widow Sarah Marple Martle. Hansell’s owner was not considered to be a very hard master, notwithstanding he had given H. the evidence to believe that he was inclined to sell him, which was the cause of his

of his leaving. Expences paid as follows:

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Jan. 10th 1854

Arrived James Shidon left home on Christmas Eve. Thos Young, who resides between Georgetown & Washington D.C. was the allledged owner. This case, on the strictest examination, seemed to be very much involved in mystery, but on the whole it was considered best to forward him

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Jan. 29/54

Jeremiah W. Smith & Julia his wife47 arrived, from Richmond. Jeremiah is full black; age 26, medium size & intelligent though unable to read. He was owned all his life by James Kinnard

46 Aaron Bell, a cordwainer, boarded fugitives and lived on Carlton below 16th Street.
47 Jeremiah and Julia Smith departed for Canada from Philadelphia in February 1854. Further details of their life in slavery and of their flight are contained in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 141-43.
who was a close & severe man, though not considered in the community as a very hard one. Jer. Had been hired out from the age of 15 years of age, for which his owner had rec’d from $50- to $130- per annum. In consequence of his being hired in the manner described, the master had avoided Dr’s expences &c. But in consequence of poor health on the part of Jer. For the last two years the condition of the master was that he should pay him $50- dollars sick or well.

The 1st of this On the first of this month Jer. was to have been taken on his masters Farm for future services. Once he was put in prison, by his owner, to be sold, but as he was suffering from an attack of the asthma, the Traders declined purchasing him. Jer. was prompted to escape not on account of himself, but more especially on account of his wife, who was to have been taken to prison the very day that they made their escape. Julia is of a dark brown complexion; medium size,
and about 30 yrs of age. She had been owned by A. Judson Crane for 14 yrs. had acted in the capacity of nurse, chambermaid, &c., the duties of which she had performed in a very faithful & satisfactory manner, according to the recommendation of her master, which he had given her to aid her in procuring a new one. As he was, from failure, obliged to sell, Julia had always had the promise of her Mistress that she was not to be sold—that after her death She was to be free, &c. Mrs. Crane died last Summer, in this city, on her return from Cape May where she had been, hoping to be benefited thereby, as she had been in ill health for the last 3 Yrs. Ere the death of the Mistress however Julia had been sold to a Trader named Reed, afterwards to John Freeland, and was again on the eve, of being sold, as above remarked. The fault that Freeland alleged against her
was that she was unhappy for having to sleep in his house, instead of being allowed to go home to her husband, as She desired to do. Jer. & his wife had both seen much of the cruelty of slavery & related many very heartrending scenes which they had been familiar with though their own individual condition had been as they thought quite favourable, &c.

Paid Jer. & wife’s Fare & Extra money $6.00
C. Shorter carriage & Porter .56

Board $6.56

3.50

10.06

Feb. 1st 1854
Wm Jones arrived & was duly examined by J.C.W. and was boarded with Mr. Smith, Phila Institute and forwarded. The history of this case was not written down at the time consequently a statement from memory is necessarily omitted.

Board 1.00
Cash 2.00

$3.00
Feb. 13/54
Solomon Brow\textsuperscript{48} arrived per Ste C. of R. He was born a slave in Va. in which State he had lived up to the time he escaped. He is about 21 Yr’s of age, dark compl. Rather under medium size, though in appearance exibits much physical vigor and is intelligent. He was owned by Mrs Mary A. Ely whose deceased Husband owned him previous to her marriage. He had mostly been hired out and for one in his condition fared tolerable well. His last place of service was at the National Hotel, Norfolk. For his time he paid his owner $10- per mo.

Sol. was first prompted to escape in consequence of having been notified by his owner that he designed to send him to North Carolina, as he would command a high price there. But

Expences, over

\textsuperscript{48} Solomon Brown settled in St. Catherine’s, Canada West, soon after leaving Philadelphia in February 1854. A letter sent by him to William Still from St. Catherine’s is reprinted in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 163.
3 days board | $1.50
Cash | 2.00
Letters to & from Fugitives | .40
1 shirt collar | .12

Discount | .15
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$4.02
$4.17

Feb. 26/54

Arrived per Ste. Pa, James Mercer, John Clayton & Wm. H. Gilliam from Richd. James was owned by a widow, by the name Mrs. L. E. White. He is about 32 yrs of age, of dark complexion, well made & good looking and intelligent, reads & writes. Fortunately he had been treated well for one in his condition. He had been hired out from a boy, the last place at which he was hired was with Williams & Bro. Wholesale Com. Merch’s. For his services in their store his Mrs. Had re’d $125. per year clear of all expen. He was prompted to leave through the fear of being Sold being one of the only two then left, owned by his mistress, who had at one time

49 The steamer Pennsylvania.
50 James Mercer and his two companions endured frightful torment when they were secreted in a dark space very near the ship’s boiler and coal bin. The heat and dust nearly suffocated them on several occasions and they survived by taking turns breathing fresh air through a little hole in a nearby wall. When they arrived in Philadelphia, “all traces of natural appearance were obliterated.” James eventually settled in Toronto, Canada West. His previous mistress, Mrs. Louisa White, was very distressed at his departure and attempted to encourage James and William Gilliam to return. Still, Underground Rail Road, 54-59.
51 John Clayton suffered the same tribulations as James Mercer when he fled Richmond on the steamer Pennsylvania. After recovering in Philadelphia from the frightful journey, John went to Canada where he settled in Toronto. He wrote a letter to William Still seeking assistance in freeing his wife. Still, Underground Rail Road, 54-59.
52 William Henry Gilliam also endured the extreme conditions on the steamer. He soon found his way to St. Catherines, Canada West, from where he often corresponded with William Still. His mistress, Mrs. Louisa White, was distraught at his departure and wrote a letter complaining of his dishonorable action and promising to “do a very good part by you” if he were to return. Henry, however, had no intention of returning to slavery and felt little sympathy for the elderly widow who had kept him “in the poor house for twenty-five years.” Still, Underground Rail Road, 54-59.
been in the possession of some 30 + odd, which had been sold one by one and himself being under Mortgage at the time for $750. He left a wife named Verena, but no child. He also left an aged mother who was a slave. His wife was owned by Henry W Quarles.

Wm H. Gilliam was owned by the widow L.E. White, and hired to White and Bro. in whose employ he drove a bread wagon. For his services his mistress rec'd $135 per year. He is 25 yrs of age, well made, light complexion, and intelligent, and reads & writes well. He had made several unsuccessful attempts before to escape. Of slavery & its horrors he was well conversant though he had succeeded in escaping its worst features.

John Clayton was owned by the widow Clayton. He is 35
yr's of age, molato, of fine appear. Intelligent, &c. Several yrs ago he had made an attempt to esape but was unsuccessfull. He left a wife (free) and one child. He had been employed in a Tobacco Factory, at $150 per annum. Total Expences on three above named as follows:

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<td>Letters from &amp; to Fugitives</td>
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Mar. 3rd 1854
Rosanna Tonnell⁵³, left Isaac Tonnell of Georgetown, Del., on Tuesday in Christmas: (New name Maria Hide) in company with another young woman, and little boy which was her son.

The young women were both young and stout in appearce_ the little boy was about 7 yr's of age & healthy in appearance.

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⁵³ Rose Anna Tonnell and her companions are mentioned in Still, Underground Rail Road, 207.
The expenses in behalf of the ab. named, for board 1 ½ day 2.12 ½
  Carriage by Shorter .50
  Crakers .09
  Cash 5.00
  Postage .23

$7.71 ½
$7.94 ½

Mar. 6th 1854

Sam’l Washington Johnson\textsuperscript{54}, age 26, dark complexion, stout built, and reads & writes well and is generally intelligent. He was last owned by Jas. B. Foster of Richmond. He had been employed in the Dispatch office as a paper carrier, and seller of periodicals. For his time he was compelled to pay his owner $175 per annum, in quarterly payments. Besides paying this enormous sum, as stated above, he had to find himself altogether. He described his owner as being a very hard man &c. He owned three more besides himself  Sam’l

\textsuperscript{54} Samuel W. Johnson settled in St. Catherines, Canada West, after leaving Philadelphia. He wrote many letters to William Still, especially concerning his wife, who he missed terribly. Two of these letters are reprinted in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 158-60.
had a wife who was owned by Christiana Bowden. The reading of
Uncle Toms Cabbin was the means by which Saml’s eyes were opened.
Came in the C. of R. pd $25 for passage. Suffered severely
in coming.

Cash 3.50
Carriage. Shorter 1.00
2 pairs of stockings .27
Board is not included .06
$4.77

Washing & Board .75
5.52

Mar. 10th 1854
Mary Ennis, present name Licia Hemmings age 33 yr’s, tall, well
made, of a dark chesnut color and possess a very ↑↓ prepossessing
countenance: with he. She brought her two children with her. The
oldest Lydia Ann is 7 years, of ag and the youngest Luisa Caroline 3
years of age both very promising & well grown of their age. The
were all held by John

55 Further details of the flight of Mary Ennis and her children are contained in Still, Underground Rail Road, 207-08.
Ennis, of Georgetown Del._ from whence they fled on the day after last Christmas. They first found their way to West Chester, where they were accommodated for some weeks_ up to the time they came to this city. Long before leaving she had often pondered over the matter, and only wanted for a good opportunity for the purpose of effecting her design. But it was not untill she was seriously made to beleive ↑by her owner↓ that her two children were to be Sold that She was constrained to fly for Safety.

She was a widow_ her husband having died in 1852. Of her owner she could say nothing good, but much of his crossness & other cruelty. He owned no other slaves but Mary, consequently she had to do House & Field work of all kinds
The simplicity of her description of being “Jack of all trades” was quite interesting & affecting.

To 1 Board 1 ½ day 1.50
“ Cash 4.00
“ Carriage .50
“ Letters .23
$6.23

Mar. 11th 1854

James Burrell, age 32, dark molato, and medium size and in appearance quite prepossessing. He was owned by a maiden woman who lived in Williamsburg; but was hired out by the year for with John Walker, a manufacturer of Tobacco, for which Service the master rec’d $120 per annum. He had witness’d a great deal of the hardships of the system of slavery which seemed to be very earnestly as well as truthfully stated by him.

56 Further details of Burrell’s life in slavery and of his flight are contained in Still, Underground Rail Road, 224. Burrell settled in Toronto, Canada West, and wrote to Still from there in March 1854.
The horrors of an auction seen was what first prompted him to seek his liberty. He had a wife and three children whom he left behind: not even daring to tell them of his intentions of leaving, &c. The wife belonged to some other man who lived some distance in the country, where her husband was not allowed to go see her only once a week.

The wife's name was Bettsy, oldest child Walter, youngest Mary_, youngest _____. Paid for passage $27.50, and a watch worth $20_ came on the Pa.

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Mar. 16th 1854

Daniel Wiggins\textsuperscript{57}, new, David Robinson\_ complexion dark, well made active & intelligent though does not read or write. By trade he was a Corker\textsuperscript{58}. He was owned by Rich\textsuperscript{d} Scott\_ who died a few days before he left; while ill; especially towards the close he often promised D. his freedom\_ promising also, if he got well he would try & do better\_ likewise promised that his Son, who was notoriousness for his recklessness, should not have his property, &c. These promises of course caused D. to hope that he should soon get his liberty, but in consequence of the owner being nearer his end than he anticipated, death came before any provision had been made for the slaves: indeed he died without a will. D. knowing therefore that the only chance left

\textsuperscript{57} Further details on Daniel Wiggins’ life in slavery and his flight are contained in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 224-25. It includes a letter he wrote to Still from New Bedford, Massachusetts, while in transit to his new home in Canada.

\textsuperscript{58} One who corks bottles or containers.
consisted in making his flight, and in good earnest ↑he↓ lost no time in so doing_ which proved successful &c. He left a wife (Free) and three children. He belonged to the Methodist Church. ↑lived at Portsmouth↓

name of wife–Mary Ann

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Mar. 19/54

Wm Robinson⁵⁹ alias Thos. Harris, of chesnut color, well built, and about 28 yr’s of age. He was owned by John G Beale of Forkquise⁶⁰ Va., from whom he fled this day two weeks. A few days before leaving the overseer attempted to flog him, which was the cause of his leaving, as it was the cause also of the overseers geting a flogging

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⁵⁹ William Robinson arrived in Philadelphia shoeless and with inflamed feet. He soon departed for Canada.  
⁶⁰ Fauquier County in northeastern Virginia.
according to Wm's statements The owner of Wm was a large
slaveholder owning some 70. He was spoken of as a hard man, and
thought no more of his black people than if they had been dogs. $1.25
was all the funds Wm had when he set out for the North and but a
very limited knowledge of the Route which he was to travel but being
determined he succeeded though not without getting lost, &c. by the
way. His story was quite interesting.

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March 27th 1854

Edward Peasen & his wife Harriet Ann, and his wife’s Sister, Selia White, all arrived together from Norfolk.

Ed. Is about 44 years of age, dark complexion well made, full face & pleasant expression of countenance, and in conversing expresses himself fluently. He was owned by Dr Price but had been hired out for about 12 years at the rate of $100- per year.

Harriet the wife of Ed. Belonged to David Bea...ns. She too had been hired out as cook, washer & Ironer.

In appearance, manners, intelligence Stature, &c. she might be regarded as a superior woman_ considering that she had been a Slave.

She had had had 6 children_ all of whom had been sold away from

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61 Further details of the lives and flight of Edward Peaden, his wife Harriet, and her sister, Celia, are contained in Still, Underground Rail Road, 226.
their Parents, one by one, to their great grief which induced them to make their escape. Besides the fear of being sold themselves threatened them. They were for months concealed before making their escape.

Celia also belonged to D. Baines, and had been hired out with the Mayor of the town, for the last 3 years. Her appearance & story

To cash to all $7.50
“ boarding 1 ½ day 2.25
“ carriage by Shorter .50
“ Letters, Porter, &c. .62

$10.97

March 29/54

Wm Davis To board 1 day .50
To cash 2.00
Porter 25

$2.75

Wm left Emmitsburg Md on last Friday night where he had by D’James Short
Wm is about 32 yrs of age

62 William Davis is mentioned in Still, Underground Rail Road, 226.
dark, in stature rather below the medium size had been ruffly used, and at the time of escape was apprehending that his master was about to sell him.

Apr. 3rd 1854

Arrived Alex. Boggs. now John Henson. Dark complexion age 50 yrs and was owned by Jacob Emic who lives about 3 miles from Balti.

Alex. had only been in the hands of Emic from whom he had escaped, for only three weeks having been sold to his present owner by a Trader named Dennit for $550. He had once been owned by Senator Merrick who was a hard man. He had failed however & all of his slaves were sold.

Alex had been sold from ↑his↓ a wife & two children. Caroline wife James, son Elliezane.

John Brown alias Jacob

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63 The life and flight of Alexander Boggs is briefly discussed in Still, Underground Rail Road, 226-27.
64 John Brown departed for Canada soon after his arrival in Philadelphia. See Still, Underground Rail Road, 227, for further details.
Williams, dark, prepossessing in appearance, 29 years of age & owned by Joseph Postly of Fredricktown Md. As to treatment he did not complain. True his owner has threatened to sell him South. John left because he concluded he had worked long enough for nothing.

Sam'l Slater alias Patterson Smith dark, well built, &c. age 29 and was owned by Wm Martin, Zion Lower Bridge. The fear of being sold was what caused him to fly for his freedom.

Phila. Apr. 10/54

Arrived (2) Harrison Bell & daughter, Harriet Ann, from Norfolk. They had been owned by James Snyder & John G. Hodgson. Harrison is about 40 years of age & rather short, stout, with well formed features intelligent. He had been accustomed to hard usage. By trade he is a chandler.

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65 Samuel Slater settled in St. Catherines, Canada West, after fleeing slavery in Maryland. He wrote to Still after arriving there, and Still reprinted one of his letters. Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 227-28.
66 Several months prior to escaping to Philadelphia on a boat, Harrison Bell, his daughter, Harriet Ann, and his other children secreted themselves in Norfolk awaiting the proper moment for flight. Harrison, however, arrived in Philadelphia with Harriet only. The fate of the other children was not known. The two soon departed for Canada. Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 228.
To prevent the sale of his children †which was threatened,† he was prompted to escape. Several months he remained secreted with his children, till he met with the opportunity favoured them to escape.

   The daughter is a well grown, good looking & intelligent girl of 14.
   
   To cash  $4.00
   " carriage .50
   " Board  1.00

   (3)

Arrived, David Davis67 alias David Smith, Adam Nicholson68 alias John Wynkoop, and Reuben Bowles69 alias Cunnigam; all from Hedgesville, Va.

   In stature David is medium size, complexion dark, age 20, and intelligent_ was owned by Chas. J. Fortner (M.C.) but was hired out to Adam Inagelow, a very mean man. Daniel’s father was sold when

67 David—or Daniel—Davis had long abominated slavery, especially after he had witnessed his father being sold. He walked with Adam and Reuben to freedom in Greenville, Pennsylvania, and then rode the railroad to Philadelphia. Still, Underground Rail Road, 228-29.
68 Adam is mentioned in Still, Underground Rail Road, 229.
69 Reuben is mentioned in Still, Underground Rail Road, 229.
a boy. His mother is still a slave
2 Adam is dark, rugged & sensible He was owned by Aaron Myers
↑ a Farmer, ↓ of Hedgesville ↑ He is ↓ A hard man.
3 Reuben is dark, stout & intelligent. The sight of one of his eyes
had been very much injured. He was owned by Alexander Hill, a
drunkard gambler &c. Reuben had been hired out to Jno. Sabbath
Sabbard near Hedgesville. He had been startled by hearing that his
owner was to sell him.

They all walked Greenville & there took the cars

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April 23rd 1854

Wm B. White⁷⁰, per S. C. of R._ left Richmond, where he was held by H. B. Dickinson, on the 18ᵗʰ inst. . Wm is about 36 yrs of age_ of a dark chesnut color_ medium size, and of pleasant manners. His owner was a manufacturer of Tobaco_ at which employment Wm worked_ also served the Richᵈ Dispatch every mon↑n↓g ↑before day↓ by which means he procured means to support himself with clothing, &c. The owner had some 30 slaves of his own besides hirering a large number. As a master he was not considered very hard, though he would often suffer the overseer to flog, &c.

Wm was had for a number of years been looking out for a chance to escape but in every former attempt when making the effort, he had failed. In this case, he was only apprised of the chance a few minutes before embracing it.

He left a wife, Jane, and

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⁷⁰ William White fled from Richmond on the steamship, City of Richmond. Further details of his life in slavery and escape from it are contained in Still, Underground Rail Road, 211.
two children, Lucia & Joshua they are all free, however. Also Wm had a son 11 yrs of age, who ↑is↓ was owned by Warner Toliver of Gloucester Co. Va. Also, Susan Brooks71, left Norfolk on the 19th inst., where she was owned by Thos. Eckels, a man of wealth, and likewise of intemperance. Susan is of a dark complexion, round built, good looking but not tall_ age about 40 yr’s For the last 16 yr’s she had for the most part of her time, been in the habing of hiring her time, for which she had pd. her owner $5. per month. As a cook, chamber maid on boats, &c. she had obtained a high character In consequence of the Death of her husband about a year ago she had seen much suffering, ↑of mind↓ and on 2 or 3 occasion she had had fits which had been considered by her owner & especially the Traders as decidedly

71 Through several clever ruses, Susan Brooks was able to board the steamship, City of Richmond, and be secreted for passage to Philadelphia. She was seeking to follow her son who had recently escaped to Canada. Still, Underground Rail Road, 211-12.
against. It so happened however that the fits were of much service to her, she was enabled thereby to so mature her plans as to elude detection on suspicion from any one, in relation to her leaving &c. Her son having made his escape in Nov. last, the mother very naturally grew very anxious to do so too, and after being secreted for four months succeeded. She left a Sister, behind, by the name of Mary Ann Tharagood, who wants to come away. Of the hardships of slavery, and hard ventures in coming away she could relate with much interest.

Henry Atkinson\textsuperscript{72} came from Norfolk, where he was owned by Jer. Hendrian. Henry did not consider that he was treated well in sickness was not given any thing by the owner, though he was a Baptist minister not long before leaving he was apprised by his owner that

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\textsuperscript{72} William Henry Atkins also departed Richmond on the steamship, City of Richmond. By August 1854, he was settled in St. Catherines, Canada West, from where he corresponded with William Still. Still reprinted two of these letters in \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 213-14.
he was to be sold, and could hunt an owner as soon as possible which was a something that Henry was in no hurry to find. For the purpose of getting a chance to escape he had framed himself sick for a time which worked greatly to his advantage, as no wrong suspicions were entertained by the owner if he failed to be on hand at due time.

Henry is intelligent, about 6 fs high, good looking, dark molato, and valuable. He left a wife, Eliza, (owned by Susan Langley) for whom he seemed to cherish the highest esteem.

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\(^{73}\) Ball of tire—a woman’s headdress or ornament.
April 26th 1854

Arrived_ John Smith alias Wm. Hog74, from Baltimore County near Brooklynville. Was Age 25_ dark chesnut color_ and well built. The name of his owner was Lewis Roberts, Farmer_ who was a fierce & ruff man_ He owned, young & old 9 head. Two of John's sisters are now owned by him. He was induced to leave through the fear of ill treatment He walked to Columbia_ from thence came in the cars To 2 ½ days board

" cash

$1.25
1.50
$2.75

74 William Hogg—William Still indicates that William Hogg was his chosen name—settled in St. Catherines, Canada West, where he longed for his wife, as he indicated in a letter Still reprinted in Underground Rail Road, 163-64.
April 26/54
Arrived, James Stewart\textsuperscript{75} alias Wm Jackson\textsuperscript{↓} from Forquire County Va. age 21. dark chesnut \textsuperscript{↑}complexion, \textsuperscript{↓}and medium size. He left his owner, Wm Rose, \textsuperscript{↑}last \textsuperscript{↓}left Sept. and came to Wrightsville. Had a great variety of difficulties to pass through, on his way \textsuperscript{↑}from the South\textsuperscript{↓}. Since his arrival he has been living with Wm \textsuperscript{R} James\textsuperscript{↓}M\textsuperscript{Keron.}

To 1 ½ day board $0.75

\textsuperscript{75} Further details about the life and flight of James Stewart are contained in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 229.
April 26/54

Harriet Haley alias ↑(new)↓ Ann Richardson & Elizabeth Haley76 alias Sarah ↑Richardson↓ Robinson both left Geo. C. Davis, of Hanford Co. Md_ ↑Left last Wistentine77_ Since coming into the state have been living in Quakertown, where they were much respected & parted with regret↑↓t parted ↑with↓ Ann is about 19 &Sarah 21 yr's of age_ both very nice looking girls. 
Boarding, carriage & Telegraph↓ic↓ Dispatch $2.25

April 27th 1854

Arrived_ Benj. Duncans78 alias Geo. Scott; age 25_ complexion dark_ well built and of prepossessing appearance. He was owned Thos. Jeffries, who was pretty hard_ was induced to leave on account of having been threatened by his owner, to be sold south.

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76 Harriet and Elizabeth Haley are mentioned in Still, Underground Rail Road, 229-30.
77 Whitsuntide, the week beginning with Whitsunday.
78 Further details of Benjamin Duncans’ life in slavery and of his flight are contained in Still, Underground Rail Road, 230.
Benj. Left a few months back in company with 5 others who succeeded in making their escape to Canada.

To Board $0.25

May 6th 1854
Arrived Moses Wines\textsuperscript{79} from \textsuperscript{↑}Portsmouth\textsuperscript{↓} Norfolk. He is of dark complexion, medium size, and intelligent and was owned by Abigail Wheele of Portsmouth.

Moses had been treated rather mildly, had never been flogged, had for the last 15 years, been hired his time at the rate of $12 per month which hire he was always compeled to pay punctually sick or well. He had seen much of the cruelties of the system of slavery in many forms and for fear of being sold, and feeling the need of the money he earned, was the

\textsuperscript{79} Further details of Moses Wines’ life in slavery and his flight are contained in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 230-31.
cause of his making up his mind to leave. Also the new law which now prevents slaves from hirering their time, and the rigidness of the police rules in general had been made of late more severe than previously, thereby constraining slaves to leave if possible.

He came on the C. of R. Left a wife Grace, and son Alophonso, both free, lives in Portsmouth.

In coming Moses was very severely tried, and suffered terribly.

To boarding Moses Wines 1 ½ day

- cash 2.50
- clothing 1.87 ½
- Shorter, carriage .75
- Telegraph to Gibbs 25

Bill paid Depee $6.12 ½

2.62

8.74 ½

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80 Probably Jonathan Clarkson Gibbs (ca. 1827-74), a Presbyterian minister then in upstate Troy, New York, and the brother of Philadelphia black abolitionist Mifflin Wistar Gibbs. While Gibbs had been born into the black elite in Philadelphia, he left the city to study for the ministry at Dartmouth College and Princeton Theological Seminary. From 1854 to 1859, he served the Liberty Street Presbyterian Church in Troy. While in New York, he was very active in the state's colored suffrage campaign. In 1859, he returned to Philadelphia to shepherd its First African Presbyterian Church. During the Civil War, he remained active in the fight against racial discrimination. After the war, he relocated first to North Carolina and finally to Florida, where he mobilized for freedmen education. He also served as secretary of state for Florida from 1868 to 1873.
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May 10/54

Arrived__ Sarah Smith alias Mildreth Page, from Wilmington Del. where she was held by Rev. A. D. Pollock (Presbyterian) and from whom she fled about 3 months ago; bringing her child girl of 9 years old, with her. Sarah is about 30 years of age of a dark Brown complexion, healthy looking & of a pleasant & prepossessing address. She was born in Forquise Co. Va where she was owned by Elizabeth Lee with whom she lived until Mrs Lee Moved to Wilmington about 9 mos. Before Sarah fled_

Her reasons for leaving are attibuted to the cruelty of her Mistress__

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81 Sarah Smith and her daughter escaped from slavery in Wilmington, Delaware with the assistance of the local underground railroad agent, Thomas Garrett. Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 231.
May 12th 1854

Arrived_ Stephen Amos\textsuperscript{82} alias Henry Johnson, and his wife Hariet, alias Mary Jane Johnson, and their four children_ viz. Ann Rebeca, Wm H, Anna Elizabeth & Mary Ellen & _ all from Baltimore where the Mother & children had been held by Wm Gidding who resides in Prince George's County. In the early days of the Mother she had been treated tolerable well for one in her condition, but of late years she had experienced in some instances very peculiar hardships in various ways.

Some 7 years ago a Bro. of the owner for a trifling offence struck & kicked Hariet so severely that it thrown her into a spell of great Illness for all one summer. To pass numerous other outrages which She had suffered it may be sufficient to state.

\textsuperscript{82} Apparently Stephen Amos's former master was so outraged with the treatment Amos's wife received from her owner that he counselled Stephen to flee with his wife and children. For further details of their lives, see Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 160-61.
that about 1 year before she made her escape she was seized by her
owner and thrust in Prison to be sold; but the prompt interferances of
the owner's Uncle she was released from Prison and got out of the his
hands, still he failed not to make efforts to execute his design, and
doubtless would have succeeded but for the fact that he was under age
& also under the guardianship of the Uncle who interfered, &c.
Consequently after much difficulty and effort plans where made by
which the family altogether escaped.

The Mother is a bright molato good looking, tall, well made
mannerly in her address & quite intelligent. The children are
also fine, & healthy looking, and of the class which would doubtless
bring a high prize in the Market.

The husband had been owned by John I. Giddings who was a
mild Man, and from whom he purchased
his freedom 18 mos. ago. It is just to state also that he encouraged Stephen to flee with his wife to save her from the merciless treatment of her owner who was a gambler, Horse Racer, &c.

Stephen is a man of dark complexion, well built, genteel, intelligent &c. In getting away he meet with considerable difficulty from Imposters, &c, but faltered not, so succeeded.

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May 12th 1854

Arrived, Lucy Garrett alias Julia Wood, from the Western Shore of Va. where she was owned by John William, a very cruel man. Julia left for fear of being Sold; her Father 3 Sisters, and two Bro's having previously sold. She is 19 years of age; of a dark complexion, and at present, afflicted with scrofula. It had been about 1 year since she first left, since which time she has been with Jos. A. Dugdale at Kenneet Sqr. And Eldwood Smith Pineville. In both places she has won their affection & regard.

To Board with Mrs. Julius
Cash 1.50
Carriage by Shorter 50

$3.50

83 For further details of the hardships and flight of Lucy Garrett, see Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 231-32.
84 Along with his extensive antislavery activities, Joseph A. Dugdale was also an ardent supporter of women’s rights. In June 1852, he attended a women’s rights convention at West Chester in Chester County, Pennsylvania.
May 16th 1854

Arrived_ Ellen Forman alias Eliz th Young_ from the Eastren Shore, originally from the where she was owned & willed to be sold by Dr Thomas_ accordingly she was sold to a woman by the name of Mrs. Johnson living in Balt. It was has been about 1 year ago shin since she was bought by Mrs. J._ Ellen is about 30 years of age slender in stature, dark chesnut color, and suffered some what from poor health supposed to be from a heavy cold She caught in making her escape in the winter

To 1 ½ days board $0.75
" Cash 2.50
" Carriage by Shorter .50
" 1 Bottle of medicine .25

$4.00

85 Ellen Forman is noted in Still, Underground Rail Road, 232.
May 21/54

Arrived_ Wm H. Wooden\textsuperscript{86} alias Wm Nelem from Georgetown Del. where he was held by Judge Wooden_ who was said to be a hard man_ The Judge had threatened to sell Wm which was the cause of his seeking his liberty. He is about 23 yrs of age_ dark_ tall, well built & of pleasant appearance.

To Cash 1.50
" Porter .25
$1.75

May 22/54

Arrived_ Clarissa Davis\textsuperscript{87} from Portsmouth, Va, where she was owned by Mrs. Burkley & Mrs. Brown, with whom she had always served_ Claracy is about 22 yr’s of age, of a Bright Brown color_ rather below the medium size_ good looking

\textsuperscript{86} William Still briefly discusses William Wooden in \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 232.

\textsuperscript{87} Clarissa Davis had to endure many weeks in uncomfortable hiding before the opportunity to escape on a steamship arose. She disguised herself as a man and boarded the vessel at 3:00 in the morning. William Bagnal, the steward on the vessel, helped secret her in a horribly hot space near the boiler. After leaving Philadelphia, she went to New Bedford, Massachusetts, where her brothers and sisters already lived. They were soon joined by their elderly father, who fled slavery in Portsmouth as well. She regularly corresponded with William Still. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 60-61.
gentle & amiable in manners. Two & a half months had elapsed since she with two of her Bros. set out for their liberty, the Bros. Succeeded at the time, but until last Wednesday Clarissa was kept secreted waiting a chance to escape. Agreeable to her wish & prayer, a day or two on the day & evening she was to & did start, it rained very hard, which circumstances alone afforded her the chance of escape. On going to the Boat (C. of R. 88) at 3 o’cl. A.M. she saw no one, went on the Boat & was secreted in a small Box near the Furnace, where it was very hot, where she suffered & thought she must die, wanted water very much but was unable to get any, suffered on in that condition until she reached here. A reward of $1000 was offered for Clarissa & her two Bros.

88 The steamship City of Richmond.
Of her Mistress Clarissa Spoke favourably had not been used hard as many are had been promised her freedom until recently when she learned that at the death of her Mistress she would in all probability have to be sold this news of course made her feel the value of freedom, & in seeking it succeeded

To Cash 3.50
" Carriage by Shorter .50
" 1 days board .50
$4.50

May 24/54

Arrived Matilda Mahoney\textsuperscript{89} from Balti. where she was in the service of Wm Reese having lived with him for the last 4 yr’s.
Matilda is about 21 yrs of age light complexion quite handsome rather tall well made & in every way prepossessing both in appearance & manners.

\textsuperscript{89} Matilda Mahoney escaped her enslavement with the direct assistance of James Jefferson of Providence, Rhode Island. Jefferson was the friend of a Mr. Groce of Elmira, New York, who was in love with Matilda but feared venturing into Baltimore. Jefferson thus consented at great risk to go to aid her in Baltimore. They arrived safely in Philadelphia, and Mr. Groce soon left with her on the train for New York City. By May 28, they had returned to Elmira. Still, Underground Rail Road, 172-73, 176.
She was originally by W(m) McLain of Frederick, who died ↑15 yrs ago↓ leaving his Slaves free, as is believed_ but to prevent the ↑requirements of↓ freedom of the slaves the will ↑it↓ was destroyed before being proved_ which had the result to sought by those ↑who↓ designed to keep them in slavery. Hence up to the present time all have been held as Slaves.

Since the death of Matilda’s original owner she has been owned by W(m) Reigard of Fredrick, who had hired her to Mr. Reese of Balti. for $5- per month_ her work being general house work, nursing, &c.

Matilda was moved to seek your freedom, more especially to save herself from fallen into the hands of her young master, who is a Trader in New Orleans_ and who has been very desirous for the last two years of getting her on to N. Orleans.
but had always failed in his undertakings, but as the old Master has for some time past been in feeble health & as the young one had fixed notified his friends in Baltimore that he was coming on next month, Matilda was strongly impressed that if she did not make her escape before then, she would be deprived of the chances ever afterwards.

To Boarding Matilda 1 ½ day
" Telegraphic Dispatch

To Boarding Matilda $0.75
" Telegraphic Dispatch .90

$1.65

May 24/54

Arrived_ Stephen Pembroke & two sons↓⁹⁰ from Sharpsburg, Let out on the 21st Inst., and reached this city on the 22nd Inst. walked 50 miles to Chambersburg where they got in the Cars and came to this city.

Stephen is about 45 yrs of age, dark, medium size_ possessing the appearance of good morals, intelligence, activity &c.

⁹⁰ Stephen Pennington and his two sons, Jacob and Robert, arrived in Philadelphia at the same time as Matilda Mahoney. Stephen was the brother of the prominent black Presbyterian minister and abolitionist, Dr. J.W.C. Pennington, who was also known by the surname Pembroke before he fled slavery in Eastern Shore Maryland. After arriving safely in New York City on or about May 25, 1854, the three, however, were apprehended after their owners had alerted city authorities. Despite demonstrations led by Dr. Pennington and a successful effort to raise money for their purchase, they were brought before a commissioner who then hurried them off to Baltimore. Soon afterwards, apparently, they were sold into the Deep South. Still, Underground Rail Road, 173-76.
Stephen had been seeking an opportunity to escape, with his sons, for a considerable time but feeling that their only chance of escape depended on a bold effort, they would be to started right off, in the middle of Sunday the day (Sunday) without any bundles (Such as clothes &c) & hence they succeeded.

The sons, Robert & Jacob, are between 17 & 19, both fine looking young men & seems to possess fair intellect, &c. He had filled the capacity in some measure of a superintendent on his masters farm. though that offin added to his labours, as th rather than diminished them as he was required not only to make his hand in comprson with the other hand but after being done was require to do the looking after others & seeing that the cattle &c were all attended to.

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May 25/54
Arrived_ James Edward Handy⁹¹ alias Dennis Cannon_ from Seaford Del._ where he was owned by Sam'l Laws, Farmer, James is stout, dark & well built_ He feared that he was to have been given into the hands of a Trader_ and thereby was induced to Seek his liberty, age 37. Left a wife & 4 children behind, in the h possession of Capt. Martin_ His wife’s name was Harriet.

| To Cash   | $1.75 |
| Board    | .50 |
| Carriage | .50 |
|          | $2.75 |

⁹¹ Further details on James Edward Handy are contained in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 232-33. His wife’s full name was Harriet Delaney and she was owned by another man.
May 25/54
Arrived_ James Henry Delany\textsuperscript{92} alias Smart Stanley_ from Seaford, Del. where he was owned by Capt. Martin_. James is of compl. heavy built and about 26 yrs of age. Single man. The reason that James left was because of ill treatment & poor diet.

To Cash $1.50
" Board .50
" Carriage from Broad & Vine .50

$2.50

May 26
Arrived_ James Henry Blackson\textsuperscript{93} age 25_ dark_ |gives\rangle bears of the evidence of much physical strength and resolution. James left because he had come to the conclusion that he had served in Bondage long enough be . The \textsuperscript{92} James Henry Delaney is briefly mentioned in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 233. The above alias associated with James Delaney—Smart Stanley—is in Still designated as the alias of Handy’s wife, Harriet.

\textsuperscript{93} Brief detail on James Henry Blackson is contained in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 233.
of his owner was Chas. Wright Farmer

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June 5th, 1854

Arrived Geo. Freeland of Petersburg where he was held by Capt. John Pollard also of Petersburg. Geo. is about 25 yrs of age; dark Complexion, of rather spair built, and intelligent; reads & writes. Geo. was prompted to leave on acc’t of a rumour that he was to be sold. The owner was very mean didn’t think any more of his Servants than if they were dogs. He gave nothing to his Slaves. Gave me one pair of shoes about 10 yrs ago, said Geo. Fifteen hundred Dols. had already been offered for him.

To come off Geo. gave upwards of $60. Came on the C. of R. He left behind a Mother, Farther, & two Bros. all live in Petersburg.

Exp. over leafe

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94 To secure his escape, George Freeland paid an individual $60.00 to secret him aboard the City of Richmond steamship. He soon made his way to St. Catherines, Canada West from where he sent a letter to William Still included in his book. Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 233-34.
To Cash $3.00
  " Carriage $0.50
  " Board $3.50
  ----- .75
  ----- $4.25

June 12/54
Arrived Miles White⁹⁵, on Hiter[?], from Elizath City N.C. where he was owned by Albert CειKeην, storekeeper.
Miles is nearly 21 years of age quite dark well built & hardy looking, and says that he was entitled to his freedom but had been sold. He was brought here on a Boat, loaded with Shingles, from which he escaped.
To 3 ½ days board 1.75
  " Cash 0.75
  " Furnished clothing &c. 1.55
  " Stockings .15
  " Cutting Hair 12
  ----- $4.27

⁹⁵ The captain of the boat transporting the shingles kindly found a secure hiding place for Miles White on the vessel. Still, Underground Rail Road, 234.
June 12/54
Livinia Clayton\textsuperscript{96} wife of John Clayton arrived from Petersburg, on the 9\textsuperscript{th} inst.
To Board 2 ½ days \hspace{1cm} $1.25$

June 19/54
Arrived_ Tucker White now Parker Joiner. Left Major Isaac Rooney, of Denwood Court House Va. on Christmas Sunday, last_ Came to Petersburg, from into the City Point_ from thence to Baltimore and from thence here. He was badly frosted when coming which caused him to lose his toes. Stayed at the Hospital &c. while frosted_ Sent him forward.

\begin{itemize}
  \item To Cash \hspace{1cm} $2.50$
  \item Board 1 day \hspace{1cm} $.50$
  \item Porter to Boat \hspace{1cm} $.25$
\end{itemize}
\hspace{1cm} $3.25$

\textsuperscript{96} Louisa Clayton is mentioned in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 223.
June 19th 1854

Sarah Johnson from Norfolk left at about the 3rd of June came per C. of R.

To board 1 ½
“ Cash 3.00
“ Trunk 1.50
“ Shorter .50

$5.75

June 20/54

Lewis Snowden, now Lewis Williams, left Washington D.C. about 2 mos. since, where he was owned by A. Naylor. Lewis is a coach maker by trade, dark complexion, well made, &c about 28 years of age. He was brought here by Mr. Massey who had been acquainted with him in the South, hence vouched for his veracity.

97 Lewis Snowden is mentioned in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 223.
To Cash $2.50
” Board 1.50
” Porter to Boat .25
$4.25

July 293rd/55

Arrived__ Wm Johnson had been held by Sam’l Herrington of _____ Md_ was brought away by his Sister harriet_ two weeks ago_ stopped with Luke Goines while in this city.

J.C. White gave Mr. Goines towards defraying the Exp. of Johnson, $5.00

98 William Johnson is mentioned in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 223. He was possibly the brother of Harriet Tubman: see above and also p. 107; see also Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 247.

99 Luke Goines was a hairdresser who lived at 193 Lombard in 1854. He was a member of a family long involved in aiding fugitives and fighting slavery. His brother, Basil, a barber, served on the Board of the Vigilance Committee.
July 3rd 1854

J.C. White pd. S.N. Cornish for going to Reading, on some time about the last of May or first of June, to apprise a young man of his danger $3.00

July 12/54

Arrived_ John Hall[^100], now John Simpson_ who left Charleston S.C. where he was held by D’d Philip Mays =C.R. John is 36 years of age_ tall & well proportioned. He made his way very adroitly through N.C. into Va. in doing which he was labouring some months. The story is exceedingly interesting, but to write it out it would require to much time_ Suffice it to say that he is well known by respectable persons here who are from Charleston_ who vouch for the truthfulness of his tale &c.

[^100] John Hall—his actual name according to Still—suffered greatly from exposure in the woods and swamps of North Carolina and Virginia as he fled brutal enslavement in Charleston, South Carolina. For several months he lived in earthen dens and caves. Finally he encountered a ship captain who secreted him on his boat and carried him to freedom. Unfortunately many of the details of his remarkable tribulations—all corroborated by the Vigilance Committee—were omitted from Still. Still, _Underground Rail Road_, 234-35.
July 17th 1854

Arrived_ Nelson Johnson, now Jackson Hall_ dark_ medium size_ active & about 25 years of age. He was owned by Isaac Stansberry of Eadens Mills, Deer Creek, Hanford Co. Md. He had been treated hard_. His owner had threatened to sell him only but a few days before he escaped_ for †fear† of which he was induced to escape.

Wifes name:
Hannah – child,
Mary Luisa, 3 years of age

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Cash                          | 2.50   |
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Philadelphia July 24/54

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Aug 10/54

Arrived John Lee from Fayetteville N.C. Sent away by Luke Goines, at the instance of J.C.W.

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Aug. 12/54

Arrived a woman ↑ from Del.↓ who fell into the hands of Rebecca Johnson, was represented to J.C.W. by Geo. Johnson. Examined by J.C.W., forwarded

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Aug. 20/54

Arrived_ Elizabath Penwell +(age 22, dark chesnut color_)↓ from Little Caroline, Md_ Had been owned by D‘ Clift. Left last Monday, 3 weeks ago. The fear of being Sold was what first prompted her to Escape, having been threatened &c._ Left a Father, Saml Penwell_ and two Bros_ Saml & Chas.

  To Cash  3.00
  " Carriage .50
  $3.50

Aug. 24/54

(3)

Arrived_ Benj. Franklin_ had been living for the last 5 or 6 years in Lancaster Co._ up to about two weeks since when it was reasoned that he was pursued_ which caused him to leave. with a view of escaping to Canada.
Benj. Escaped from his owner, Richd Farmer, Baltimore Co. Md. About 6 years since. He original name was Benj. Franklin Harris. He is quite dark, and about 30 years of age. Healthy & active in appearance &c. He has with him a little daughter 6 yr’s of age, and a niece grown.

To board 1.50
“ Carriage .50
“ Porter .25

2.25

Aug. 26/54
Arrived, Mary Walters, from Md. had been away some 5 mos. during which time she states that She had been living in this city, Age about 18 yrs. complexion, chestnut coul. Size medium. Exam’d by P.W. & J.C.W. who were satisfied that she is a genuine case.

To Board 6 ½ days with J.D.O. 3.25
“ Cash 2.75

over $6.00
Aug. 28/54
Arrived_ John Atkinson, from Portsmouth, had been owned by James Ray, a worthless sot. John is about 31 yrs of age_ well built, dark molato, & intelligent_ He had been in the habit of hiring his time_ for which he had pd. $120 per annum_ Had been much abused up to some 5 yrs back_ He had been threatened_ was under daily fear of being Sold_ having been threatened several times of late. He left a wife, Mary, who was a free born woman_ She nothing however of her husbands plan in leaving.

To Board (3 days) 1.50
“ Coat & shirts 1.87
“ Cash 2.50
Alphorno to Boat .25
$6.12

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101 John Atkinson escaped from slavery in Portsmouth, Virginia, by way of a steamer which carried him to Philadelphia. Once John left Philadelphia, he settled in St. Catherines, Canada West. He wrote William Still several times seeking to have clothing from Virginia forwarded to him and aid given to his wife to escape. Still, Underground Rail Road, 299-300.
Aug 28/54

Arrived_ Wesley Kinnard\textsuperscript{102}, old name, Sam’l Green_ left Indian Creek, Dorchester Co. about a week ago_ He belonged to D’ James Muse, who, is thought to be, by the servant, “the worst man in Md”._ Whipping and all manner of cruelty he would inflict upon ↑his↓ servants. James had been hired out_ at Blacksmithing, for several yrs._ Was induced to leave by securing instructions from Harriet Tubman\textsuperscript{103} who had paid a visit to his neighborhood last Springs, after her Bros._

Age 24 yrs_ Black, rather below the medium size smart, active_ reads & writes and seems quite intelligent_ Left Father & Mother_ Saml. & Catherine_ one Sister Sarah

To Board

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   Cash                           2.50
   Porter to Bustills             .12 ½
   4 days board 50¢ per day      2.00
                  4.62 ½
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\textsuperscript{102} Harriet Tubman was instrumental in the successful flight of Samuel Green, his actual name according to Still. He soon departed for Canada West where he settled in Salford. Green’s father, Sam Green, remained in Indian Creek, Chester County, Maryland, where he was a preacher in the Methodist Church. He eventually purchased his freedom and visited his son in Canada, probably in 1856. This visit prompted enormous suspicion on the part of local slaveholders, who suspected the father upon his return of having encouraged and directed some of their slaves on a successful flight to Canada. Searching his cabin one night, they found a copy of Harriet Beecher Stowe’s \textit{Uncle Tom’s Cabin} as well as information and maps for guiding fugitives safely to Canada. He was arrested, tried, convicted, and sentenced to ten years in the state penitentiary for possession of seditious materials. His distressed son, learning of the imprisonment, wrote to Still seeking any information on his father’s condition. Sam Green was released some time during the Civil War. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 246-50.

\textsuperscript{103} Harriet Tubman, born Araminta Ross in Dorchester County, Maryland, about 1820, stole her way to freedom in Philadelphia in 1851. Over the course of the next ten years, she made at least nineteen trips to the South, rescuing hundreds of people from slavery, including her parents and her brothers. Her courage and devotion to freedom were recognized in the name with which people honored her—“Moses.” She died in 1913 in Auburn, New York, where she settled after the Civil War.
Aug. 30/54

Tres __ to 250 Envelopes 0.50
    J. White for writing letters 2.00
$2.50

Sept. 2/54
Arrived __ Mark Washington, new name Wm Wilson; complexion dark chesnut color, size medium, age 29. Had been owned by James Wilthorthington, of Hall’s Cross Roads, Md. Co, Md.
Jas. Mark had been treated hard by his owner __ for which he was induced to leave. He had heard of Canada & freedom __ which & having no expectations of gaining his freedom short of Canada he set out. He left a large family behind consisting of his Parents, Bros. & sisters __

To 1 shirt $0.37 ½
    “ 1 ½ days board .75
    Washing 2 shirts .12 ½
$1.25
Sept. 2/54

Arrived _ John Jones, now Henry Clark, age 25 years, dark, tall, genteel & intelligent. He came from Middletown, New Castle Co., Del., where he was owned by Amos Linch, a Blustery hard man. John left home on last Saturday evening, leaving the impression on the mind of his owner &c that he was about to make a trip to Md. to see old relatives _ his liberty being of more importance to him than any thing else, he availed himself of the chance of a trial on the Underground _

To Board, 5 days, @ 50¢ per day, with Ch. A.B. $2.50
Sept 8/54
Arrived, John Henry Rickets, (new name Ed. Henry Waples) from Lewistown Del. where he was owned by Shepherd Houston, farmer. John left about 3 weeks ago & walked chiefly all the way in the night. The owner had threatened to Sell John which was the cause of his fleeing. He is about 22 yrs of age, dark, small size, active & smart. He found his Mother in this City, who had been emancipated some 20 yrs ago, and has since been residing in this City

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To Shoes
Sept 8/54

Arrived, Geo. Washington Brown (New ↑name↓ James White) he left Md in May last, since he has been living with Benj. Price of West Chester.

He was owned by James Kimmy, Farmer. Geo. says he was used bad, and on seeing a good chance embraced it. He is 17 yr’s of age, chesnut color_ smart n&c. His parents are both dead.

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$2.86
Sept. 8/54
Arrived, Richmond Boon, from Northfolk, where he had been held by John B. Odum, Com. Merch¹ Richd is about 22 yrs of age chesnut color. medium size, smart, intelligent, reads & writes, &c.

He was induced to leave on account of the disposition which his owner had of late manefested to sell him, because he was not willing to go live with his mas. Who lived about 80 m.s in the country: as he had always been raised in Norfolk_ Richmonḍ was not willing to change.

Richḍ’s Mother is in Texes_ her owner having moved there with her †& all the children↓ some years back. No Farther living.

Came in the Va.
To Cash
“2 daysboard
“1 Pair of Shoes
“1 “ “ Socks
“1 Doz. Shirts of wise Pusey (?) & Chrise (?)

Sept. 14/54
To John Davis or Adams from Baltimore forward by J.A. Bro.-in-law to Saml P. Dorsey of this city
To cash

$9.31 ¼

Sept 25/54
1 Arrived Chas. King & Robt. White of Norfolk
Chas. Is 23 yrs. of age, dark medium size, smart & intelligent, and a ship Carpenter by trade. And was owned by Martha M Hope. He had been accustomed to hire his time, for which he had usually pd $10 per mo. but his Mistress not being willing any longer to take their ten Dols. had added two more per mo. This Chas. felt unwilling to pay

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104 Samuel P. Dorsey, a merchant, lived at 20 Rodman Street.
105 After arriving in Philadelphia, it is very likely that Robert White next went to New Bedford, Massachusetts, where he settled. See reference to “R. White” in letter of William Donar to William Still, 3 November 1854, incorrectly dated as “1859.” Still, Underground Rail Road, 275.
hence the cause of his escape. He paid $19. to the man who aided him.

He left his Mother, Eliza King, & 4[srikethrough 4] sisters_ viz. Hannah, Rose, Rachel, Maria, Grace & Amelia_ To 2 Bros. David & Robt_ all slaves

Also left his wife, Elizabeth.

Robert is 35 yrs of age quite dark_ rather stout, intelligent &c

He was owned by Henry Harding had been accustomed to hire his time at $9- per mo. $3000_ in cash clear of all expences had already been pd the owner_ Notwithstanding all that the owner had obtained from Robert, he was about raising his wagers, which moved him to escape.

Left only one sister_

To 2 ½ daysboard $2.50
Sept 28/54

Paid Luke Goines for boarding Henry Carl $3.50

(2) Oct 7/54

Arrived, Robt. McCoy\textsuperscript{106}, from Norfolk. He had been owned for the last 16 years by Hall the Trader, for years. As a house servant\&c he had been employed. Nevertheless his chances of seeing the Cruelty belonging to the Trade was in every way favourable; and his accts & discriptions of what he had seen & heard intelligently narrated in the most thrilling manner.

As to personally abuse he had fortunately shuned that probably had fared as well as most slaves, but yet he felt that he was willing to suffer almost any sacrifice in order to gain his liberty. A late

\textsuperscript{106} Robert McCoy was intimately familiar with the realm of slave trading on the auction block, so familiar that Still considered the statements “too revolting to be published.” Despite suffering from chronic rheumatism, he successfully fled to Philadelphia and then to New Bedford, Massachusetts. One month later, Eliza McCoy, his wife, who was also enslaved in Norfolk, joined him in New Bedford. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 274-77.
from his owner to the effect that he should sell him soon only seemed
to make him more expeditious in seeking his freedom. He was
concealed 5 ½ mos._ For his passage he pd $30- & $5- for board._
Left a wife, concealed, Eliza McCoy._ Robt. Is 28 yrs of age_ medium
size, dark molato_ intelligent.

With Robt. Arrived Elizabeth Frances_ a young woman of 22, of
prepossessing appearance, fine looking, genteel & intelligent. She had
evidently been of the more favoured class_ having been hired out by
her Mistress_ Sarah Shepperd, who Her owner however had sold her
Mother from her, when a child of 10; also she had sold a Bro. & sister,
all far south. Consequently the fear of sale & the desire of freedom
rested he with great weight upon the mind of Elizabeth. Having saved
$35- she gave it for her passage_ afterward endured the privaten of
waiting 5 ½ mos. for a chance to come &c.

107 Elizabeth Frances departed for New Bedford, Massachusetts, soon after arriving in Philadelphia. A
letter expressing her great delight with her new residence is reprinted in Still, Underground Rail Road,
275-76.
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[Editorial Note: The above details are from strips of paper attached between pages 108 and 109 with information pertaining to assistance disbursed to Robert McCoy and Elizabeth Frances. They are displayed in the microfilm as overlays on page 109. Their position above duplicates their placement on the filmed page 109. The information from page 109 which also appears on the filmed page will be given on the following actual page 109]

Sept.        Oct. 7/54

Arrived, John ṭDickson†Dixon, from Dawson, Md. where he was owned by Richd Kaigh. John is 30 yrs of age, tall, well built, dark chesnut color, intelligent &c. He was caused to escape by the fear of being sold. Left a wife, Caraline Dickerson, but no children. The wife is a free woman. He left 2 Bros. & one sister, slaves. With regard to treatment, he did not complain, except that he had been shorted with clothing & foods of times.

To 2 ½ Days Board \hspace{1cm} 1.25

"    Cash \hspace{1cm} 2.00

$3.25

Cash to a man who came to the office with Thos. Madd \hspace{1cm} .50

Arrant boy₁₀⁸ \hspace{1cm} 6

$3.81

₁₀⁸ Errand boy
Oct. 9/54

Arrived, Thos. Madd\textsuperscript{109} from Easton Md. where he was owned by Ed. Ray, a very tyrannical slaveholder as the marks on Thos.’s person clearly proves. His back had been literally cut &c lacerated in a most shocking manner. Thos. is 22 years of age, dark, medium size; apparently of more than ordinary muscular strength &c. The severe flogging of recent date, referred to, was brought upon him for not making the fire on Sunday morning about two weeks ago; 2 little boys having offered to do so in his stead. The flogging was what prompted him to escape.

Left 4 Sis. & two Brs. owned by Ray.

To cash \hspace{1cm} 2.50
  “ 2 1/2 days board \hspace{1cm} 1.25
  “ Shorter carriage \hspace{1cm} .50
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\textbf{Total} \hspace{.5cm} $4.25$

\textsuperscript{109} William Still wrote that of all the fugitives he had met and examined over the years, “none brought a back so shamefully lacerated by the lash as Thomas Madden.” His master had almost murdered him and this prompted his decisive flight. Madden arrived in the Niagara District of Canada West in late October 1854. A correspondent for Madden wrote to Still that Madden chopped wood to support himself and dearly missed the woman in his life, Rachel. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 294.
Phil Oct. 10/54
Arrived Henry Wilson, old name Perry Wilson. Left John Talbot who resided near Balti. Md. Henry is 22 yrs of age, chesnut color, medium size. Seem quite upright, and is intelligent. Left because his owner was a hard man. Left his Mother, Bros., & sisters, in Baltimore. Delia Wilson, was the name of his Mother.
To Board 1.00
Oct. 21/54

Arrived, John Malery, he is rather about medium size, chesnut color, intelligent. Left Norfolk, where he had been owned by Eliza Anderson, of Norfolk. After the death of his old master he had been treated bad this induced him to escape. Left a wife, Mary Frances, child Elizabeth, both owned by James Furgerson. They have the promise of their freedom.

To Cash $2.50
“ Board (2 days) 1.00
“ Advertising Vig. com meetg at Wesley Ch. in Ledger & ↑Bun↓ 2.35
“ Freight on Box from Norfolk 1.62
“ Porter .25
$7.72
Oct 21/54
Arrived, Chas. Thompson, age 40 chessnut color, active, well informed &c. Bad treatment had driven Chas. to the necessity of making his escape. Adding to the natural promptings of his heart for liberty, he had recently been much stimulated by the reading of Uncle Tom's Cabin. In looking over the pages of contents, at once, he was fairly aroused. Consequently he set himself to work to contrive a plan whereby he might escape. The thought struck him, that if he could get a route as a paper carrier_ he could succeed_ he got his route & did succeed_ He left a wife Mary Ann; and two children_ Emelia Ann & Louisa, all three live in Richmond. Chas. was owned by the widow Thornton, who hired him out for $150- a year_ at the end of each year 50 cts was all the cash Ch. recd as his portion
To Cash & Board $4.75
Oct 21/54
To Advertising in the Ledger & Bulletin For a meeting of WW Brown At the 1st Presbytirian Ch.  
$1.34

Oct 22
To Merrihew[?] & Thompson for Printg Handbils for meeting at Franklin Hall  
2.25
 Geo. Christ_ for Striking Handbills  
.50
 Advertising Frank. Hall meeting  
2.16
 Franklin Hall Rent  
8.00
 ¼ Quarters Rent of Room  
8.00
$2.091

110 First Presbyterian Church was located on Washington Square on the south side of Walnut above Sixth Street. The Reverend Albert Barnes, a leader of the New School wing of the Presbyterian Church and an antislavery supporter, presided over the church in 1854.
111 Merrihew & Thompson were printers in Philadelphia located at numbers 2 and 4 on Merchant Street just above Fourth. In 1854, they were the printers for the abolitionist newspaper, The Pennsylvania Freeman. See for example, The Pennsylvania Freeman, January 5, 1854. William Still praised them as "the only printers in the city who for many years dared to print such incendiary documents as anti-slavery papers and pamphlets" and as "one of the truest friends of the slave." Mr. Thompson was present as an observer when Henry "Box" Brown, a fugitive, emerged from the box in which he had been sent to the Anti-Slavery Office in Philadelphia at 107 North Fifth Street. Still, Underground Rail Road, 82-84.
112 Franklin Hall was a large meeting hall located in Philadelphia at the intersection of Sixth and Arch Streets.
Oct. 26/54

Arrived, Sarah Airs, from Worcester Co. Md. Had been owned by Wm Purnell. Left last Christmas. Sarah is about 25 years of age, dark complexion. Left a husband Peter Airs. The fear of being sold South was what caused her to escape.

To Cash 2.50
" Carriage .75

$3.25
Nov. 2/54

Arrived, John Canon, old name London Davis, John is about 21 yrs of age, black. Slender, tall, rather of a round built. Was owned by Wm. Watson, who resided at Cedar neck near Milford, from whom he fled the later part of last August. John left two Bros. & one sister in Slavery. The eldest Bro., is named John Davis, youngest Bro. Geo. Davis both belong to Thos. Davis, blind man.

John left before he feared that he was to be sold. Besides he had fairly fared badly had been beaten, starved &c. Jno’s Farther in law Andrew Wismer Milford.

To 2 ½ Days board  $1.25
" Cash  2.00
$3.25
Sennett_ May 19th 56
Mr Wm Still

Dear Sir
I take this opportunity of writing you a few lines to let you know that after I left you I got along well, I am now at work where I get twelve dollars per month. probably you have forgot me and to let you know who I am I will state that I came to your house about the 1st of November 1854- in the evening. You will remember that Mr. Blow, who went to New Bedford was there at the same time and that you went with me to one & got some of my acquaintance who assured you that I was a fugitive_ his name was Peter Lewis of Lewistown.

[Editorial Note: Pages 126-129 in running head pagination comprise text from four letter pages laid over pages 116 and 117 in Still’s Journal C. The text directly above is laid over page 117 while the text for page 127 is laid over 116. The text for page 128 is again laid over 117 and 129, 116. The transcription of actual text from Journal C resumes with page 117 on page 130, running head pagination.]

See entry for Anthony Blow on page 131 below.
& who was also acquainted with my Father & Mother & you took me to George Davis next door to big Wesleyan Church.

You recollect that you sent a letter to Loucretia Tilman stating to he that a friend wished to see her & she did not come. Also that I mentioned the name of Jacob Williams whom Jacob Cannon raised & who made his home at Lucretia Tillman’s when I was in Philadelphia. I am well acquainted with Cresey Cannon & Mary Cannon. I need not say any more to let you know who I am. I wish you would ask Jacob Williams how mother gets along in Delaware at a place called Milford. My mother’s name is Grace Mindsmore. I wish
you would write me as soon as you can after you have got some information about my mother & friends in Delaware. I am very anxious to hear from my old home. Don't neglect to write. I have written a number of letters but have not heard a word from my people. You will recollect that you wrote my name that I bore when at home, Londen Davis, also that I told you I would change my name to John Cannon. This is the name by which I go now. Please do not forget to write me to this place.

Sennett, Cayuga Co, N.Y.
Your Friend,
John Cannon
London Davis
Nov. 1 1854
Wrote May 19/56
under the name of
John Cannon.

London Davis
Nov. 1854-
wrote May
19/56 over
the name of Jno.
Cannon.

[Editorial Note: The six lines immediately above are actually inserted
in the filmed page turned 180° counterclockwise so they read
vertically.]
Nov. 3/54
Arrived, Eliza McCoy.\footnote{Eliza McCoy was the wife of Robert McCoy, who escaped slavery one month earlier. She concealed herself in close quarters for several months before fleeing to Philadelphia. She then joined her husband in New Bedford, Massachusetts. \textit{Still, Underground Rail Road}, 276-77.} Eliza had been owned by Andrew Sigany of Norfolk. She is about 38 yrs of age, Molato of genteel appearnce & intelligent. Of the Cruelty of Slavrey she has experienced a great deal, having to work very hard, had been sold, &c. Eliza had always wanted to be free, and in failing to satisfy her owners with her labour she was induced to escape near 7 mos. She remained concealed before she got the chance to escape while in that condition she suffer beyond all discription.
Nov. 3/54
Arrived, Andrew Blow, old name Henry Levison. Andrew had been owned by Mrs. Peters, widow, who died over one year ago leaving him to her Daughter who was the wife of James Lewis. Mr. Lewis was not to come into possession of him however, till the first of Janu./54. Now as Andrew was fully aware of the Tyranical spirit of this Mr. L. he had resolved never to fall into his hands. Mr. L. however thought otherwise and only a week or two before the time came for him to take possession of A. he had boasted that he could & would get $1500- for him, as soon as he might come into his hands. Consequently the dread of this monster induced Andrew to escape. on the 1st day of Janu./54 he went into private quarters. Afterwards pd

115 Anthony Blow, as William Still refers to him in his book, escaped on the steamship "City of Richmond" after many arduous months of concealment. His friend Minkins located a safe covert for him on the ship. Anthony apparently settled in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Further details of Anthony's dramatic escape from slavery are contained in Still, Underground Rail Road, 61-63.
a man $30_ who promised to arrange some plan by which he could make a successful escape. But week after week & month after month passed and nothing but disappointment seemed to be his lot, and ere he found it convenient to start near 10 mos. had passed away.

It may not be amiss to allude to the fact that Andrew was brought in to the trouble growing out of the Pearl difficulty\textsuperscript{116}. At that time he was living in Washington. He was accused of being one of the Porters who attempted to escape, and was about to be arrested & hand cuffed, but being resolute he was allowed to decline the cuffs. At the times the officers went to arrest him he was at work on a large anchor, weighing 1000 lbs.

\textsuperscript{116} The "Pearl difficulty" involved the 1848 flight of seventy-seven slaves from Washington, D.C. down the Potomac River on board the schooner "Pearl" commanded by Captain Paul Drayton. They were all apprehended and returned to Washington. The trial of the fugitives' white "conductors" became a national issue. Although he was not onboard the "Pearl," Anthony Blow was among the many blacks arrested for possible involvement in the failed escape. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 63.
To pass the difficulties he was brought into by being placed in the Georgian pen &c, it may be of interest to relate to other matters.

He had been shot 3 times in his life. The first time he was about 18. He refused to be whipped, was the offence for which he was shot. The 2nd time he was shot by the Sheriff about the head, with Squiarrel shot. The offence in this instance arose from a Scrimmage which A. had had with 3 white ruffians who attempted to beat him but being strongly resisted were them self beaten. Consequently the Sheriff interfered and besides shooting had him had flogged had the marks of which are now plain on his back. He was then about 19. The last & 3rd time when he was short, he was about
21 yrs of age. The refusal to be beaten was the cause of this murderours attack. He was not badly wounded in this instance however.

With regard to employment, he had been a conn measurere\textsuperscript{117} stricker in machine shop, Butcher &c. But to omit details suffice it to say his physical appearance shows him to have been a man of double strength & activity, with an uncommon degree of intelect though uncultivated.

His height is 6 feet 3 Ins. and appears in his physical structure, in every respect, is a very powerfull man._

After he had been stowed away on the boat, in a siting posture, with bearly enough room to Sit_ he was obliged to remain so for 8 days_ during which times as much be appearent he suffered to the utmost

\textsuperscript{117} A conn measurer is one who guides the steering of a ship.
extremely. His location was near the Ranger directly over the Boiler. where it was very hot which caused him to sweat at every pour. Head winds, storms & thick fogs combined obstructed the Boat from coming. So instead of its getting here in its regular time which is about 1 ½ day, it was 8 days coming. But he had resolved to die rather than give up to be taken into slavery. Of that system he had seen its most cruel features.

He left a wife. She is owned by Capt. Cunigan of Washington D.C. He has also, 3 children oldest Benjamin Blow, next Julius B. the next Alfred B.

The wife, Ann.
Philadelphia Nov. 13/54

Arrived_ Chas. Gilbert\textsuperscript{118} of Richmond, arrived per steamer On the 11\textsuperscript{th} inst., He fled from Benj. Davis, a Trader in Richmond. The fear of being sold was what caused him to seek his freedom, his master having had him advertised for some months before he started.

Chas., on first contemplating escape first when went to ↑a↓↑the↓ Capt. Of a schooner running to Boston-(having previously ↑heard↓ that he could be trusted)- and after ↑hearing↓ his case the Capt. Agreed to take him for $10- providing he could succeed in getting to old Point Comfort, a distance of 160 miles from Rich\textsuperscript{d}. Chas. soon succeeded in getting to old Point &c_ by being secreted on a Boat. But as he had formally belonged to the neighbourhood of old&c

\textsuperscript{118} The extraordinary story of the escape of Charles Gilbert from slavery is further detailed in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 235-40.
& as as a Reward of $200 had been offered by the owner, no pains was spared in that vicinity to find out his whereabouts. Chas. had some old fr’ds about Old Point, though the danger of aiding were so great that it was very rarely the case that he could avail himself of the priviledge of the slightest favour. For the first week after arriving at old Point he was entertained by an a young frd by the name of Ed. Sweney. Afterwards, in consequence of being persued by officers he left & went to the Highge Hotel. a very large house, without a cellar built upon Pilers, some 2 or 3 ft above ground. One place alone near the cistren, was the only spot where he could conceal himself that was a dark corner & well suited for his purpose. Four weeks he remained, there, of days of Bright coming out & going to the Slop Bucket to get his meals. Sweet those
meals were, as his described them. One night, an Irish boy had occasion to go under the house after chickens when to Chas.’ great alarm, the boy was unconsciously was about to approach him, though unconsciously to frighten the unwelcome intruder. Chas. flew at him Dog fashin’ with a terrible snarl, which had its desired effect, causing the boy to leave speedily. The boys Farther hearing the savage attact of the dog upon his son, declared he would kill him the next day &c so Chas. concluded, on hearing the Fathers threat that he had better shift his quarters he did. So that night went next to Bay Shore. Stayed up an acorn tree all one day next stayed at a wash house, which was under the charge of Isabella, a slave young woman, a slave and a man by the name of John Thomas the young woman was an old acquaintance of
Chas_ and was willing to do all she could to conceal him, but f↑e↓Lt afraid. Chas, proposed to take up a plank & by so doing contrive to hide himself under the floor_ for 2 weeks he remained secure under the floor but suspicion having got out that he was secreted there_ 6 officers came_ knocked_ & soon gained admission_ searched but found no body, he being under the floor_ $25 they offered the man if he would tell them of his whereabouts. Refused_ They left. Chas also left_ went back to the Hotel again_ Stayed over a week_ one night went out to Mr. Allen’s Cottage, to sit in the bushes, ↑when↓ and old man came along, which caused Chas. again to act the barking &c which frighten the old man much, which brought out a threat that he would kill Stephen & his dogs too, as they had several times, attactd him. (It so happened that it was a bad place for dogs)
Chas fled through the bushes & took lodgings in the marsh for a couple of hours. He again returned to the hotel, where he stayed 2 days. At this time his Mother was making all possible arrangement for his escape; finally a change was procured. As it was the last day he expected to be in the neighborhood he felt desirous to spent the last night at the house where he had stayed under the floor so he went. Before being there many hours 3 officers came in search of him, one went upstairs while the other 2 talked with Isabella inquiring about her boarders &c. Now there was only a thin curtain that obscured Chas. from his pursuers, his hole under the floor he could not enter for fear of making a noise in pulling up the boards, to use his own language a thousand
thoughts rushed in his mind in a minute, as there were women's apparel within reach of him, he at once seized the opportunity to dress himself in a suit, hood & all, and walked out right by the officers, one remarking to him "whose gale are you"? What is your name? My name is Delia, I belong to Mr. Cocklin; "go on then, said the officers, Chas. next was conveyed to Norfolk, where, after remaining 4 weeks, he procured a passage for $30, his mother advancing $20.

Chas. was owned by a wealthy trader, $500-50, $550, he had offered as a reward.

He left a mother, Margaret Johnson, 3 brothers, Henry, Wm & Sam'l Johnson (half brother). The mother is free, purchased herself, the brothers all slaves.
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Nov. 14/54
Arrived_ Henry allen, (new name Thos. Redden) arrived safely. He had formerly been held by D’ Johnson of Wilmington, Del_ but in consequence of that gentleman having been ordered away in the U.S. Service ↑seven months since↓ Henry had been hired out to Z. Glazer_ Lottery dealer. From him Henry escaped about 2 months since_ in the interval he’s has been at work with Benj. Binder near Lionville.

Henry is a Smart & apparently intelligent young man_ only about 18 yrs of age_ He was caused to leave on account of bad treatment; could not get any learning_ While most every body else were free he felt that he was a Slave, therefore he feld. He is dark, round built, full face &c.
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(4) Nov. 15/54
Four at one arrival. Yesterday afternoon Robert Belt, (now Chas_ Williams) Nathaniel Smith, (now John Hutchins) Ellen Cale, (now Sarah Johnson), and Mary Cale, now Jane Johnson. All arrived from Baltimore Co., where they had been held as follows: Robert had been owned by Joseph Kelly; Naethan had been by Thos. D Cockey. Ellen, by Eliza Parks also her sister Mary.
   Robt. Is about 29; chesnut color, rather tall, well built, intelligent &c
   Nathan is 24; dark, well built, intelligent & active.
   Ellen is about 18; tall, chesnut color, seems sensible & smart.
   Mary is 16: not tall but rather thick set, with a round full face & pleasant countenance. Seems smart, modest & clever.
This party were induced to escape to save themselves from falling into the hands of the Trader, having previously forwarned of their danger by a friend.

They had lived in the neighborhood of Texes about 12 miles from Balti.

Walked from home to Columbia, from thence came in the Cars.

The treatment which they had rec’d had been of a medium character, though they concluded, unanimously that they had been treated bard.

Nov. 21/54

Arrived, Peter Johnson, had been known by the name of Peter Airs, before leaving his home in Berlin, Worcester Co. Md, where he had been owned by Comfort & Betzy Betzey Airs, single woman. Peter is about 30 years of age, dark, seemingly intelligent &c He ran away “because” he “wanted to be with” his “woman”. His wife having left some months prior to his coming.
Peter said he had never been abused like a great many. He had however been wronged out of his over work which he would do of nights &c.

Nov. 21/54

Sam’l Davis, new name Benj. Johnson. Sam’l is about 35 years of age; stout built, quite dark complexion, & seems intelligent. He fled from John Reed, who lived near Fairfax, Va. Sam’l has been used hard, not allowed enough to eat &c. Being fed & treated meanly, was the cause of his escape.

Nov. 27/54

John Wesley Gibson left Wn Y. Day, his owner & Father, about 6 weeks ago from Taylor’s Mt. Md. John is about 28 yrs of age, molato, intelligent & good looking. He took passage at Baltimore, as a white man, and so come away

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119 The son of his master, John Wesley Gibson was so light-skinned that he discovered he could pass as white. Thus when he journeyed through Baltimore enroute to Philadelphia, he even held “up his head and put on airs.” His master feared his neighbors would detect John’s paternity, so he kept him confined to his plantation. Still, Underground Rail Road, 301.
On his master’s Farm he was the man depend. as he was Forman and intrusted with more responsibility than any of the other slaves. He left because his master was so severe with him in relation to his going anywhere.

John left a mother ↑Hariet Peirce↓ & a sister ↑Frances E.↓ in Bondage_ belonging to his owner

Nov 29/54

____ Wm Butcher↑new name↓ Wm T. Mitchel arrived from Massey’s Cross Roads_ near Georgetown_ Wm had been held by Wm Boyer_ a very hard man_ was abusive &c. He was a farmer Wm is about 28 yrs_ medium size, dark_ intelligent &c. The fear of being sold_ having been threatened by his owner_ was the cause of his escape. Left a wife, Phillis Anne Butcher_ child John Wesley. They are Free_ His child he wishes to send for.

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120 Further details on William Butcher are contained in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 300-01.
Dec. 5/54
Arrived Wm James Williams, old name, Geo. Washington arrived from Harford Co. Bellair Md. His owner was named Wm Fenandus[?] farmer. James, is 19 yrs of age, chesnut color &c Left because his owner talked of selling him. Had been treated as well as could be expected, except the threat of sale.

Dec. 12/54
1____ Jesse Smith just from Norfolk, reached this city in good health&c. Jesse is about 34 yrs of age, dark molato & intelligent&c. He was owned by Cornelius Herman. Jesse had been treated very bad as bad as could be.

Dec. 16/54
1____ Geo. Anderson, now Henry Jones, arrived safely from Herberts Cross Roads, where Harman Stump. He was a hard man. Geo. is 19 yr's of age, dark chesnut color, stout made not very
Bright in his appearance. Left because of bad treatment. $1000_

**Shot** Dec 21/54

Broke Jail

Lived in a hole

____ Isaac Williams^{121} safely arrived from King George County, Hampstead, Va. Isaac is about 26 yrs of age, dark chestnut color, stout made & intelligent. He had been owned by Dr James who has lately purchased him for the Southern market. Before fallen into the hands of Dr J. he had been owned by a Mr. D. Fitchens who was a very hard man.

Isaac left because his owner was about selling him South against his will. Fish fled to the woods, stayed there 2 weeks, then being pursued was shot while fleeing, was badly wounded, & captured, and taken to King George Jail. was kept there for 1 month broke jail and fled again to the woods. Dug a whole in the ground and there stayed for 3 months.

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^{121} A more detailed account of Isaac Williams' travails in slavery and his perilous flight to the woods is recorded in *Still, Underground Rail Road*, 284-86. Isaac was accompanied into the woods by Henry Banks and later by their supportive friend, Kit Nickless.
and then came on, having to suffer hungar, cold wet &c

Isaac left a wife, Eliza, the names the children as follows: Isaac, Estel Williams & Ellen. They all belong to his old master Fitchugh

In the wood he lived on hogs, managed to get meal &c

1 Henry Banks arrived from King George's County where he fled from a Trader, Dr James of Tennesee, who was in the act of taking him south. It happened that Henry had previously made an effort to escape only a few months before fallen into the hands of the Trader. Indeed, the attempt to escape was the cause of his being sold. In May his first effort was made. Stayed in the wood about 3 mos, then got a far as Washington.

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122 Further details of the flight of Henry Banks with his companion, Isaac Williams, into the woods of Virginia are contained in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 285.
was there captured & taken back_ was put in Fredrickburg Jail_ keep a month. was then Sold to George Ailler All Ailler_ left him after s I was sold ↑to D’ James↓ after being in his hands one week_ fled from ↑the↓ D↑ in the same day he was bought_ went to the wood with Isaac refered to above_ stayed there 2 weeks_ and was then captured by being badly shot_ was put in Prison ↑for 1 mo.↓ and Dockered_ then broke jail_ come away_

Henry left his Parents, Bros. & Sisters, all owned by different owners _Henry was first induced to leave because his master would not half feed him, or clothe him, nor could never do enough to please him_ wanted to whip him &c. Henry is 19_ dark_ well made & intelligent.
1_____ Kit Nickless\textsuperscript{123} arrived from King George County, Va where he had been owned by General Washington, Farmer, and a very hard master. The marks of cruel treatments are in the appearance of the marks from the lash are now visible on Kit's back. His owner drank hard, consequently could not be pleased. He left because of beatings rec'd the Friday before leaving. K. is about 45 stout, dark &c.

Left a wife Matilda. Three children as follows: Sarah Ann, Jane Frances, & Ellen. 3 years ago Kit started for his freedom but was captured. was badly flogged &c.

\textsuperscript{123} Kit Nickless joined Henry Banks and Isaac Williams when they fled enslavement in Virginia. See Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 285-86.
Dec. 29/54

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Arrived_ W"m Thompson arrived safely from Horses Cross Roads, Del. where he had been owned Lewis N. Wright, Farmer. He was a very hard master, and owned ten slaves. W"m is of Small Stature_ smart & ↑of↓ chesnut color. Left because he wanted to do better, and because the owner was about to sell him.

1____ Geo. Ross, now John Brown, also arrived with W"m Thom↓pson_ from the same owner. age 26, dark_ intelligent_ “Wanted to do better was the reason of his escape. Left a wife, Luisa. Son Isaac H. His Farther in law is named Dennis Betts. To the Farther in law I am to write for Geo.’s wife to come on. Letter to be directed to Seaford, Del.
Harriet Tubman Dec. 29/54

(6) Arrived_ John Chase, (now Dan. Lloyd), Benj. Ross (now Jas. Stewart) (Henry Ross,) (now Lewis Stewart), Peter Jackson, (now Stanch Tilghman) Jane Kane, (now Catherine K.) Robert Ross

John is 20 yrs of age, chesnut color, spair built, Smart &c He fled from Henry John Camble John Campbell Henry, a farmer, who resided at Cambridge, Dorchester, Md. John spoke of his master as being a hard man_ owns 140 slaves. Some hes sells, occasionally_ The owner would not allow John to Seek his own master_ this was the cause of his escape

Left behind Farther, mother, Bro’s, & sisters, all slaves.

Benj. Is 28 yrs of age, chesnut cl color, medium size, intelligent &c He was owned by Eliza Ann Brodious_ lived near Beecktown_ Cambridge Md.

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124 John Chase, Benjamin Ross, Henry Ross, Peter Jackson, Jane Kane, and Robert Ross are all discussed briefly in Still, Underground Rail Road, 296-99. They all intended to settle in Canada. Still did not note in either his journal or book that the three Ross men were the brothers of Harriet Tubman. See Jean M. Humez, Harriet Tubman: The Life and the Life Stories (Madison: The University of Wisconsin Press, 2004), 219-22.
The Mistress was described as being “very Devilish” ↑ Three slaves finding it being difficult for 3 slaves to support a family of 8 (whites) they had come to the conclusion to escape to save themselves from being sold. ↓ had been threatened

Left Parents, 1 Sister Mary Ann Williams, she wants to come away

Henry Left a wife, Harriet Ann ❧ (Sophia ↓ Brown ❧ She is to be known by now) ❧ He belonged to Eliza A. Brodious He is Smart, 22 yr’s of age, chesnut color, &c. Two little sons, he was obliged to leave behind.

Peter came from Cambridge, had been owned by Geo. Wenthrop, Farmer, who had used him hard. Left Free Parents ❧ He be was born however with before the liberation of his Mother.

Catherine Kane, age 22, owned by Rash Jones ❧ the worst man in the County where in which he lived
at least was so thought to be by Catherine_ who had been very hardly used by him.

Robt. is 35 yrs of age, chesnut color_ well made &c. Left ↑2↓ to childer↑e↓n_ From him a full statement was received but for want of time was not intereded in the book.

1__ Author Fowler↑125 ↓new name Benj. Johnson↓ arrived from Spring Hill, Md. where he had been owned by Ed. Fowler. A. is 30, medium size, dark, seems intelligent, A. was induced to flee because he feared that he might soon fall into the hands of young he↑1↓rs, from whom he could look for nothing but cruelty, and likewise the sale of himself, as theye were noted for their extravagance &c. He Suffered Severely while escaping_ got his feet badly frosted &c.

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125 For further details on Arthur Fowler and his flight, see Still, Underground Rail Road, 305.
Jan. 1st 1855
(1) Arrived_ Verena Mercer\(^{126}\) arrived from Norfolk \(\uparrow\) Richmond \(\downarrow\) per (S. Pa.\(^{127}\)) She is about 41 years of age. well made, dark chesnut color, intelligent &c. She had been a slave all her life. For the last 8 yrs of her life She had been owned by Henry W. Guase Quase\(^{127}\) from whom she had not rec’d very severe treatment.

After her first marriage she her husband was sold away from her_ after remaining single 9 yr’s she married again, a(. James Mercer) who fled last Feb. Altogether She has the appearence of a woman of superior mind_ genteel_ reads & writes &c.

\(^{126}\) Verena Mercer fled Virginia to be reunited with her husband, James, who had departed Richmond nine months earlier. The Vigilance Committee forwarded her to Canada, where she settled with James in Toronto. Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 309.

\(^{127}\) The steamship, *Pennsylvania*. 
Jan. 1st 1854

(1) Arrived Peter Derrickson arrived from Berlin, Worcester Co. Md. Peter is this day 26 yrs of age dark medium size & intelligent Fled from John Derrickson Farmer who owned 20 Slaves was regarded as a middle aged master, Peter left because he got tired of working for nothing wanted the benefit of his own labour. Left his mother 3 Bros. & 4 Sisters, all slaves they knew nothing of the fact of Peter’s Scheme to escape.

(1) Chas. Purnell, came in Company with Peter had been raised near where he was brought up.

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128 Peter Derrickson recruited Charles Purnell to run away with him. They hoped to reach Canada. See Still, Underground Rail Road, 309-10.

129 When asked what made him flee slavery, Charles Purnell asserted that “I left because I wanted my time and money for myself.” Still, Underground Rail Road, 310.
Age 24, dark chestnut color, medium size & smart. Left because he wanted his time & money for himself. Left Parents 3 Bros. & 5 Sisters, all Slaves, but the mother & eldest Sister all the children are intitled to their Freedom at the age of 28.

(1) John Robinson arrived from Black Bird, New Castle Co. Md. had been owned by Wm. Wilson, Farmer, John declared that his master was a very hard man would beat & slash severely. John was induced to leave that he might shun the abuse of his master, and at the same time take care of his wife whom he brought with him.

(1) Mary Ann is the name of the wife she is dark, medium size & age about 19. Free
Jan. 10/55

(2) at one arrival, Lloyd Hackett\textsuperscript{130} new name Perry Watkins & Wm. Henry Johnson\textsuperscript{131}, new name John Wesley. both arrived from Md where they had been owned by Lloyd by John Griffin & Wm, by John Hall. Lloyd is about 55 dark Molato intelligent, and has the appearance of having been a man of sobriety & industry. done more for himself than most who are Liberated as he had been, generally done. His master he describes as having been severe, quite a fighter, but not good to feed & clothes never suffered the slaves to stop for the badest of weather. But would readily sell to Georgia. Lloyd left a wife (Free) and one child, the wifes name is Mary Ann. the child, Wilburn L. left behind, in the possession of his old Master, the following Relatives

\textsuperscript{130} Further details of Lloyd Hackett's flight from slavery with William Henry Johnson are contained in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 310-11.

\textsuperscript{131} Further details on William Henry Johnson are in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 310-11.
1 Bro. 1 sister & 2 nieces.  
The fear of being sold was the cause of their escape. Suffered much in walking & with hunger, otherwise they managed to get on well.  

Wm is 24, dark Molato, well made, intelligent well and is also of the more cultivated order. His master was noted for tyranny and rufness. Wm has suffered from his hands frequently.
(1) Jan. 15/55
Arrived_ David Edmonds\textsuperscript{132} arrived from Petersburg\_ had been \textit{owned} by John J Slatter Coaches Maker, He was a "tall man\_ only allowed him $1.00 per week for board. John is about 30\_ black, weighs about 145\_ Left a wife behind.

(2) Jan. 17
Arrived_ Hesekiah Hill\textsuperscript{133} & James Anderson\textsuperscript{134}, both per st. "P.,"\textsuperscript{135} from Richmond, Va. Hesekiah is 30 yrs of age, well made\_ dark complexion, and intelligent. For 13 months he had been Secreted with fr\'ds in Rich\textsuperscript{9} waiting an opportunity to escape. several times had made attempts to get away while secreted but had failed_.

    His first attempt to escape was induced by having heard that he was about to be sold\_ indeed the Trader had actually made his


\textsuperscript{133} Hezekiah Hill was the uncle of John Henry Hill. Despite nearly escaping by boat several times, Hezekiah hid himself in a space under a floor for thirteen months. A tall and muscular man, his discomfort was enormous. He went on to Canada West, where he settled in Toronto. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 200-02.

\textsuperscript{134} The seven-year old James Anderson fled enslavement with Hezekiah Hill. They both arrived safely in Toronto, Canada West, in January 1856. After the Civil War James settled in Boston. See Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 202-03.

\textsuperscript{135} The steamship, \textit{Pennsylvania}. 
appearence after him a moment being allowed him, to get his coat, he has Seized it. fled, was persued and but not captured. He then resolved to have his liberty if possible. At this time he resided in Petersburg. Walked from Petersburg that night ↑to Richmond↓ and there found frds. To pass minor matt↓ers↓ it is worthy of note to state that Hill had pd. at different times $1900- for himself. ↑Every Dols of which he was↓ But as his owners were irresponsible he was wronged out of, every Dols of what he had pd.

Left a wife Louisa, children↓ Hesekiah Henry & Manuel. All Free. $100_ passage was pd for H.

James is 7 yr's of age, quite a smart, & sensible boy, and is the son of Julius Anderson. with whom Hesekiah was Secreted. He is to come soon.
Jan. 18th 1855

Arrived Geo. Walker, new name Austin Valentine, arrived from Petersburg per St. P. Austin is about 43, 6 feet high, well built, and intelligent. He had been owned by Eliza Jones of Petersburg. Geo. was moved to leave for the reason that he desired to be a free man, had worked in a Tobacco Factory as the Forman. Had been married twice, not being allowed by his owner to keep his first wife by whom he had had 6 children, he was obliged to leave her & take another.

This story is thrilling but time will not allow for it to be fined.


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136 After settling in Toronto, Canada West, George Walker continued to seek his wife who remained in Petersburg. See the letter in Still, Underground Rail Road, 311-12.
137 The steamship, Pennsylvania.
138 Finished.
139 Beverly Good had been prompted to use the underground railroad after a covert local agent had approached him. He settled with his friend, George Walker, in Toronto, Canada West. Still, Underground Rail Road, 311-12.
Bebley left behind a Mother amnd other relatives.

Jan. 20/55
(1) Arrived_ Adam Brooks\textsuperscript{140} new name W\textsuperscript{m} Smith, arrived from Hardtown, Montgomery Co, Md._ Had been owned by John Phillips. The fear of being sold was the cause of his escape. his Mother, Bro. & Sister having had to share that fate only 2 yr’s previous. W\textsuperscript{m} is Small of Stature, black, of pleasant appearance, and intelligent_ According to his storry he had been hard used_ After he escaped into this state he was pursued &c.

\textsuperscript{140} Further details on Adam Brooks and his settlement in Canada are contained in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 312-13.
Jan. 29th 1855

Arrived_ Sheridan Ford\footnote{141} safely arrived from Portsmouth, where he had been held by Elizabeth Brown, single woman.

Sheridan is about 28 yr’s of age_ Dark molato, well built and tall_ First made the effort to escape on the 14\textsuperscript{th} of last Nov._ was induced so to do to keep from being sold_ as plans were then being arranged for the sale_ The first day he passed in the woods, in prayer; that\textsuperscript{↑} night was Secreted, and remained so for 4 days_ two days suffered severly with cold hungar, thirst &c. \textsuperscript{↑}His protector got into a difficulty\textsuperscript{↓} Was seen \textsuperscript{↑}consequently he\textsuperscript{↓} obliged to leave the place where he was first secreted in consequence of his protector\textsuperscript{↑} after passing several mos. in his secluded state he at last found a fr’d who brought him safe here, not without a pretty handsome pecuniary consideration, however\textsuperscript{↑} Of the treatment he had received, as a general thing, he did not very much complain, though,

\footnote{141} Sheridan Ford escaped slavery in Virginia when he was secreted onboard a steamship going to Philadelphia. The Vigilance Committee helped him remove to Boston where he longed to reside. It “must be a pretty safe place for the fugitive,” he said, because he had heard the slaveholders curse it so much. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 67-68. In February 1855, Sheridan sent a letter to Still from Boston seeking his urgent assistance in securing the release of his wife and child from a jail in Norfolk, Virginia. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 42-43.
To use his own language the "best of usage is was bad enough". He had however received a most brutal flogging a while before he left by being tied up by the hands of the overseer.

He left a wife, behind, in Prison having been put there on account of the escape of her husband. She was to be sold. The wife had suffered very severely as a slave had very commonly been flogged had rec'd a cut on her head been starved, &c &c. Her name is Julia and she had two children, but the privilege of the care of the children the mother had never been allowed to enjoy the age 28 yrs privilege of their care of her children.
Jan. 30/55

(1) Arrived Sarah A, Dunagan\textsuperscript{142} arrived from Del. Said She was born free but had been hired out bound out by her Mother to a man by the name of Geo. Churchman, who was cruel to her. Having no one to care for her, she was liable to be sold. A fate which had been threatened her, which was the cause of her escaping. She had been much abused by flogging &c. age 18 yr’s molato, medium size &c. Left her mother living in New Castle Del. Anna Eliza Kingslow alias Dunagan

Jan, 30/55

(1) Arrived Joseph Hall\textsuperscript{143} fr. Son of Joseph Hall of Norfolk. Forwarded.

\textsuperscript{142} Although born legally free, Sarah Dunagan feared that she would never secure that freedom. Thus, she determined to flee north. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 313.

\textsuperscript{143} Joseph Hall is briefly mentioned in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 313.
Feb. 1/55 
(1)Arrived Isaac D. Davis\textsuperscript{144} arrived had been away from Md. for 18 mos. according to his statement, but not feeling to be in great danger, until lately, he had stopped in West Phil\textsuperscript{a} had married a wife &c. recently however he had become allarmed from hearing that his master was on pursuit_ hence his escape_ The masters name was Jesse Clark.

Feb. 7\textsuperscript{th} 1855 
(1)Arrived Jacob Mathias Boyer\textsuperscript{145}, arrived from Annapolis, where he had been owned by Richard Carman ↑(now dead)↓, Cashieer of a Bank, (Now dead) Jacob is about 20 yr’s of age, rather below the medium Stature, dark &c. Left on the 25\textsuperscript{th} of Dec.; the fear of being Sold had prompted him to take to the U.G.R.R.

\textsuperscript{144} After recognizing the peril of remaining in Philadelphia, Isaac Davis sought assistance from the Vigilance Committee, which safely forwarded him and his wife to Canada. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 313-14.

\textsuperscript{145} Further details on Jacob Matthias Boyer are contained in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 314.
(1) Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> 1855
Arrived_ Zachariah Meads<sup>146</sup>, now John Williams, arrived here, from Md. on the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst._ Chescilla Owens was the owner of ZY. He fled from Chescilla Owens with whom he had lived for about 18 yr’s, and to whom he belonged. She is a hard mistress, had at one time owned some 20 slaves; all of whom had fled but 5_ Zacariah is about 20 yr’s of age_ medium size_ seems to be of well disposed turn, intelligent &c. Left Farther & Mother; his Farther being Free, but his Mother a slave. He also left 3 Brothers, in slavery._

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<sup>146</sup> Further details on Zechariah Mead are contained in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 314.
Feb. 27/55
(1) Arrived__ Washington Somlor\(^{147}\) (new name James Moore)__ arrived per "Pa."\(^{148}\), from Norfolk. Washington is about 32 yr’s of age, medium size & intelligent. He had been owned by Benj. Smith, Merchant, for about 18 mos. before leaving__ was induced to leave to keep from being sold__ his master having declared his intention so to do__ His master owned altogether, about 25__ head__ was a he was a very fractious & cruel man__ on one occasion, about 2 mos. before Wash. Left, he had five of the slaves very severely "Cobed" or "padled", by mak__ causing them to be "lashed across a B’ll." __ Whipping with cow hide, women as well as men, were __ a common practice__ a few months ago. Since __ The master was pressed by his creditors, and was obliged __ which caused him to advertise__ to sell his slaves; whether he sold __ all__ or not, Wash. could

\(^{147}\) Further details of the remarkable trials and triumphs of Washington Somlor are contained in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 304-05.

\(^{148}\) The steamship, \textit{Pennsylvania}. 
not tell that he heard however that his wife among those sold however he learned after he left that his wife had been sold was one. She had a young child about 2 yr’s of age it was given to a Neice of the master, hence it was not permitted to go with its mother who was bought by a North Carolinian &c.

Wash. left his owner on the 17th of June/54 and remained secreted in Norfolk for 8 ½ mos. Twice he attempted to come away once on the City of Richmond, and once on the “Pa”. The first time got within 60 miles of here, but in consequence of the Ice was obliged the Boat was obliged to go back. Before it the Boat had left the first time the Boat was Searched closely, and he was got off under the eye of right at the time of the search. the officers were in the act of Searching.

(1) Mar. 1st 1855
To Mrs. Hall, wife of a once an active agent on the U.G.R., Cash aid was rendered.

149 A steamship.
March 7th 1855

Arrived, Mary Epps\textsuperscript{150}, new name Emma Brown, & Joseph & Robert Robinson\textsuperscript{151}. Mary safely arrived, Mary from Petersburg & the other two from Richmond Va.

Mary is 45 yr's of age, dark complexion, round built, intelligent & genteel. She had been owned by Littleton Reeves, deceased, whom she represented as having been kind to her, but her Mistress had always been very hard; being of a Jealous disposition. She caused M. to be hired out with a hard family were she was much abused: had frequently suffered from severe flogging, been stinted for food &c. She had been the Mother of 15 children, 4 of whom had been sold away from her, one is still held in Petersburg, the others are all dead. At the sale of one of her children she grieved was thrown into such a state of grief that she lost her speech for a month in consequence there of; Convulsions was very frequently brought on. Her husband Frances Epps, a slave also, paid $100 for her passage here, hoping that by sending her on head the chance

\textsuperscript{150} Mary Epps was carried from Petersburg on the vessel of Captain Bayliss, a passage for which her husband paid $100. He intended to follow her as soon as he could raise the money. She arrived in Toronto, Canada West, in March and wrote William Still of her safe journey. Once in Canada, she separated from her fellow travelers, Josephh and Robert Robinson. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 74-76.

\textsuperscript{151} Joseph and Robert Robinson fled enslavement in Richmond. After taking the requisite sum from his master's cash drawer, Robert was able to pay Captain Bayliss for his passage and that of his brother. By April 1855, they had arrived safely in St. Catherine's, Canada West. Sometime after their settlement there, they sent a taunting letter to their former masters in Richmond, encouraging them to come and join them in Canada but to be careful along the way. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 76-79.
for himself could the more easily be obtained.

Joseph is near 30 yr's of age, dark orange complexion, medium size, very active & intelligent, with genteel address. He had in the course of his life, been sold on the auction block 3 times, and each successive time had the misfortune to fall into the hands of a cruel master. Consequently he was denied all privileges, Sundays or weeks ↑days↓, alike he was kept lightly or [?]. Had frequently been knocked & beaten shamefully. He was a married man, and spoke highly of his wife though ↑when↓ went he left he did not feel at liberty to apprise her of his movements fearing that it would not be safe so to do. He left behind four little children to whom he seemed ardently attached. He said he stuck to them as long as he could. Geo. E. Sadler was the man whom he was compelled to call master, he was the keeper of an oyster House. The bad treatment which he daily received was the cause of his leaving.
The name of his wife was Betsey

Robert was owned by Slater, the Trader. He is 22 yr’s of age
dark, orange Color, intelligent genteel, & good looking single man.
For eight yr’s he had been employed at the Slave Prison. His duty was
to lock up the Prison, prepare the slaves for sale, &c &c. A very
thrilling description of the treatment of slaves, as in various ways was
detailed. The Custom of Greesing & other modes to brighten the
slaves up for sale was also related. Females as well as males were not
uncommonly stripped naked, lashed flat to a bench and then held by 2
men, some times 4, whilst the Trader would flog them unmercifully
with a broad leather strap; the strap was used in the place of a cow
skin, to keep from cutting the skin, which would spoil the sale. One
hundred lashes would only be a common flogging. The separation
of families was thought nothing of. Robt. had on somes occasions, been
severely flogged for refusing to flog others. He was the “Turn Key” of
the Prison. Most sicking, were the scenes by himself, as he
described them, which he was daily obliged to witness.
March 13th 1855
Arrived Jenkins, from Norfolk. Arrived about 4 months since. He is about 35 years of age, dark, intelligent &. He went directly after leaving to New Bedford, there he meet with an accident by getting one of his hands crippled, which disabled him from work. Consequently he went to a friend of his, living in this City, who gave him the invitation to come on here; that he should be doctored free of charge &. Accordingly, he came, afterwards, however, he had a spell of sickness[?] &c. J.C.W. & W.S. being fully satisfied of the correctness of his story sent him off.
(2)Arrived____ Sam’l Nixion\textsuperscript{152}, new name Thos. Bayne. safely arrived in company with Henry Baker ↑now Chas. Lightfoot↓ both from Norfolk. Sam’l had followed the profession of Dentistry in the service of Dr. C.F. Martin who owned him. As a workman he had gained a good reputation and attended too the principle part of the mechanical department of his master’s large business. Often was allowed to go off at a distance to fulfill his masters engagements. The business being worth $3000_ a year , Sam’l thought that he had been worth at least $1000_ a year to the master. As he could read, write cipher well, and had often to attend to the Books, he concluded that his estimate was by no means exaggerated.

In stature he is rather below the medium size, complexion quite dark, intelligent face, ready talker & of quick motion, age 31. Left a wife, Edna, daughter, Elizabeth both slaves to E.P. Tabb, hardware Merchant of Norfolk. He was

\textsuperscript{152} William Still offers significant additional information on Sam Nixon, or Dr. Thomas Bayne as he newly called himself, in \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 254-59. Bayne was an accomplished dentist in Norfolk and had stated to Abigail Goodwin, a Quaker conductor who briefly housed Bayne in Salem, New Jersey, that “nobody can make a better set of teeth than he can.” Bayne was an active member of the underground railroad in Norfolk and forwarded a number of individuals to Philadelphia. He determined to leave Norfolk in part because he was certain local slaveholders were increasingly suspicious of him. The Vigilance Committee strongly encouraged Bayne to seek safety in Canada, but he doubted that it would afford the level of opportunity he sought for himself. By mid-1855 he chose instead to settle in New Bedford, Massachusetts, where he believed his dentistry practice would flourish—and indeed it did. As black men could vote in Massachusetts, Bayne became an ardent citizen and within four years was elected to the City Council. He was also an outspoken advocate of temperance and regularly participated in antislavery meetings. He constantly pursued further medical and dental education and received numerous professional texts by the mail from Still. With the conclusion of the Civil War, Bayne returned to Norfolk, where he ran for a seat in Congress and was only barely defeated.
not at liberty to make known to his wife that he was about to leave so he left by stealth altogether.

Many Sam’l had helped to gain their freedom, ere he sought his own. The cause of his availing himself of the present opportunity was induced through the fear that he would be arrested if he remained. Several times he had been sold on the Block especially in his younger days had known the smart of the severest abuse.

(1) Ap. 27/55

Arrived John Hall arrived Safely from Richmond, per Sch_ Cap. B. was owned by James Sop Dunlop_ Merchant_ Had been several times sold, but still does not complain had therefore some knowledge & experience of hard usage especially by one of was he cruelly used one of his own owners by the name of Burke_ John & a sister, when young, where sold away by Burke from

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153 John Hall—of very light complexion—determined to flee enslavement in Richmond in concert with an Irish woman, Mary Weaver, with whom he had fallen in love and desired to marry. John left first and soon arrived in Hamilton, Canada West. Mary arrived a number of months later with assistance from the underground railroad. Within a matter of days, they were married. Hall continued to write letters to William Still seeking his help in bringing other enslaved friends out of Virginia. Still, Underground Rail Road, 250-54.

154 Captain Bayliss was a ship captain who carried innumerable fugitives to freedom from Richmond and Norfolk, Virginia. He routinely charged for the service, often commanding as much as $100 per passenger. See Still, Underground Rail Road, 74-75 and “Second Letter” in Still, Underground Rail Road, 252.
their Mother, and he never saw either of them afterwards; he being sold one way and his sister another. For the last 3 or 4 years he had it in his head to seek his liberty. Being “imposed upon an not having his own choice about his living” as he desired to do, was the cause of his escape. He is about 35, yellow, fine looking intelligent, genteel &c well made & tall. Worth $1000 at least His owner held at that. Paid $100 for his Passage, besides other Expences.

(1) May 14/55
Arrived Emory Roberts, now Fred Wm Kemp, arrived safely from Prestkeal, Talbot Co. Md. where he had been owned by Ed. Lloyd. From his Master he said he had received very bad treatment. Had frequently the master was in the habit of using the lash on his slaves of whom he owned. Emory thinks, over 500. As for food the slaves were kept constantly

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155 Further details on Emory Roberts are contained in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 306.
156 Near the Wye River in Eastern Shore Maryland, “Presqu’ile” was a large mansion in Talbot County which Colonel Edward Lloyd V, Maryland’s wealthiest and largest slaveholder in the early nineteenth century, had built for his son, James Murray Lloyd.
stinted.__ Emory was caused to leave to save himself from a threatened flogging which his master had designed to administer to him on the coming Monday.

Emory left a wife, Mary, who hired off on another place. had a mother living. also a Brother & sister. Wm Richardson & Rose Richardson

(1) May 24/55

Arrived. David Payne arrived from Richmond, Va. was advanced in yrs. unwell and &c. Was known by M.W. Morris. Had been sick for a few mo. in this city.

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157 Daniel Payne, an elderly and infirm man, was aided by the Vigilance Committee on his way to Canada. Still, Underground Rail Road, 306.
June 1/55

Arrived (3) Harriet Mayo\textsuperscript{158}, John Judah\textsuperscript{159}, Richard Bradley\textsuperscript{160} all came from Va. H from Petersburg, and the other two from Richmond.

Harriet is 22, tall, well made, intelligent &c and had been owned by James Cuffbert, owner of two more the hard man, his wife still worse. H. had once been sold. Through life has been treated kindly for a slave. She left her mother, Lois Christopher, three Bros., Jos. Mayo, Aaron & Richd. They aided her in making her escape.

John is about 32, molato good looking, well dressed, genteel, & intelligence. Had been owned by Miss Eliza Lambert. By her hired him out for $110 per year. His mistress was hard. In hiring out John she care only for the money, nothing about how he fared.

\textsuperscript{158} Although the entry above on Harriet Mayo indicates that “through life has been treated kindly for a slave,” William Still wrote in his book that she actually “spoke with feelings of much bitterness against her master” who was a “very hard man” and his wife who “was still worse.” However, she did also recall “having been treated kindly a part of her life.” Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 306-07.

\textsuperscript{159} John Judah “was fond of nice clothing” and worked very hard to procure the funds to buy them. He was married to a free black woman who eventually followed him to Canada. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 307.

\textsuperscript{160} Further details concerning Richard Bradley are contained in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 307.
of the abuses of slavery he had seen much but had not felt the it himself. Left a free wife_ Nancy Judah_ She was privy to his leaving and will come on_ Left Farther & Bro. and half a doz. Sisters all free.

Richd is about 27_ black well made good looking intelligent &c. Had been owned by Saml Ball_ very hard man_ would give his servants no chances what ever_ He had long had the idea of escape in his head_ wanted to shun the cruelty which was his lot in Bondage.

Left a wife belonging to Wm Bolden_ her name was Emily_ she was not apprised of the fact of his her husbands leaving.

The above three are all valuable_ Harriet had been sold for 850_ Brought by Cap. B.
June 2/55

Arrived_ (4) James Crummill, Sam'l Jones, Tolburt Jones & Henry Howard arrived safely from Ladies Manor. Havorgford Co. Md. James had been owned by Wm Hutchins, so had Saml. & Tolbert belonged to the same Master. Hutchins, they said their owner was a very hard master, frollicing &c. Henry had been owned by Phillip Garrison Lived Hutchins Farm. Since the death of the old master he had seen ruff usage. Had↑is master had↓ been threatened to sell him south frequently.

All of the 4 are of medium size, quite above average in point of intellect, and seem intell to be of sobour temper↑ment. Left on Wis↓

James M Crummill left a wife, free, named Charlotte. She was privy to her husbands leaving.

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161 These four men and their escape are briefly detailed in Still, Underground Rail Road, 307-08.
162 Probably a reference to Whitsunday, the day celebrating the Pentecost, or Whitsuntide, the week following Whitsunday.
June 2/55
Arrived_ Lewis Chiles\textsuperscript{163} arrived per Sch. From Richmond_ Brought by Cap._ Had been owned by Lewis Hill_ His business was to hire out servants_ Lewis Chiles is stout, 6 ft high_ fine look dark chesnut color intelligent &c. Had been used pretty well with the exception of having been sold several times. He left on the 23\textsuperscript{rd} of Ap. and had been meeting with obstructions up to Last Sunday night. Paid $25_ for his passage. Left a wife, Louisa_ slave_ knews nothing of her husbands intentions of leaving.

\textsuperscript{163} An underground railroad agent in Richmond alerted Lewis Giles to the availability of space on a schooner departing the city, and he availed himself of it. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 308.
June 11/55

Arrived (4) David Bennett, new name Henry Washington, and wife Martha, & their two children, oldest, Geo., youngest 1 month old without a name. From Lowdon Co. Aldee P.O. Had been owned by Capt. James Taylor his wife was owned by Geo. Carter.

The wife’s master was the owner of only two_ but a most brutal man. Flogging Females when stripped naked was common with him_. Martha had been stripped and flogged shamefully after her marriage. David is about 32, his wife about 27, two young children. All hail and “likely” &c

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164 Further brief details on Daniel Bennett are provided in Still, Underground Rail Road, 308-09.
165 The brutality to which Martha was subjected is highlighted in Still, Underground Rail Road, 308-07.
June 19/55

Arrived (2) Henry Washington\textsuperscript{166} new name Anthony Henley safely arrived from Norfolk where he had been held by Seth March; a mild tempered man. Was excessively close, in money matters however. Allowing Henry only $1.50 a week to pay his board and find his clothes for his wife therefore he could do nothing for. Henry is turned of 50 dark, intelligent well made &c. Left a wife, named Polly. Henry left purely because he was allowed no priviledge to do anything for his wife. Had not been treated very ruffly.

Henry Stewart\textsuperscript{167} also came in company with the above named individuals. He left Plymouth N.C. left about a week since. Is 23 yrs of age dark, very intelligent and active, and had been hired out

\textsuperscript{166} Despite the pain of leaving his wife, Henry Washington fled slavery in Norfolk and eventually settled in St. Catherines, Canada West. Still, Underground Rail Road, 260-61.

\textsuperscript{167} After arriving in Norfolk with a pass he had procured, Henry Stewart contacted a local agent of the underground railroad who helped him travel to Philadelphia. From there, he accompanied Henry Washington to Canada. Further details of this young man’s life are contained in Still, Underground Rail Road, 261-62.
for $182 Dols. per year, would bring in the Market $1500. Had been owned by James Monroe Woodhouse, Farmer a moderate man, dident flog, but would not give a slave a cent of money, scarcely, upon any consideration. He left a wife, Martha Bell, and two children, Mary Ann & Susan Jane. He was obliged thought it most prudent not to tell his wife of his designs to escape. Had procured a pass to go to Norfolk, for a week.
June 22/55

Arrived _Wm_ Nelson and _Susan_ his wife, and his son _Wm_ Thomas; also _Louisa_ Bell and _Elias_ Jasper, all arrived from Norfolk, per Capt. B.

_Wm_ is about 40, dark chesnut, medium size, very intelligent member of the Methodist Church, under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Jones. His owner's name was Turner & Whitehead with whom he had served for 20 yr's in the capacity of "Packer". He had been treated with mildness in some respects though had been very tightly worked allowed only $1.50 per week to board ↑& clothe↓ himself and family upon. Consequently he was obliged to make up the balance as he could. Had been sold over. One sister had been sold also. He was prompted to escape because he wanted his liberty was not satisfied with not having the privilege of providing for his family. His value $1000 Paid $240 for himself, wife & child & Mrs Bell.

_Susan_ is about 30, dark, rather above medium size, well made

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168 William Nelson was a deeply religious man despite the pro-slavery orientation of the southern Methodist Church. He settled with his wife, Susan Bell, and child, William Thomas, in St. Catherines, Canada West, and there changed his name to Thomas Russell. Still, _Underground Rail Road, 262-63_.

169 Susan Bell settled in St. Catherines, Canada West, with her husband and child. Still, _Underground Rail Road, 263-64_.

170 Further details on Louisa Bell are contained in Still, _Underground Rail Road, 264-65_. She settled in St. Catherines, Canada West, where she found good employment.

171 Further details on Elias Jasper are contained in Still, _Underground Rail Road, 265_.

good looking, intelligent &c, and a member of the same church to which her husband belonged. Was owned by Thos. Bottimore with whom she had lived for 7 yrs. Her treatment had been a part of the time had been mild. The marriage of her master however made a change. After ward she had been treated badly. Her master to gratify his wife constantly threatening to sell her. 4 of her Sisters had been sold away to parts unknown years ago. Left Father & mother, 3 Brothers & one sister. Still in Virginia living about 100 miles from Norfolk. $1000 was the demand of the owner for Susan & her child 22 mos. old.

Louisa Bell is the wife of a free man. is about 28 chesnut color good looking, intelligent, genteel, and a member of no church. Was owned by L. Stasson, Confectioner. He lot had been terrible on account of the continual threats to sell her. Had once been sold had also had 5 sisters sold besides her Mother. The Louisa was oblige to leave.
two of her children behind_ a boy 6 yrs & a girl 2 ½ yrs_ the boys names was Robt. & the girls Mary. Her husband, James Bell is to come on.  

Elias Jasper is about 32 yrs, about dark, well featured, very gifted with his touunge & hands_ had worked at the following trades_ Rope making, Carpentering, Engineering, Chair making Painting, Mechanist & De Degaurreotyping, at which calling he was employed when he left. For several yrs he had been in the habit of hiring his time for which he had paid $10. per month_ In learning the above trades he was obliged to gain the insight by his own ingenuity_ paying occasionally for a lesson. His Master’s Bayham, a retired gentleman_ Had been sold once Had suffered by various exposures, by flogging, envy, &c. Left a wife, Mary, but no child. Was not at liberty to inform her of his scheme to leave. She is owned by Mrs the Miss. Portlock’s_ Has been used tolerable well_ pays $55_ per year_, washes &c.
He is a member of the Methodist Ch. Often heard his master preach up obedience to the slaves. Value $1200

(1) June 23/55

Mrs. Maria Joiner, arrived per Capt. F., is 33 yr's of age, molato, a fine hearty looking, and intelligent woman. Left her husband, and one Sister. The name of her husband was Peter Joiner. The Sister, Ann. Had not been badly treated until lately, after the death of the old master when she fell into the hands of his daughter who drank and was very abusive, using great violence. For this she was induced to leave. For 8 mos she was kept in private quarters where she suffered severely from cold &c. Owner, Catherine Gordon. Value $800.

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172 Maria Joiner was carried to Philadelphia on the steamship of Captain Fountain where she was stowed away very uncomfortably. For fear of being discovered, she alerted neither her husband nor her sister about her plans. Still, Underground Rail Road, 265-66.
June 29th 1855

Arrived (2) Rich’d Green ↑new name Wm Smith↓ & his Bro. Geo.↑173 arrived from Baltimore where they had been owned by Geo. Chambers. Rich’d is about 25_ his Bro. Geo. 23_ both are well made, rather tall, dark chesnut & color, & intelligente They were caused to escape because they had been denied the priviledge of going to visit their Parents any more.

The master, about 30 yrs ago, when living in Cabot Co. released Dina ↑to her husband↓, (the mother of those boys ) of all claim, and gave her writings signed, & witnessed by his wifes mother, Mary Ann Meed. The masters motives in releasing her however for was merely to get out of [m?] her; Dina being in miserable health with no signs of recovery was a fit subject in the master’s opinion to Set free. He was particular to give the paper of release ↑to So in case the law should require

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173 Further details of the life of Richard and George Green and the travails of their mother to protect them from her former owner are recounted in Still, Underground Rail Road, 266-68.
him to look after her he would be prepared for his defence.

Dinna was then the wife of a slave by the name of Jacob Green_ then owned by Nathan Childs for a term of years only_ after the Farther's times expired, he moved with his wife, Dinna, to Baltimore_ where her health, in the course of a few yrs improved, and she became the mother of another child, boy. The boy grew finely in the hands of his parents, unmolested, until a little over a year ago when

her old master got wind of the existence of the child_ (having himself moved to Baltimore with his slaves_) and very slyly to approach the house taking Geo. with him. He was no sooner in before he wished to know of Dinna whose child was this, fe pointing to the little boy_ ask Jacob was the reply of the mother, the question was then put to the Father, to which he replied: I did not think that you would request any thing like that of him_ he had the priviledge of
Any one he pleased in his house_ “where is he from” inquired the master_ “I have a right to have who I please in my house. He is mine replied the Father_ I am my own man &c: “W replied the slave hunter, I found out whose it is presently I am going to take it home with me seizing the little fellow, at the same time ordering Dinna to put its clothes on, The father by this time had also seized the boy his son, and told the slave holder to take not in that he was not in the country pulling an hauling people about &c. “I will have him or leave my heart blood in the house, was the savage answer of the monster_ He also threatened to shoot the Father_ In the mids of the excitement Geo. called in two officers to settle the difficulty_ He officers inquired of the slaveholder to know what he was doing there_ “I am after my rights, ans’ed the he answered_ this boy” ans’d the master_ Have you ever seen it inquired the officers_ No, said the the master_ How
do you know he belongs to you then”? I believe he is mine” said the savage. All they were then taken before an alderman, Before the alderm The Father owned the child but the mother did not_ The child was then given to its Father_ The master then thought he would gain some satisfaction at least, then claimed the mother; proceedings being thrown in Court nearly 1 year transpired before the trial was concluded. Happily, however, by the mothers having carefully preserved her the release given her, the Court pronounced her free, about two mos. since
July 18/55

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Arrived. Henry Crummell arrived from Baltimore Co., Goughingstown, Md. Had been owned by Wm Roberts, Farmer, and hard master. Had 7 others, all young. Henry left on last Saturday night. Walked to Harrisburg, from thence came on the Burthen train.

  Henry is six feet high, black, 25 years of age face rather inclined to long and spair. Left no wife, nor parents, nor Brothers & sisters_

July 30/55

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Aug. 1st 1855

Arrived_ (8) Ralph Whiting\textsuperscript{176}, James H. Forman\textsuperscript{177}, Anthony Atkinson\textsuperscript{178}, Auther James\textsuperscript{179}, Isaiah Nixon\textsuperscript{180}, Jos. Harris\textsuperscript{181}, John Morris\textsuperscript{182} & Henry Hodges\textsuperscript{183} arrived from Norfolk Va.

Ralf is about 26 yrs of age, 5 ft 10 ins high, dark, well made, intelligent and a member of the Methodist Ch. Geo. W Kemp claimed him as his property. He was a moderate man; and was cashier of the Exchange Bank. He left a wife, slave owned by Mr Weston. Her name is Lydia. Left 2 children EAnna Eliza & Cornelius.

James is 23, dark molato- fine looking, w near 6 feet high. Was owed or held held by James Saunders. Left for freedom sake_ and to Keep by from being sold. Left two Sisters_ besides his Parents.

\textsuperscript{176} The details of the life and flight of Ralph Whiting are repeated in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 269.
\textsuperscript{177} The details of the life and flight of James Forman are repeated in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 269-70. Forman settled in Niagara Falls, Canada West, and by early July 1856 his betrothed, Mariah Moore, arrived in Niagara Falls. They were married on the 22nd of the month.
\textsuperscript{178} Anthony fled Norfolk in the close quarters of a ship’s hold. He settled in Canada. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 270.
\textsuperscript{179} The brief details of the life and flight of Arthur Jones are repeated in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 270.
\textsuperscript{180} The life and flight of Isaiah Nixon are briefly recounted in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 270.
\textsuperscript{181} The life and flight of Joseph Harris are briefly recounted in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 270.
\textsuperscript{182} John Morris suffered horribly during the seven months he was secreted, waiting for the right moment to flee. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 271.
\textsuperscript{183} Henry Hodges was enslaved in Plymouth County, North Carolina, by the same man, Samuel Simmons, as Isaiah Nixon. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 271.
Anthony is about 36, Dark molato, near 6 ft high, well made, genteel, intelligent &c. Was owned by Josiah Weles of Norfolk. Left because he wanted his freedom. Left a wife, no children. Father & one sister & two Bros. A. had been sold three times.

Author is 41, 6 ft high, well made, chestnut color, & intelligent. He was owned by John Jones, Farmer, & of moderate temporement. “I wanted my liberty, said Author,” was the cause of my leaving. Left mother, two sisters & 3 Bros, all slaves.

Isaiah is about 22, Black, smart small &c. He was owned by Sam. S. Simmons, a very hard Master. He left on account of bad treatment, Left a mother & 3 Bros, all slaves,
Joseph is 23 yrs of age, dark well made, sizable, & intelligent. Left David Morris, moderate man. The desire of liberty caused J. to escape.

Left Parents, 3 Bros. & two sisters. Henry left s. Simmons of Plymouth, N.C. He is 23 yrs of age well made &c

[John] is 21 yr’s of age, about 5 feet [?i]ns. [Editor’s Note: number of inches is completely covered by ink blot] dark, &c He had been secreted for 7 mos.

Was owned by Ed. Bloomer. His master was disposed to sell him_ this caused him to leave

Left mother, 1 sister & two Bros. all in Norfolk & Portsmouth. HenryWm. Hodges is about 25 from N.C.
August 2\textsuperscript{nd} /55

Arrived, (2) Robert Jones & wife\textsuperscript{184} arrived from Petersburg, Va. R. is about 35, chesnut color, medium size, genteele & intelligent, and had been owned by Thomas N. Lee, a very hard man._ Left because he wanted his liberty_ always had from a boy \textit{wanted his freedom} Eliza is about 40 yrs of age. chesnut color, nice looking, well dressed &c. she belonged to Eliza H. Riche, who was called moderate woman.

Aug 4/55
Arrived_ ↑(1)↓ Rebecca Hall\textsuperscript{185}, (old name Louisa Harding) R. is 17 yrs of age, molato, nice looking, & seems to be a Smart girl_. Left because she wanted to be free. Had been owned by Lawer Magill

\textsuperscript{184} The life and flight of Robert Jones and his wife, Eliza, to Philadelphia and then to Hamilton, Canada West, are recounted in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 271-72. Once in Canada, Robert became an active correspondent with William Still and described his various efforts to improve himself and the conditions of the fugitives in Canada. In one letter, he detailed how he had created a military company among the local black men and secured the Governor General of Canada West’s sanction for it. It was designated Queen Victoria’s Rifle Guards.

\textsuperscript{185} The life and flight of Rebecca Hall are briefly recounted in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 289.
of Baltimore. Left Mother & 1 Bro. (Moses Harding) the mother was free but the Bro. was not.

(1) Arrived_ John Mackintosh\textsuperscript{186}, arrived from DariAnn\textsuperscript{187} Georgia was owned by Thos Mackintosh. John is 44_ had had a hard times

(1) Aug. 7/55
Arrived_ Chas. Hickman, (new name Robinson) & Geo. Houston both safely arrived from Indian River, Del. Left_ Chas., Henry Hickman & Isaac Houston_ Farmers. Chas. & Geo. were both single. About 6 feet high very aethletic and stout made_ chesnut color &c

\textsuperscript{186} John Mackintosh is briefly mentioned in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 289.
\textsuperscript{187} Darien, Georgia.
Aug. 14/55
Arrived_ Marria Jane Houston\textsuperscript{188}, arrived from Cantwells Bridge Del. She is about 21 yr’s, tall, dark & well made. Lawfully she was entitled to her freedom at the age of 21, but was about to be cheated out of it.

Aug. 15/55
Arrived_ Miles Hooper\textsuperscript{189} safely reached here from N.C. (Federal)_ Fled from Chas. Montigue, Farmer of the ab. named place. Miles is about 23 yr’s of age, dark, not stout, intelligent &c. _ His owner was a hard master. Left parents, living_ also Bros. & sisters_ all scattered_.

(1) Saml Miles\textsuperscript{190} (new name Robt. King) left Henry Miles, Revels Neck, Summersett Co. Md. The

\textsuperscript{188} The life of Maria Jane Houston is briefly recounted in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 289.
\textsuperscript{189} The life and flight of Miles Hooper are recounted in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 290.
\textsuperscript{190} Samuel Miles fled successfully to Philadelphia and then to St. Catherines, Canada West, where he settled. In late August 1855, he wrote William Still about assisting his wife and child to his refuge in Canada. They were both free. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 290.
master had been a fractious man, hard to please &c. Saml is about 31 yr’s. of age, well made, dark, sensible &c. Left because he was denied the liberty of visiting his wife, besides allowed no liberties of any kind. Left a wife, Sarah Miles, one child, Littleton Henry. Free.

James Hinson, new name David Coldwell, Left Cecil Co. Md. a week ago., where he had been owen by Joel Brown, last owner was Jacob Johnson. James was entited to his freedom at the age of 28 yr but his owner had kept him out of it.

He is about 32, well made, intelligent, and gives evidence of possessing much determination of mind.

Left a wife & child, both Free.

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191 The details of the life and flight of James Henson are contained in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 291.
Aug. 16/55

Arrived_ Laura Lewis\textsuperscript{192} arrived from Ky. Louisville Ky. had been owned by a widow lady, Mrs. Lewis, who died last March leaving her property to be divided amongst her heirs. Consequently Lauria with the rest of the slaves were all to be sold. To keep from being sold was what caused her to escape.

Lauria is about 25 yrs of age, of portly stature, molato, intelligent & prepossessing. Certainly has been a highly favored Slave. Several times had been North with her Mrs. &c. Left behind her mother Bro. & sister, living at Louisville

\textsuperscript{192} The life and flight of Laura Lewis are recounted in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 291.
(1) Aug. 17/55
Arrived_ Elizabeth Banks\textsuperscript{193} came from near Easton Md. Left about 2 1/2 yr’s ago. Was owned by James Tomlinson. Until recently Elizabeth had felt herself Secure, but present indications a few days ago being informed that her owner were in persuit she became alarmed & anxious to leave for Canada.
She is about 25 yr’s of age dark, spair built &c.

(1) Aug. 29/55
Arrived_ Simon Hill\textsuperscript{194} reached here from Va._ Is about 25 yrs of age_ dark, modest in his manners and seemed to be intelligent. Left because he was badly treated.

\textsuperscript{193} Elizabeth Banks actually fled enslavement two and a half years earlier and was living in Pennsylvania. Alarmed by reports that her owner was stalking her, she sought help from the Vigilance Committee and was forwarded to Canada. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 291.

\textsuperscript{194} The Vigilance Committee helped Simon Hill go to Canada. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 291.
Aug. 30/55

(1)
Arrived, Frances Hilliard\textsuperscript{195}, arrived safely from Richmond Va. Had been owned by Beverly Blair, of Richmond. was hired out by him a Mr. Green for $70 a yr. Her Clothes and house rent & food he had to find herself, her time she had hired herself. Had been used well. Had been sold 4 times in her life. The cause of her being first sold was owing to the failure of her master. The other times were She was in the hands of the Traders. sold from one to another.

Frances was designed by the traders to be sold for a “fancy Gale”; was dressed handsomely &c. but Frances had to much regard for her husband to consent to suffer herself to comply with they base demands.

\textsuperscript{195} Frances Hilliard was secreted on a steamer departing Richmond by one of the black laborers on the vessel. Upon leaving Philadelphia, she went to Toronto, Canada West, in search of her husband. In a letter she wrote to William Still, she indicated that she was unable to go to him until Still sent her money that she was due from a Mr. Swan. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 288-89.
She is about 29_ orange color, very intelligent, can read, &c.  
Her husband fled last Sep. he escaped from Taits Jail through the  
assistance of his wife.  
Left her mother, Sarah Corbin Sister Maria,  
(2) Aug. 31/55  
Arrived_ Geo. Williams reached here safely.  Came from st. Louis,  
where he had been owned by Isaac Hill, Planter.  Left because he was  
used bad by his Mistress.  He is about 22 yrs of age,  
Chas. Holladay came from Baltimore, owned by Mr. F. smith  
Has seen pretty ruff times.  Is about 22 yrs of age_ Had only about 1  
½ yr to remain_  

196 George Williams encountered Charles Holladay on the road as they were both fleeing enslavement. Further details about Williams are contained in Still, Underground Rail Road, 293.  
197 Charles Holladay walked from Baltimore to freedom in Philadelphia. Still, Underground Rail Road, 293.
(2) Sep. 7/55
Arrived Geo Anthony & Albert Brown (Bros.) from Tanners Creek, within 5 miles of Norfolk. They had belonged to John & Henry Holland, oysterman poor men.

They had much fault to find with their treatment. Their owners being hard & profane men who could never be satisfied. The plan they adopted to escape were as follows. They took one of the small oyster Boats (sale boat) having prevailed upon two other fr’ds to accompany them, and thus sale themselves away. Coming within about 25 miles this side of Baltimore. There they landed not, knowing the danger of that locality. Fortunately however they persued on and succeeded in safely reaching this place. Brave men.

Anthony is 29, Albert 27 yrs of age. Both smart & intelligent.

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198 Brothers Anthony and Albert Brown settled in Hamilton, Canada West, soon after leaving Philadelphia. They found employment in local hotels. They wrote regularly to William Still and especially sought information on their wives back in Virginia. Apparently, by June 1856, Anthony’s wife, Alexenia, had arrived in Philadelphia and he was very anxious for her to be forwarded safely to him in Canada. Still, Underground Rail Road, 291-93.
Both left their wife, free. Anthony’s is named Alexenia Albert’s, Ellen. both live in Norfolk

(1) Sep. 26/55
Wm Govan¹⁹⁹, arrived (per C.B.) from Petersburg where he had been owned by Mark Davis, a gentleman retired_ had been a Negro Trader. Wm is about 33 yrs of age, bright orange color. Left purely because he naturally desired his freedom. In Stature he is medium size, well made & fine look, & intelligent. Valued at $1000.

(10) Ten arrived and were care for during the two last weeks in Sept. while one of the corr[er] [?] was on a visit to Canada.
Oct 1/55

¹⁹⁹William Govan escaped enslavement in Petersburg, Virginia on the schooner of Captain Bayliss. Still, Underground Rail Road, 293-94.
(2)
Mary Jane Freeman & Emily Clark, from Md_ were attended to tickets furnished at Kimberton
(1)
Oct. 6/55
John Williams of Maryland reached here last evening. He is about 25 yr’s of age, smart and intelligent.
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Oct. 7th/55
Arrived Saml Sparrow200 (Peter Matthews old name ↑name↓) arrived from Virginia. He is about 35 yr’s of age, dark, well made and intelligent. He belonged to Wm S. Mathews of Oak Hall near Temperanceville. The master was not a hard man, but the man to whom Sam’l was hired was a very cruel man_ “I might as well been in the Penitentiary”, said he. His name was Geo. Matthews. Sam’l was ↑forced↓ prevented to leave his wife_ not being permitted to see ↑her↓ on account of his employer.

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200 Further details of the flight of Samuel Sparrows are contained in Still, Underground Rail Road, 295-96.
Two weeks before he left he attempted to flog Sam'l, got his Gun and threatened to shoot him, daring him to open his mouth and said he would put the whole load in him, also he took out a large dirk knife & attempted to stab him, but Sam'l managed to keep out of his way. This outrage was brought on in consequence of an unruly ox having broke into a truck patch, which on being turned out was received some chastisement from the vexed servant. The slave however rec’d a pretty severe cudgeling at from the infureated master. This outrage put the spirit of liberty very deeply in the bondman. Consequently the next Sunday, he with $4 in cash, but $1 of which he paid for an old Pistol, he bid farewell to ill usage, working night & day, wife, Bros. & sisters, and started for Canada. on the way
about 200 miles from home he was discovered by a man whom he had once lived with who give chase supposing that he was runing off as doubtless. Many other interesting incidents might be related if time would admit._ In the market he would bring $1000_ (1)

Oct. 24th/55
Franklin Wilson F. left Smyrna Del. a few days Since. He is about 18 yrs. of age orange Color, good looking and Smart. Had been owned by Dr Wm Daniels.

Oct. 25/55
(1) “Bill Paul” alias James Bowlegs 201 Bowleg is a stout young man weighing about 180; sound built, and of uncommon muscular strength: complexion light brown. Quite intelligent. He was born a Slave in the state of Georgia, Ogletop Co. where he was owned D by D’ Thomas Stephens of Lexington. His Mother,

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201 Twenty-six years old when he fled successfully from the Charleston, South Carolina region, James Bowlegs had dedicated the greater part of the preceding six years to escaping and challenging slaveholders. His father was a full-blooded Native American and his mother was a full-blooded African. James was noted for his inordinate physical strength. Unable to read and write, James possessed an extraordinary memory that aided him in his numerous escape attempts. He was also an excellent carpenter and cobbler. Although owners and magistrates often attempted to sell the unruly James, he was fearless before whites and many potential buyers found him too assertive and threatening. By 1855, he had finally made his way to Canada where he often recounted his narratives to rapt audiences. Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 240–42.
Dicy was

Dec. 11

(2) Arrived Delia Cornish from and Henrietta, her Daughter from the Eastern Shore of md.

Sam'l Green_
Persuad after having been in this state for nine years; and after having purchased himself a house & lot was obliged to escape from Hestonville
[Blank]
Oct. 31st Margaret Jones, Mrs. Jones came from Baltimore where she had been held in bondage though not as tightly oppressed as some.

Oct. 31st Wm Edwards, Wm came from Alexander. He is about 22 yrs of age, dark, good looking and intelligent.

Nov. 8/55 (Cut) 11 head in carriages)
Arrived_ Harriet Shepherd of America Co. Md. arrived with her 5 children, as follows: Anna Maria, Edwin, Eliza, Jane, Mary Amanda & John Henry; all hail looking. Her husband, who lived near Chestertown, was left behind.

Harriet left because she did not receive kind treatment from her Mistress, besides her Master’s Father was a “Georgia Trader”, and she was fearful of falling into his hands.

To facilitate their flight the mother

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Because of her audacity in fleeing with so many children in their master’s carriage, Harriet and her children and companions were closely pursued. She was promptly assisted by Thomas Garrett, the indefatigable Quaker conductor in Wilmington, Delaware. He forwarded them safely to underground stations in southeastern Pennsylvania, from which they ultimately arrived in Philadelphia. Once there, the Vigilance Committee wasted no time in placing them on safe trains for Canada. Still, Underground Rail Road, 39-40, 302-03.
with her children, with 5 others helped themselves to their masters horses & carriages (two carriages) and so came – rode into Wilmington, and from thence, after leaving the carriages, were sent on a by way. They 

opportunities for improvement had not been favourable, evidently as was the clearly evidenced by their manners and ways indicated.

Nov. 12/55
(1) Henry Jones arrived from Md is about 19 yr’s of age dark
Sambo, Dull in his manners, large of his age &c sent to N.Y.

(1) Nov. 15/55
Arrived Catherine Pitts, arrived from Berlin, Md, where she was owned by John Pitts who was a hard master and had always used her bad which was the cause of her escape. She is small of stature & quite dark.
Nov. 17/55
Arrived_ (2) Oliver Purnell\textsuperscript{203} & Isaac Fidget\textsuperscript{204}, both from Berlin Md. Had been held by the follow owners: Oliver by Moses Purnell, Farmer, who was tolerable moderate, Slaveholder, but fractious sometimes _ Oliver left because he wanted the earnings of his own hands_ He is about 26, chesnut color_, intelligent and well made_ Left his Parents, 2 Bros. & three sisters, all slaves and owned by the Same man that he fled from.

Isaac is about 30 yrs of age, dark, of ordinary intelligence &c He left hoping to find his wife who left last Spring, since which time she has not been heard of since of_ He was owned by Henry Fitget, a lady, she wus con considered kind_ used her slaves as well as the most of slave owners are accustomed to do

\textsuperscript{203} Further details of the life of Oliver Purnell in slavery are contained in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 342.
\textsuperscript{204} Further details on Isaac Fidget are contained in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 342-43.
Nov. 20/55

(21) at one arrival_ arrived from Norfolk, per Cap. F.\(^{205}\), the following passengers_ Allan Tatam\(^{206}\), Daniel Car\(^{207}\), Michael Vaughn\(^{208}\), Thos. Nixon\(^{209}\), Fredrick Nixon\(^{210}\), Peter Petty\(^{211}\), Nathaniel Gardner, John Brown, Thos. Teamour, James Foster, Godfrey Scott, Willis Wilson, Nancy Little, John Smith, Frances Haines, David Johnson, Phillis Gault, Alice Jones, Ned. Wilson Sarah C. Wilson\(^{212}\).

Alan is about 30 yrs of age medium size, dark, intelligent and appears ef to be of moral habits. For the last 14 yrs had been owned by Lovey White, a widower, 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.

\(^{205}\) Captain Fountain was an antislavery ship captain who operated a schooner between Chesapeake-region ports such as Norfolk, Petersburg, and Richmond, and Delaware River ports such as Wilmington and Philadelphia. In 1854, both an Abraham and a John Fountain worked in Philadelphia as ship carpenters. Many of the enslaved in these towns, especially those who worked on or about the wharves, knew of his services; some were even willing to pay for his assistance. He was responsible for covertly transporting a large number of fugitives to Philadelphia. His efforts were unusually perilous, and on several occasions, he was challenged by local southern authorities who were determined to uncover slaves they were certain were secreted on his vessel. While in the port of Norfolk with fugitives hidden on his ship, Captain Fountain’s vessel was subjected to a close inspection by the town’s mayor and a number of his officers. They speared the wheat with long lances and hacked at the floorboards with axes in search of fugitives, but the composed Captain successfully deflected them from the fugitives’ coverts. At one point, he even assisted them with the chopping. They soon left grumbling, and he sailed away with his precious cargo. Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 165-68.

\(^{206}\) These details of Alan Tatam’s life are recounted in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 168.

\(^{207}\) The life and perilous flights of Daniel Carr are recounted in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 168-69.

\(^{208}\) Michael Vaughn sorely missed his wife and child after his escape. After leaving Philadelphia, he settled in New Bedford, Massachusetts from where he wrote William Still seeking assistance for the escape of his wife and child. Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 169-70.

\(^{209}\) These details of the life of Thomas Nixon in slavery are recounted in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 170.

\(^{210}\) Frederick Nixon fled slavery in large part because of how it so brutally separated him from his wife and child. Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 170.

\(^{211}\) The details of the life in slavery of the very devout Peter Petty are recounted in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 170-71.

\(^{212}\) The balance of the individuals transported by Captain Fountain were not discussed in Still’s volume but he did observe that “[a]mong them were some good mechanics—one excellent dress-maker, some “prime” waiters and chambermaids; --men and women with brains, some of them evincing remarkable intelligence and decided bravery, just the kind of passengers that gave the greatest satisfaction to the Vigilance Committee.” Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 168.
and find his own clothes. He was prompted because he disliked 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.

Daniel is about 38 yrs of age, dark molato, well made, intelligent and manly in his appearance. He had belonged to a man by the name of John C. M^cBole ↑steam mill↓ of Plymouth N.C. By M^cBole he had only been owned 2 yrs. M^cB having paid $1150 for him. A

Before M^cB bought him he had lived in Portsmouth Va. where he had been raised. Since he had been sold. In life, a part of the time he had been used hard. Since after being sold to N.C. he made unsuccessful attempts to escape for which on one occasion especially
he was stripped naked and flogged severely. For 3 months he prior to his last escape he fled to the swamp and their surrounded with snakes, wild cats, Bears, Coons &c.&c. remained till his chance offered to come north. He had a wife in Portsmouth before he was sold, was after he was taken to N.C. he only was allowed the privilege of visiting her once. Being thus debared he resolved to escape. His wife has three children, all are slaves _ The wife, Hannah,; children, Sam, Daniel & the babies _ he never saw_ it name he does not know. Member of the Methodist

Michael is about 31 yrs of age, rather stout, quite intelligent, dark &c. He left because his Mrs. was a very disagreeable woman. For all his life he had belonged to her_ But for
the the last 8 yr’s he had hired his time annually_ at $120_ a year for part of the time, having to find his board, clothing and all of the Expences_. Had a wife & one child, who were slaves, but not to the same owners to whom he belonged_. Had to leave without feeling at liberty to apprise his wife of the fact of his being about so to do; as he could do nothing for her he feared if he told her it might create an excitement. Her name was Esther. Worked in a Foundrey __________

Belonged to the methodist ch. His Mistress was a member of the Baptist Ch.

Thos. is about 19 yrs of age, quite Black, and quite sensible, He left because he had got tired of staying with his owners; fearing that they might sell him he concluded to
take such steps as would save them the trouble. His owners were not so bad about whipping but was very close, did not want to allow servants any chance to make anything extra. His owner was named Bockover. He was a wholesale grocer, and lived no. 12 Brewer st. He had left behind, his Mother & 3 Bros. his Father he never saw being sold away when he was a little boy. Member of the Methodist ch. His owner also belonged to the same ch.

Fredrick is about 33 yrs of age, dark, medium size, well made, smart & a member of the Methodist Ch. He fled because his owners wanted to work him hard without allowing him anything. As to usage he had been used rough especially in his younger days. His own owner was a Mr;
Bockover. merchant and a member of the Methodist Church. He left his wife, Elizabeth and 4 Children. They were living in Eatontown N.C. He had not seen them for nearly 1 year, nor had he any prospect of being united with her should he have remained. Since he was first separated from his wife three years had elapsed.

Peter is about 24 yrs of age, of slender make, pleasant countenance, genteel manners, intelligent and active. He had been owned by Jos. Bonkley, Hair inspector, rude, roudeish in his habit, deceitful and Slye would readily sell his slaves. P. left because of “hard bonage, something like the children of Israel.” For his hire he was compelled to pay $156 per annum. Even when he lost time by sickness or rainy days he was obliged to make up all that time.
besides find all his clothes &c. He left a wife, Eliza and child Vina Louvina, and child Eliza slaves. He could told his wife of his ententions to which he agreed. He left Parents, all the 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 the Peter belonged to the same church. Specman of Preaching: “servants obey your Masters” – “Good servants makes good masters” – “when your mistress speaks to you don’t pout out your mouths” – “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 out brake and which resulted in the braking up of the meeting

Phillis Gault.

(1)

Boy_ Thanksgiving Day Nov. 22/55

Arrived_ Ann Maria Whims^1^, now Ellen Capron, arrived this day from Washinton, though the aid of D_y_ She ↑is↓ about 15 yrs of age, bright moloato, well grown, smart and good looking_ For the last 3 yrs or about that length of time she had been owned by Chas. M. Price, Negro Trader, of Rockville Md. Mr. P. is given considerably to entemperance and great profanity_. Buys & sells many Slaves in the course of the year. His wife is a cross, pevish & fretfull woman_ one little boy, ph slave, she used to take great pleasure in taurtur↑ing_ He was the son of His master, which ↑and↓ was owned by him_ this was the cause of the Mistress’ spite.

Ann Maria had always desired her freedom from childhood, and though

^1^ The narrative of Ann Maria Weems is recounted at length in Still’s Underground Rail Road. A very precocious child, she had long impressed many adults in her community, some of whom opposed slavery. James Bigelow, an attorney in Washington, D.C., secured both funds to finance Ann Maria’s flight as well as the assistance of the redoubtable Dr. H___, who would transport her from Washington to Philadelphia. Once all was in place, they exploited an opportunity for her to journey the brief distance to Washington and she was hidden in a pre-arranged location. Dr. H___ then met with her and not only prepared Ann Maria to appear servile with him, but explained that he would have her travel as his slave boy, Joe. She assented, tried on the clothes he had brought with him, and learned her lessons on boyish demeanor well. The transformation was remarkable, and within a few days, Dr. H___ and “Joe” departed. She was immediately missed and a search undertaken for the young woman. The ruse worked flawlessly. They completely fooled the master of one household where they spent the night. Once she arrived safely in Philadelphia at William Still’s house, numerous visitors came to the house to marvel at her ingenious transformation. She quickly gained fame in abolitionist circles and Lewis Tappan forwarded the money for her journey to New York City, a passage she made as a boy. In New York, she stayed in Brooklyn with the family of the Reverend Amos N. Freeman, a black Presbyterian minister. From there, she was carefully forwarded to the Buxton Settlement in Canada. Still, Underground Rail Road, 177-89.
not 13, when she was first advised to escape, she receive the suggestion with approval and even after then wanted almost daily to hail the chance to flee. Her fr’ds of course were to aid, and make arrangements for her. For a long time, that she might have no chance to escape, she was kept sleeping in the chamber with her Master & Mistress indeed was so keep until about 3 weeks before she left. She left a mother living in Washington also 1 Bro. & one two sisters. Three of her Bros. were sold from their Parents, South. Her mother was purchased for $1000, and one of her Sisters for $1700 for freedom. Before Anna Maria was 13 yr’s of age $700 was offered for her, by a fr’d who desired to procure her freedom but the offer was promptly refused as were succeeding ones repeatedly.
Consequently the only chance of procuring her freedom depended upon getting her away on the Underground R.R. It should be stated however that, to prevent her from making her escape, she was neatly attired in male habiliments, and in that way came all the way from Washington.

Nov. 29/55

Mrs. Phillis Gault\textsuperscript{214} Phillis came from Norfolk in Company with twenty others, arriving in this City about the 21 st. inst., she is about 30 yr's of age; well made; quite intelligence; molato, good looking, & a good Semtress withal. She was induced to Escape to save herself from being sold. The death of her husband with the Fever also left her lot more sad than even before, especially as he had encouraged her to believe that he would buy her soon. She had been married about 11 yr's, but had but one child in the maintime, and it did not live. Once She

\textsuperscript{214} Phyllis Gault was an accomplished dressmaker in Norfolk who nevertheless lived in fear of being sold. She was all the more ready to flee when her husband died. Aided by Captain Fountain, this "industrious, upright, and intelligent woman" escaped to Philadelphia, where the Vigilance Committee helped her relocate to Boston. By early 1858, she was well-settled there and lived on Beacon Hill. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 171-72.
had been sold, but not out of Norfolk. She had also witnessed the painful sight of seeing 4 of her sister’s children sold on the auction Block, on the death of their mother. This sight as Phills, says brought a “great horror over” her. She left a her mother ↑ & 1↓ Bro. living in Norfolk_ The mother is Free but not the Brother.

(2) Dec. 2/55
Arrived_ Thos. Jervis Guesberry215 and Wm. Thos. Freeman216 (now Eezfiel Chambers _) left Chestertown, Md., in Company with 9 others_ came in a carriage to Wilmington &c. and thus safely arrived. Thos. is about 17 yr’s of age, stamers in his Speech, is quite dark in complexion and pretty active. He had been owned by Sarah Maria Perkins, of Chestertown, who was tolerably kind

215 Thomas Jervis Gooseberry escaped with Harriet Shepherd (see pp. 220-21 above) in the carriage she had taken from her master’s home. Upon the urgent directives of the Quaker conductor, Thomas Garrett, Thomas separated from her in Wilmington and took a different route to Philadelphia. Still, Underground Rail Road, 302-03, 339-40.

216 William Thomas Freeman accompanied Thomas Jervis Gooseberry and Harriet Shepherd on their flight from slavery in Chestertown, Maryland. The Vigilance Committee sought to impress the young William and Thomas “with right ideas as to how they should walk in life...and sent them off with a double share of advice.” Still, Underground Rail Road, 302-03, 339-40.
to her servants, but she hired them out to a man who treated them cruelly. To escape bad treatment therefore they fled. Thos. left  
his Farther Thos. Guseberry, and 3 sisters_ Julia Ann and Mary Ellen Bright and Katlen Bright. They are Slaves.  
Ezekiel is about 16 yr's of age_ chesnut color, nice looking, smart and intelligent and well grown of his age. He left because he was  
"treated pretty bad by his Mistress_ He was owned §e by John Dwa, Farmer, and a hard drinker and very abuseful when intoxicated_  
Ezekiel had a Mother but he had [not] had the priviledge of seeing her for a long time_ she lived in Baltimore, and is known ↑by↓ the name of Darkus Denby  Ezekiel left no Brothers or sisters.
Dec. 6/55  
(1)  
Arrived_ Henry Hooper\textsuperscript{217}, age about 19 yr’s, arrived safely from Md and was duly forwarded.

1855  
(3)  
Dec. 8\textsuperscript{th}  
Arrived_ Henry Thomas\textsuperscript{218} (old name Jacob Hall) and wife, Henrietta\textsuperscript{219}, and their child came from Ladies Manor Md. Henry had belonged to Major Wm Hutchins, Farmer, & Commissioner, & Drunkard_ withal a hard master, especially when under the influence of liquor. Henry’s desires to work for himself, prompted him to leave. He is about 24 yr’s of age, Chesnut color, medium size and of ordinary intelligence for one of his class.

Henrietta had been owned by

\textsuperscript{217} William Still believed that he had written down more notes about the life of Henry Hooper, but that the sheet containing the information had likely been lost. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 340.

\textsuperscript{218} Jacob Hall is the name William Still used for this individual. He was dedicated to freedom and self-employment and would not leave without his wife and young child. He fled from Ladies’ Manor, Maryland. Although they had to pass through unknown and dangerous terrain, the horses they rode for the first night and the friends they found along the way proved invaluable in their reaching Philadelphia. They planned to travel to Canada. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 340-41.

\textsuperscript{219} Henrietta also concluded that there was no way to improve her condition short of escape. She fled with her husband, Jacob Hall, and young child from Ladies’ Manor, Maryland. Friends and advisors along the way delivered them safely to the Vigilance Committee. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 340-41.
Sarah Ann McGough, whom though was an uncommonly hard woman. She could not be pleased, however much her servant tried to do so. She also drank which made her worse. She had sold a Bro. & sister of Henrietta’s, and had taken steps for the sale of H. herself, by having her praised. Consequently, as her mother had many years before, escaped to Canada, she thought she would go also so the husband & wife with their child not wishing to walk all the way took a horse a piec and road one night, and afterward took other conveyances on the U.G.R.

Dec. 10/55

(2)

Arrived. Two men from near Chester town, md. came to Wilmington in a one hose wagon and through the aid of T. G. was sent on. (The account of the taken on a lose piece of paper has been accidently lost.)

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220 Might be rendered as “horse a piece,” a reference to horses they took to aid their flight.
221 William Still noted the arrival of these two men in his book, but had no further information on them. Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 341.
222 Thomas Garrett (1789-1871). A Quaker who resided in Wilmington, Delaware, Garrett had been an ardent abolitionist throughout his life and was an unrelenting conductor on the underground railroad. He regularly coordinated his activities with the Vigilance Committee in Philadelphia and pointed fleeing fugitives to them and their representatives. In 1848, he was convicted of aiding fugitives and the penalty bankrupted him. But within a short time, his iron tool workshop was restored and he had regained his solvency. Garrett was also an ardent proponent of women’s rights and was active in their conventions in the 1850s and ‘60s.
Dec. 13/55
Arrived_ Fenton Jones\textsuperscript{223} arrived from Bethesda Fredrick, md. Stopped awhile with Soloman Lukins near Ercildown.

Dec. 19.
Arrived_ Mary Mary Curtis\textsuperscript{224} arrived from Md. (Baltimore), was induced to escape to keep from being Sold. She is about 19 yr's of age small size, dark complexion &c.

Dec. 20/55
Arrived_ Wm Brown\textsuperscript{225} arrived after a wearisome & perilous Journey travelling and suffering accessibly by the way while coming 5 weeks_. He is of a dark chesnut color, well made, expert intelligent &c. The threat of his owner to sell him only a short time before he left, was what moved him to escape_ Being spirit the master was not permitted to flog him whenever he though he deserved it, consequently, he was not willing that his bade Example

\textsuperscript{223} After fleeing slavery in Frederick, Maryland, Fenton Jones stopped in Ercildoun, Pennsylvania, to work for Soloman Lukins. He soon apprehended danger and was advised to go promptly to the Vigilance Committee in Philadelphia. Fenton was then “dispatched forthwith to Canada.” Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 341.

\textsuperscript{224} William Still briefly mentioned Mary Curtis in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 341.

\textsuperscript{225} William Brown was an extremely intelligent young man who suffered so severely from exposure when he fled enslavement that he seriously considered returning to his master. Yet his dedication to freedom prevailed. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 341-42.
in refusing the flogging Should longer continue to currupt the morals of the other slaves, therefore proposed the selling remedy. Wm however proposed in his own mind to try the Underground Rail Road. His masters name was Wm Elliott, Farmer, living in Prince George’s County near Queen Ann, He was not regarded as amongst the hardest of master, though by no means a good one. Wm left his Father, Grand mother, 4 Sisters & 2 Bros. all living where he came from. With the cold, Wm Suffered exceedingly on the Road.

[Editor’s Note: Insert hand with pointing finger here]

James Griffin new name Thos. Brown came from Baltimore. was moved to seek his freedom to keep from being sold. His masters Creditors being about to inter up against him. James is about 31, chesnut color, fine looking

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226 William Still refered to this individual in his book as James Griffin. With his master under pressure from creditors, James was given several days leave to find a new master in Baltimore. He determined to strike for freedom in the North instead. After unsuccessfully seeking aid from underground railroad agents in the city, he began walking alone towards Pennsylvania. Once he reached Columbia in the free state, he found much more aid and was quickly forwarded to the Vigilance Committee in Philadelphia. They supplied him with all the necessary information for reaching Canada safely. Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 314-15.
Intelligent & prepossessing. The Monday before leaving his master gave him the privilege to hunt himself a new master, consequently James felt that while he had a few days grace he had better seeking a home where he could be his own Master, according he started for the North. Walked dilligently all night (the first night) wearing his feet very sore though he would not give up Consequently by persevering he won the race.

His master's name was Joshua Hitch, Farmer, hired 17 miles from Baltimore &c He was regarded as a mild man, though given to drinking. Unfortunately he had involved himself largely, so that there was no chance of his escaping the sherriff being sold out. He was about 50 yrs of age though had never been married. He lived as with one on or two of his slave woman by whom
he had children. He had three Slave woman, two were sisters, all of whom he lived with as his wives. Two of them especially he was very fond of; one was the housekeeper; by her he had two children the oldest 8 & the youngest in his 7th yr. The name of his wives were Nancy & Mary Polk, (Mulatoes) and Lizibeth Winder. Elizabeth he had consented might be sold, the other two he was loath to part with. Perhaps however it would be out of his power to save them from his creditors.

James had had a wife but 2 yrs ago she was sold to N.C. since he had only had 3 letters from her, never expects to get any more. 2 little boys he was obliged to leave in Baltimore. Edward & Wm Dec, 55

(1) Wm Jordon new name Wm Price, was owned in N.C., Bertie, by Gov.

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227 While life was hard on the Governor's plantation, William Jordon finally decided to flee when the Governor denied him the privilege of visiting his wife after having earlier promised him the ability to do so. After long concealment in his cave in the woods, a friend alerted William that Captain Fountain would carry him to Philadelphia for a price. William soon departed for Wilmington, Delaware, where he worked for several weeks. Thomas Garrett, the Quaker abolitionist, then gave him money for passage on the steamship by it is likely that he left for New Bedford, Massachusetts, from Philadelphia. Still, Underground Rail Road, 129-31.
Bradge. With the Gov. he had lived only 12 months. He came by Wm through his wife whom he had recently married, she being his 3rd one. Her name was Mary Jordon before marrying the Gov. The master & mistress were both Rich, owning large numbers of Slaves. They were likewise severe. Would stint their slaves very much for food & clothing, though did not flog as awfully as some of their neighbors. The master had Plantations, and raised Cotton, Corn & Pease. He would come time come on the Plantation in the morning and watch them till dinner, hurrying them up.

Wm it must be restated had been bought by from Bertie to the west, the Residence of the Gov. When he was required to leave Bertie, the place of his nativity he was promised that he might have chances could make a little money and occasionally have the liberty of going
home. But before he had been in his new home, at in the west a great while, he was told that he could not go see his friends, and said if he "had said so" he "did not mean so." Consequently W"m thought he would try and escape; running the risk of being defeated &c. For 10 mos_ he took up his habitation in the woods & swamp↑s↓ Three months living in a cave dug by himself expressly for his own accommodation. Bears, wild cats, coons &c ↑as neighbors↓ were numerous all around him but he feared them not_ "feared nothing but man". Likewise Snakes_ the Rattle snake & others were very common_ He procured his food after night_ would go out after night and get his Pig &c; from other he would get things also_ Finally he acquainted with a certain Capt. W who sheart could be trusted, and accordingly they brought
him a way_
   Wm is about 25_ very stout and solid built, dark &c.

Dec.24/55
(1) Mrs. Judah wife of Mr. Judah who fled some months back from
Richmond.  She was free but he was not.
(1) Dec. 25/55
Arrived_ Joseph Cornish228 arrived from Dorchester Co. Md.  He is
about 40 yrs of age, quite dark, age about naturally intelligent, and
well built_ As a slave he has been worked hard_ and
For about 7 yrs he has been an acceptable preacher in the
African Methodist Church_ was respected by the respectable, white
and colored, in the neighborhood_ and but to escape from being sold
he would not have left.  He left a wife and 5 children_ they are all free
Jos_ was owned by

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228 Joseph Cornish, a preacher in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, worried about fleeing because he feared his flock of parishioners would be left without a shepherd. Save for his grave fear of being sold, he would not have left. Still, Underground Rail Road, 334-35.
Samuel Lecount, Captain in the Navey. He was **ad** very hard on his servants, allowing them no chance to make a little for themselves.

(1) Dec 30/55
Arrived _ Lewis Frances_ (Lewis Johnson) aged 27, medium size, well made & good looking, and intelligent, reached here on the 29th inst., from Baltimore. He is the property of Mrs. Delmas of Abington, Harford Co. Md., From a Boy Lewis has been hired and in the employ of James Anderson, Barber, of Baltimore. Out of his yearly wages Lewis was allowed only $250_; $8_ per month was exacted by the Mistress_ though she fund him no clothing. Of late yr’s she had been dissatisfied with his wages and had talked strongly of selling him unless he got higher

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229 Lewis Francis fled successfully to Philadelphia and the assistance of the Vigilance Committee. Still, Underground Rail Road, 335.
Crossing the Potomac
On Horseback

[Editor’s Note: Above phrase is on a piece of paper attached to the top of page 232 which blocks out most of the page’s first three lines but the balance of the text is visible. On the microfilm, there are two pages for 232, one with the attached paper and blocked lines and a second with the paper removed and the text complete. Editor inserts the complete text on the following page.]
 Jan 2\textsuperscript{nd} 1856

Arrived_ Robert Brown\textsuperscript{230}, new nam[e] Thos. Jones, arrived safely from Martinsburg, Va. Robert is about 38 yr’s of age, molato, medium size, prepossessing in appearance & intelligent. In making his flight he took a horse and sadle with him, and swame the Potomac River on the horse_ after riding all night_ the weather exceedingly inclement and stormy, he left the horse near Messursburg, Pa., and afterwards walked to Harrisburg_ wearing his feet very sore.

Some time previous to his escape the master of Robert’s wife through lust wished to cohabit with Roberts w her, but not succeeding in his sensual designs became angry with her; and for spite sold her and her children. They had 4 children the oldest 11 & the youngest 8 m\textsuperscript{es}. ↑weeks↓ old_ Robt. escape is attributable to the grief

\textsuperscript{230} Robert Jones fled on Christmas night and suffered extreme exposure to cold and ice during a perilous crossing of the Potomac. The last few days of his flight, he walked to Harrisburg. Once he reached Philadelphia, he revealed not only the locks of hair from each of his children and his wife, but a daguerreotype of her as well. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 120-22.
he suffered from the sale of his family. Robert was the slave of Col. John F. Hamtsance of Martinsburg. He was intemperate, and his tempered very passionate. His wife was named Sarah. “She was cruel to all her servants.” They could not live with her. She had to hire servants. A lock of hair, of each member of his family he brought with him.

Samuel Garrett—old name Alexander Munson, left Chester town, Md. He 18 yr’s of age chesnut color, well grown, well formed intelligent &c. according to the will of his he was entitled to his freedom, but the man who had him in hand as well as his other relations made a practice of selling his those entitled there before they came into possession of it. Two who were intitled to they free[dom] had been Sold to alabama, without hope of freedom.

January 3rd 1856

(2)
Arrived, Anna Scott, an elderly wife of Samuel Scott, with her husband fled from Cecil Cross Roads Md. Had been owned by Anna Elizabeth Lusby, widow; She was a woman of high temper and very severe with her servants allowing them but very few privileges indeed. She is well off owning about 15 slaves on her Farm and hired out together. Several of her slaves she sold to Georgia. Anna’s Bro. & sister she sold likewise.

Anna is about 21 yr’s of age, of a bright brown color, medium size, intelligent and of prepossessing manners.

Her escape was caused to escape to keep from serving in the house of her Mistress, having formerly for several yr’s been hired out.

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232 Anna Scott and her husband, Samuel, hoped to find a new home in Canada. Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 336.
Anna’s husband fortunately was free. She left her Farther (Jacob Trusty) and 7 sisters & two Bros. names of the sisters, Emeline, Susan, ↑Ann,↓ Deliah, Mary Eliza, Rosetta, Eifs Ellender ↑&↓ Elizabeth Bros., Emson & Perry.

January 10/56

(1)

Arrived__ Isaac Stout\textsuperscript{233}, old name Geo. Washington Guseberry, arrived from near New Castle, Del. He escaped from Anthony Rybold, Farmer, Mr Rybold was counted a hard man. Isaac was moved to escape purely for his freedom.

He is about 23 yr’s of age, medium size, well built, and quite black

\textsuperscript{233} William Still refers to this man as George Washington Gooseberry. George took advantage of the Christmas holiday to flee. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 337.
Jan’y 12/56

To Cash to Isaac Stout $2.50
" Rent 4.19
" Porterage 25

Jan’y 15th/56

(1) Arrived, Wm Henry Laminson\textsuperscript{234} Came from near New Castle Del. Where he had been owned by Frances Hawkins, whom Wm spoke of as a severe man. He is about 21 years of age, medium size, chesnut color, and seems smart. Left a wife, to whom he had been married only 1 month. Her name is Mary Ann.

\textsuperscript{234} Other details of the flight of William Henry Laminson are contained in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 336-37.
Good Jan. 16th 1856

(5) Five at one arrival. Barnaby Grisby\textsuperscript{235}, new name John Boyer, and Mary Elizabeth\textsuperscript{236} his wife; Frank Wanser\textsuperscript{237}, new name Robt. Scott, Emily Foster\textsuperscript{238} new name Anna Wood all Came in Company from Landon Co. Va. on horse back & in carriage together for about 150 miles.

They left home on Christmas Eve, Monday, and arrived at Columbia the following Wednesday about 1 o’cl. They were hindered with very severe weather, though they travelled day & night. When about 100 miles from home, in the neighborhood of Cheat River, Md, they were assailed by 6 men & a boy who resolutely demanded of them to give account of themselves. wanted them to show what right they had to travel there as they were doing

\textsuperscript{235} Barnaby Grigby journeyed with his companions to Toronto, Canada West, where he settled with them by late January 1856. Barnaby chopped wood for employment. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 124-27.

\textsuperscript{236} The fearless Mary Elizabeth Grigby settled in Toronto with her companions where she worked as a seamstress for employment. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 124-27.

\textsuperscript{237} Frank Wanzer was the acknowledged leader of the group. While \textit{en route} to Canada, Frank and the others stopped at an underground railroad station in Syracuse, New York. Frank and his fiancé, Emily Foster, decided to wait no longer and were married in Syracuse by the Reverend Jermain Loguen, renowned former slave, abolitionist, underground railroad conductor, and African Methodist Episcopal Zion minister. Despite his safe settlement in Toronto, Frank remarkably returned to Virginia again in the summer of 1856 to rescue his sister and other friends from slavery. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 124-29.

\textsuperscript{238} Emily Foster married Frank Wanzer after they had stopped for several days in Syracuse while \textit{en route} to Canada. Along with Mary Elizabeth Grigby, she labored at sewing in Toronto. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 124-27.
They Fugitives being strongly armed and determined on to gaining their liberty or death, resolutely drew their Pistols (double barrelled) and said they would not be taken_ said that no gentleman would attack persons travelling as they were_ as the leader amongst the Fugitives “pulled back the hammers” of his Pistols, and the two young women_ one with a Pistol & large derrk & the other a derrk, resolutely showed a disposition to defend themselves which had the effect to intermedate their persuers_ hence they escape_ though not without many other difficulties

Barnaby was owned by Wm Rogers_(Farmer) who was considered a moderate slaveholder_ though had of late addicted become addicted to intemperance. The was the owner of about a Dozen or 14 Slaves_ He had a wife & two children_
Barnaby’s chances of making anything for himself was not favorable_ of nights he was only allowed to make something for himself. He was prompted to escape to because we he wanted to live by the sweat of his own brow_ though all men ough So to live_ hence he fled to that he might occupy that position.

Mary Elizabeth had been owned by Towse†n†d M‰Vee_ farmer. He was severe but his wife was charged with making him so_ He owned some 25 slaves_ He hardly allowed them them to talk_ would not allow them to raise a chicken_ only allowed Mary 3 Dresses in a year_ the rest they got as they could. Some times he would sell_ Last year he sold two His wife was she could not say anything good for her Mistress she knew no mercy no shewed no favour. Mary left because of the
of the domineering character of her Mistress.

Frank_ was owned by Luther Sullavin_ “the meanest man in Va”. He treated his people just as bad as he could in every respect”_ “would ‘lowance the Slaves”, and “stint them to save food” & to get “Rich_” & then sell them_ whip them &c. “About 25 had been sold_” He quite a large no_ He sold Franks’ Mother & two children to Georgia, some 4 years since. Frank left because he feared that his numerous Creditors would come upon him in which case he knew he would have He left because he feared that his numerous Creditors would come upon him in which case he knew he would have His poor Mother had been _ often flogged by this brutal master. His mistress was tolerably good_ Anna Wood was owned_ by McVee and is an own sister to Elizabeth_ and could hear
Testimony to her sisters Statement respecting the character of her master &c. The above four are all young, & “likely_”

Barnaby is 26 yrs of age, molato, medium size, intelligent &c._ his wife is about 24 yrs, of age, quite dark, good looking, intelligent, and prepo∫s∫s∫sessing_ Frank is 25_ Molato, medium size and very Smart; and anna Anna is 22, good looking and Smart.

Julia Little new name Caroline Graves^{239} from Md_ Had had more than one owner_ the first was kind_ the latter was hard. So C. though thought she had as well escape_ For some time he had been in Pa_ but not feeling satisfied she prefered to go to Canada. she is about 40 yrs of age.

{239} Caroline Graves, formerly enslaved in Maryland, had been alerted by the Vigilance Committee in Philadelphia that Barnaby Grigby and his three companions would be arriving in Toronto at about the same time as herself. They reunited there in late January 1856. One letter Still reprinted mentioned her as “the solitary person” who accompanied the group to Toronto. Once there, the Ladies’ Society attended to Caroline. Still, Underground Rail Road, 127-28, 337.
Jan. 16/56.

(2) Two at one arrival_ Henry Washington & Jane Eliza his wife came from Alexandria, Va. They old names were George Graham 240, & Jane 241_ Henry is about 24 yrs of age_ of genteele appearance, pleasant countenance_ and Smart_ dark complected_ Through life he has had ruff usage. Often Flogged & otherwise abused_ had been sold twice within the last year, to prevent the renewal of subsequent sales._ He belonged to the widow Beverly.

Henry had been married only about 6 mos_ His wife while in the service of her old Mistress which had been the case until resently had been severely abused & so was

240 William Still listed his name as George Graham. The details of his life in slavery and of his flight are briefly recounted in Still, Underground Rail Road, 337-38.
241 William Still listed her name as Jane. The details of her life in slavery and of her flight are briefly recounted in Still, Underground Rail Road, 337-38.
Jany 29th 1856

(3) Mary Jeffries, Mary Redden, and Sarah Redden. The above individuals, for several years had been residing in this city, but recent indications threatened their safety. They were fugitives and their whereabouts being known to their owners they were likely to be arrested. Consequently they applied to the Committee & found aid.

Jany’ 30th 1856

(4) Four at one arrival—Henry Chambers, John Chambers, Samuel Fall & Jonathan Fisher all came from Md. Henry & John are Bros., 24 & 26 yr’s of age, Stout built, chesnut color, not quite medium size, hight, tolerable good looking. H. They had been owned by Wm. Ryebold, farmer. Henry & John both pronoun He could say nothing good of his master. Thought him a hard man. He would

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242 Henry Chambers’ life in slavery is recounted in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 338.
243 John Chambers’ life in slavery is recounted in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 338.
244 Samuel Fall’s life in slavery is recounted in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 338.
245 Jonathan Fisher’s life in slavery is recounted in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 338.
work hard & feed but poorly. His wife, Bulah, was thee worse than her husband. “She would knock & beat her gils” for “nothing”.

John was owned by Thos. Murphy, farmer, according to John’s report he was a “pretty hard man” “He would give you half clothes”, John however though owned by Murphy had not been in his immediate employ but had been hired out.

Samuel was held by Anthony Ryebold, Sassafras Neck, Md. As a slave sam’l had been used bad had been strung up by the hands and flogged had been stinted for food & clothes, worked hard &c S. is 21 yr’s of age, dark chesnut medium size &c.

Johnathan belonged to A. Reyebold also. He is about 19, chesnut color well grown &c. Jonathan’s testimony concerning his mas_
ter agreed with his Colleagues. In Slavery the above named persons were as follows: Henry &c. (James Green) John &c., (Daniel Green) Sam'l &c., (John Henry) Thos. Anderson now Jonathan Fisher,

1856
Feb. 5th (1) Arrived_ Chas. Henry Brown from Cambridge where he had been held by Dr Richard Dorsey, Chas. is about 27 yr’s of age, not quite medium size, but has marked features, prominent nose, large mouth, talks fluently & is intelligent_ His owner was a Catholic_ besides Chas he owned ten others_ Chas. being a regular member of the Methodist Church but that was in no wise of any availled any

246 Charles Henry Brown deeply resented that his owner could take the proceeds of Charles’ own labor. Still, Underground Rail Road, 342.
1856
Mar. 22nd Arrived Harry North 
(1)

**ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.**

Left my house on 10th street last evening, about 6 o’clock, to go to the City Post Office, a small negro boy, called LANEY, about 12 years of age. He is black, well built, and rather good looking—he has a down, but pleasant look, when spoken to. Had on boots, ray pants and round about, and a check cloth cap, with lappels. I will give $100 reward if taken in the District, and $200 if taken out of it.

EDW’D C. DYER.

(22)

Good

Mar. 25th — 22 at within 24 hours_ arrived, as follows: Rebecca Jones247, and her daughters, Sarah Frances, Mary & Rebecca; Isaiah Robinson248, Author Spence249, Caroline Taylor250 and her two Daughters, Nancy & Mary, Daniel Robinson251, Thos. Page252, Benjamin Dickerson253, David Cale and wife,

247 Rebecca Jones was dedicated to the freedom and advancement of her children. Carried uncomfortably on the steamship of Captain Fountain, she refreshed herself in Philadelphia and then went on to Boston, where she had always sought to live. Once there, she encountered her husband, who had left six years earlier, but she refused to accept him back. By fall 1856, she had determined to move with her children to California. The newspaper advertisement offering a reward for the recovery of Rebecca, her children, and Isaiah Robinson is reprinted in Still, Underground Rail Road, 325-28.

248 Isaiah Robinson not only left his wife, but his two young children as well. Still, Underground Rail Road, 328.

249 Arthur Spence was brought to freedom on the steamship of Captain Fountain. He likely went to Canada after leaving Philadelphia. Still, Underground Rail Road, 331-32.

250 Caroline Taylor had been hiring her time for several years prior to her flight. She was able to keep her two daughters with her only because she hired out the older one—eleven years old—and had to pay for the upkeep of her younger out of the meager money remaining after paying her owner. An attractive and intelligent young woman, Caroline feared she would be sold imminently as her owner had already offered her unsuccessfully for $2000. The threat of sale prompted her urgency to escape with her two daughters. Once Captain Fountain delivered them to Philadelphia, she and her children deeply impressed the agents at the station. Her younger child, Mary, spent many hours at the bedside of a gravely wounded fugitive who was recuperating at the station. The three of them so moved Colonel A. Cummings, a local newspaper publisher who had been unsympathetic to fugitives, that he was transformed in his thinking about the underground railroad and donated $20 to the Vigilance Committee. Still, Underground Rail Road, 328-30.

251 William Still failed to record the story of Daniel Robertson, the name he applies to the individual, in his book. Yet he had received numerous letters from Daniel from his new home in the upper Hudson River Valley of New York in which he solicited Still’s assistance in retrieving his wife from slavery in Petersburg, Virginia. Although Daniel was able to raise the $100 to pay for his wife’s passage with Captain Fountain, Still did not know if she had ever been delivered from slavery. Still, Underground Rail Road, 330-31.

252 Thomas Page, enslaved in Norfolk, Virginia, was a young man of about eighteen years who was extremely intelligent and resourceful. After arriving in Philadelphia, he traveled to New Bedford, Massachusetts, where he had an aunt, but then soon moved to Boston. Later he went to New York and journeyed broadly in Canada from New Brunswick to St. Catherines. Still, Underground Rail Road, 332-33.

253 The life of Ben Dickinson in slavery is recounted in Still, Underground Rail Road, 332.
Though these parties all came here about the same time, they did not come from the same State,

Mrs Jones is about 28 yrs of age, Molato, good looking, naturally very intelligent and gives evidence of marked mind & purpose. Years ago her Mistress died and in England and designed that all her Slaves should be free but not being regularly emancipated, the administrators claimed to the right of holding her in Bondage.

To pass many of the interesting connected with her life suffice it to add that she firmly resolved to be the slave of no other master, nor to allow her three interesting children to grow up in slavery, rather than submit she declared when they talked of selling her that she would sooner take the lives of her children and her own than
that they should continue Slaves_ her sympathisers advised her to get some gentleman or frd to purchase her for herself_ No she replied_ not three cts would she give_ Nor did she want any of her frds to buy, even if they could get them all for 3 cts_ it would be of no use she contended_ This brief glance of her bravery only fairly indicates her noble character_ Caroline Fay Cox is a small molato woman of genteel address, intelligent, and active_ She ↑& her children↓ was owned by Peter March, ↑Insion merchant↓ of NY City__ Formerly ↑s↓he had been owned by lived in Norfolk; but latterly in NY_ By the way Catherine Caroline had had only fallen into the hands of Mr. March recently_ since the Fever last summer_ most of her people having died, Mr. M. being the Husbands of one of her masters. Daughters, he of course fell hier to the portion belonging to his wife.

over two leaves_
Isaiah is about 23 years of age medium size, Molato; intelligent, & prepossessing. He was compelled to take the steps he did, in regard to seeking his liberty. Throughout life he had had "fared very bad." Had been "worked and treated wbadly," by persons without getting him any thank for his labor. Had been badly beaten &c.

He had been in the habit of hiring his time, for which he had paid $120 per yr. up to the time of his escape. He left a wife, and two Bros. & two sisters.

Author Spence is a young man from N.C. near 24 yrs of age genteel in appearance &c. He left because he was heaveily oppressed, having been to pay $175 a year to his master, for his hire. He left his mother, two Brothers & one Sister.
Benjamin Dickinson is also from N.C. Eatontown, where he had Miss Ann Blunt, who was "very hard indeed," Has about ninety five Slaves whom she forces into anything. He had it in his head to leave for 3 yrs. Being a hirerling he was badly treated, placed in the service of a hard man who knew no mercy. Age 28, quite dark, medium size, intelligent, Carpenter by trade &c. Left 2 sisters no Brothers &c.
Brought up

Caroline Taylor. For ten yrs she has been hiring her time. For the greater part of her time she has been compeled to pay about $75. per annum, the last year she was compeled to pay $84. a year an take care of her children at the same time. Her oldest little girl she had to pay $24 per annum for the priviledge of having her with. This little girl is about 11 yrs of age, nearly white, good looking and well grown.

The other little girl is 9 yr’s of age, remarkable for her amiable traits of character with all good looking & interesting.

Hard work and the fear of sale was what drove
Caroline to escape_ only a short while before She left, her master had been ton↓ own from N.Y. to Sell her_ $2000 being the price Demanded, which however, he failed to get readily, consequently Caroline thought she would safe him the trouble of coming a sec’d time.

Rebecca Jones, continued. Her husband fled Some 6 yr’s since, in Company with Shadrach_ for a time after he left She got letters from him frequently, but latterly nothing had been heard of him.

Her three children are remarkably fine & healthy looking, all girls_ She In coming away She suffered terribly
(1)
Arrived_ Apr. 4th 1856 _

THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD—Ran away from the subscriber, residing near Bladensburg, Prince George’s county, Maryland, on Saturday night, the 22d of March, 1856, my NEGRO MAN, TOM MATHEWS, aged about 25 years, about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, dark copper color, full suit of bushy hair, broad face with high cheek bones, broad and square shoulders, stands and walks very erect, though quite a sluggard in action, except in a dance, at which he is hard to beat. He wore away a black coat and brown pantaloons. I will give the above reward if taken and brought home, or secured in jail so that I get him.

E.A. JONES,
Near Bladensburg, Md.

Apr. 4/56

(1) Arrived, James Jones, new name Henry Rider, age 32, Molato medium size, long face, rather raw boned, fled from D’ Wm Stewart of King George’s Court House Md.

James lived in Alexandria and fled from that place. James did not complain of hard treatment, or ill usage, but Simply fled for his liberty.

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254 William Still remembered the arrival of Tom Matthews at the station in Philadelphia, and that he was forwarded to Canada. Still, Underground Rail Road, 324-25.
255 Although his owner lived in Maryland, James Jones had hired his time in Alexandria, Virginia. Still, Underground Rail Road, 325.
Apr. 8/56 (1) Arrived_ Chas. Hall²⁵⁶ came safely from Baltimore Co. where he had been owned by Attwood A. Blunt__, farmer, given to intemperance, card playing, Fox Hunting &c. In his sober mood he was moderate & mild as could be expected to be found “in that part of the country”; but when drunk everything when went wrong with him_ never satisfied His wife was an “ill disposed woman at all times_ Her name was Amanda.

Chas. was moved to make his escape to keep from being sold.

²⁵⁶ After his flight, the Vigilance Committee helped forward Charles Hall to Canada. Still, Underground Rail Road, 383.
1856

Apr. 9th Arrived_ James Johnson\textsuperscript{257} arrived from Deer Creek, Harford Co. Md. where he had been owned by Wm Rantly. The Day before James fled was the day fixed for his Escaped with Hand cuffs on

Apr. 10\textsuperscript{th} Arrived_ Chas. Carter\textsuperscript{258}, Geo. Loguon\textsuperscript{259} & John Wm Loguon\textsuperscript{260} all arrived last night safely_

Chas. Carter, is 30 yrs of age, molato, well made, good looking and genteele & intelligent, and came from Richmond Va. where he had been owned by Daniel Delaplain, Flour Inspector. Chas has been hired out the greater part of his life_ As to treatment he has not been so badly abused as many others.

His Master was a dear lover of money_ but upon the whole was regarded as a pretty clever kind of a man

\textsuperscript{257} James Johnson’s owner sought to secure him with handcuffs the day before he was to be sold. A determined James fled still shackled to the restraints. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 383.

\textsuperscript{258} Charles Carter’s life in slavery is recounted in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 383-4.

\textsuperscript{259} George Logan’s life in slavery is briefly characterized in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 384.

\textsuperscript{260} Despite an indulgent owner, John Logan longed for freedom. Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 384.
Chas came into his possession through his wife. The motives inducing Charles to escape was to keep from being sold. His wife lives in Alexandria with 4 small children. Her name is Lucinda.

Geo. is 23 yr's of age, quite dark, appearance good, medium size, and seem resolute enough to Struggle hard rather than be returned to Slavery. As to treatment, he does not complain in particular.

The name of the own was Mrs. Jane Coulston.

John is also dark, and well made, medium size, intelligent & active and Miss Cox near Little Georgetown Benekley, Co. Va.

Geo. also came from near little Georgetown.
1856

Apr. 11th Arrived_ James Henry Watson261, came from Snowhill, Worchester County, Md._ from the tyrancile control of James Purnell, Farmer_  

James Henry is about 20 yr’s of age, dark, well made, modest seems fearfull of apprehension &c. He was moved to escape to get his freedom_ others she had heard of who had run away and got free and he thought he could do so to.  

Mr. Purnell, “was not so very hard on his Slaves;” “a kind of a good sort of a man”.  

James left his parents, and 3 Bros. & 5 sisters_ all owned by the family from whom he escaped_.  

Ephram Nevin, the Farther, his Mothers name Mahalah, oldest Brother Horace, next oldest, Wm Jain Gaines, Wm Sorn,

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261 These details of James Henry’s life in slavery are recounted in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 384.
James was the next, and oldest sister Hester, next Betsey, Dinah, Catherine & Harriet. all but one of this family belonged to his Purnell.

Arrived↑(1)↓ Apr. 18th 1856 Zebulon Green262, arrived from Duck Creek, Md. where he had been owned by John Appleton, farmer, Bad usage was what caused this escape He was only 18 Yr’s of age, Good looking, intelligent, dark, &c, and now goes by the name of Sam’l Hill.

Arrived_ Apr. 21st 1856 Lewis Burrell263, & Peter264 his Brothers, safely arrived from Alexandria, where they had been owned_ by the 1st by Edward M. Clark, the latter by Benjamin Johnson Noll. Both of those young men seem remarkably intelligent, and willing to make

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262 Zebulon Green was forwarded to Canada after arriving in Philadelphia. Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 385.

263 Lewis Burrell settled in Toronto, Canada West, after departing Philadelphia. Three years later he wrote to William Still seeking to free his wife from slavery in Baltimore. Unfortunately, Still was unable to be of effective assistance. Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 385-86.

264 Peter Burrell accompanied his brother Lewis to Canada. Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 385.
any Sacrifices for freedom

Lewis left a wife, Wynnea Ann, and two children, Jos. & Mary._ they were owned by Pembrokes Toms, who lived in Culpepper, Va. nearly a hundred miles fromm Alexandria, where the husband lived. Hence Lewis only had the priviledge of making visits to his wife once or twice in the year_ of course this was one of the Severe trials which woreed him daily_ He also left his Farther and Mother behind, who were also Slaves_ left 1 Bro, Reuben Burrell, and 3 Sisters, two of whom had been sold far South.

Lewis’ owner was a stout man, passionate, but Lewis was hired out So did not meet get the benefit of his evil dis_
April 30th Arrived_ Wm Williams & his Wife arrived from Haven Manor- Elkton- Md_ where he was owned by John Peak, who had used them hard.

May 13th Arrived_ per Harriet Tubman 4 men_ young and able bodied_ (4) of this history however no account was gleaned further than the fact that they were genuine Cases_ They stopped with Mrs. Buchannon_ were attended to by Myself & Mr. Depee_ and forwarded on their way.

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265 Both William Williams and his wife were owned by John Peak. Still, Underground Rail Road, 386.
266 While these four men are not identified by name, they are mentioned in Still, Underground Rail Road, 386.
267 Mrs. Buchannon operated a boarding house where the Vigilance Committee often housed fugitives.
May 14/56

(5) Five by one arrived_ Abe Piner\textsuperscript{268}, Sam’l Davis\textsuperscript{269}, Henry Saunders, Wm Henry Thompson\textsuperscript{270}, ↑&↓ Thos. Peaker\textsuperscript{271} all arrived safely, from Georgetown Cross Roads Md._ They are all young and hearty looking, and were owned the following Masters.

Abe belonged to Geo, Spencer, Farmer; he was a hard man, would work his men hard, stint them for food, and flog them in the bargain. He was addicted to intemperance, was rich & stood pretty high in his neighborhood_ Abe is about is about 23_ quite black_ medium size &c.

\textsuperscript{268} Further details of the life of Abe Fineer in slavery are contained in Still, Underground Rail Road, 386.
\textsuperscript{269} The life of Sam Davis in slavery is briefly recounted in Still, Underground Rail Road, 387.
\textsuperscript{270} William Henry Thompson is briefly mentioned in Still, Underground Rail Road, 387.
\textsuperscript{271} Thomas Parker is briefly mentioned in Still, Underground Rail Road, 387.
Sam'1 is about 30, dark, medium size &c. He had been badly abused, the marks of which he bears. His owner was, James Hirt, Farmer; He was very Blustery occasionally. James Sam'1, left because he wanted to do better for himself.

Sam'1 left a wife Phillis Ann and one child. They were free.

Wm Henry T. is about 24 chestnut color, and medium size.

May 16/56

(1) Arrived Jesse Slycum from Dorchester, Md. Safely arrived. He is a dark young man about 23 or 24 yr’s of age.
May 16/56

(2)

Arrived. Winey Petty\(^{272}\) and her daughter Elizabeth, Safely arrived from Norfolk, Va. The Mother is about 22 yr’s of age good looking, chesnut color, and Seems Sensible. Certainly heroic. From the latter part of last Oct. to the latter part of last March, she & her child were confined in a cave, under a house occupied by a Slave family during which time they Suffered extremely from the dampness & cold, getting frosted Somewhat. All this She imndured rather than be sold. having been warned that doom awaited her,

On three previously occasions She had been sold, hence knew

\(^{272}\) The trials of Winnie Patty and her daughter, Elizabeth, are recounted in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 387–88.
what it was and did not want any further experience about the matter. Jacob Shuster, a Farmer, Methodist, and very hard Slave holder, & tyrant owned her. Many others he had owned but had sold but a few having broke up the Farming business of late

May 25/56 Arrived_ Charlotte Giles & Harriet Eglan both escaped from Baltimore; (2) Charlotte was owned by Captain Wm Applegarth, shipping Merchants; & Harriet was owned by John Delahay, Dry Goods merchants. Both are interesting and good looking young woman, 23, & 18 years of age, They left because they got tired of working for whites people_
Considering, they had not been used very hard_ though had been dealt with rigidly. In the cars after they had started, while yet at Baltimore, the owner, in Search of them appeared and asked them their names_ and was answered, but nevertheless he did not know them fictitious names being given_

May 29th 1856
Arrived_ (3) Robert Smith, Chas. H. Ringold, John Henry Richards275 all arrived from Baltimore_
Robt. owned by Wm H. Norris, Chas. by James Hodges and so was John__ all living in Baltimore.
These young men are from 20 to 24 yr’s of age _ good looking, dark complected &c

275 Charles Ringold, Robert Smith, and John Henry Richards were all briefly mentioned in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 217.
June 3/56_ Arrived. Chas. Bird276, Geo. Dorsey277, Angelina Brown278, Chas.279 do. Albert280 do. & Jane Scott281, all safely arrived from near Hagerstown Md.

Chas. is quite dark, 24 yr’s of age and Smart_ Had been a laborer on a farm, _He left because he was tired of working for nothing. His owner, David Claggart, was considered a moderate man_ had never been married_ Chas. left 4 Sisters, all slaves, owned by the Same man who owned him.

Jane is about 14 yr’s of age, chesnut color, good looking intelligent &c She was owned by Geo. Sheaffer, Miller_ Jane to keep from being sold_ of her owner she had no word of praise to Speake_ he was a pretty hard man_

Geo. is a molato, medium size, intelligent brave
He was attacked, in coming, not a great ways from home, by several men who came out of the woods, they caught his horse & himself at the same time (he was riding on horse back) but with the use of a big club he left two of the men lying in the road, put spurs to his horse and soon left them behind. Two other of his Company were also on horse back, but were not assailed. Five were likewise in a carriage; they broke down about nine miles from home, hence had to the carriage with all their baggage in it, in the road. They then had to all get on horse back three so two horse, three mounting on each. Coming thus for 30 or forty miles they left the horse & walked. For a whole week they left out, fared as they could in the wood, along the mountains &c.
George was owned by Geo. Shaffer a weather man in the milling business. Angeline is a sister to George. She is a nice looking young woman, small of Stature molato, intelligent &c, with two children, boys. She also was owned by Mr. Shaffer. They each testify that Mr. Shaffer was anything other than a nice man. Often threatened to Sell, and was hard to please with work. They left their mother & ten Bros. & Sisters. She was formerly free but liable to be taken at any moment.

(3) Arrived June 3rd 1856 Emily Ann Mahoney (white) and daughter, came with David Lewis from Leesburg, Va.

David Lewis secured his escape from slavery in Leesburg, Virginia, with the uncharacteristic assistance of a local white woman. Once they safely reached Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, they concluded that it was wisest to abandon their horse and carriage and to ride the train into Philadelphia. Once there, the Vigilance Committee helped them. Still, Underground Rail Road, 215-17.
David was owned by Joshua Pusey_ is about 27 yr’s of age, quite dark, medium size intelligent &c. In making his escape he took his Master Horse, the white woman with him hiring a carriage_ and acted the part of the Mistress_ Hence they came unmolested by day light_ Stopped in Chambersburg at one of the Hotels all one night_ There were Suspected by the Tavern Keeper, but was told afterwards that he would not harm them, that they would find friends in Harrisburg &c. Consequently they left the. [Editor’s Note: The bottom third of page 273 has been cut away]
June 12/56
(2) Arrived_ Jane Johnson_ when in Harrisburg went by the name of Jane Wellington...
   Was owned by David Beiller_ who lived near Hagarstown.
   Jane is quite black, black 22 yr’s of age
   Anna Bell came Md. also

June 16/56

(1) Arrived_ Alfred Homer283, ansering to the following discription. Came

[Editor’s Note: 2/3s of the remaining page have been cut off from left to right]

283 Alfred Homer is briefly mentioned in Still, Underground Rail Road, 388. The page also contains the runaway advertisement for Alfred. The text of the advertisement is also transcribed above on p.5 of William Still’s Journal C.
June 30/56
July 1/56

(1) Arrived_ Dianna Bell, 30 yr’s of age, arrived from Liberty District, where she was owned by Walker Simpson. The treatment she received was bad especially from her Mistress.

July 6/56

(14) Arrived_ Fourteen came by one arrival, from Norfolk_ as follows_ Isaac Forman, Henderson Williams, Wm Seymour, Harriet Taylor, Mrs. Walker, Mary Bird, Mrs. Lewey, Sarah Saunders, Sophah Gray, Henry Gray, Mary Gray, (Sopha Gray & her children lived in Portsmouth,) Winfield Scott, belonged to Wm Taylor
Isaac is about 50 yrs of age, dark, tall & well made & quite genteel & intilligent, He was owned by Geo. Brown who resided at Deep Creek; he never used him well_ of late years had encreasedly the hire of Isaac_ For 30 yr's he had hired his own time finding himself every thing food, clothing &c.

He left a wife, Polly, whom he told before leaving of his intentions_ He also left two Daughters, Amelia A. and Mary Jane_ both Slaves_

Henderson was owned by the Abrick Estate Estate of Abriggs In life had been used rugged_ Left a wife, Julia, and 2 children_ all free. He was liable to be sold, to settle the Estate, which was the cause of his escape_ He is about 31 or 32, of a robust stout & healthy appearance. Worth $1200_

Wm is about 34 yr's
chesnut color, well made ↑ & ↓ intelligent and. He was owned by Wm Taylor, “a very hard man, one of those men that cannot be pleased, would not get a pleasant ans., one time in ff fifty” worth.

Maransa Stiles alia Mrs. Walker is about 38 yrs of age, dark, good looking, quite large, but active. She was owned by Auther Cooper of Georgetown, but She had been hired out for the last 20 yr’s, paying $5. per mo. besides having herself to find. Of her owners she could say nothing good. She had left a husband a slave.

Rebecca Lewey is about 28 yr’s of age, healthy, stout & genteel. For a slave she has had no very hard usage, but nevertheless She was anxious for her freedom.

Mary Knight is about 26 yr’s of age, single woman, dark stout & genteel, had been used hard.
Nine(9) July 21st 1856

Arrived per Capt. F. the following Passengers from Va. & North Carolina: Peter Hines284, from Eatontown N.C., James Morris285, from Norfolk, Matthews Baddums286, Eatonton, Plymouth N.C. James monroe287, South End, N.C., Chas. Thompson Portsmouth, va, Charity Thompson, Nathaniel Bowser, Portsmouth, Thos Cooper, Portsmouth. George Anderson, Elkton, Md.288

    Peter is 21 yr's of age, Molato_ good looking, well made, and intelligent. As a Slave he had not been used hard as many slaves are._ He was owned Elias Hines, Lawyer, and was his body servant._

    James is 27 yr’s of age is quite intelligent, and can read & write_ He was owned by Ann

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284 The life of Peter Hines in slavery is briefly recounted in Still, Underground Rail Road, 316. Peter settled in Toronto, Canada West.

285 The details of the life of James Morris in slavery are recounted in Still, Underground Rail Road, 316-17. James settled in Toronto, Canada West. He wrote often to William Still seeking to secure the escape of his wife and child from Norfolk. Still did not know if the two ever fled.

286 The life of Matthew Bodams in slavery is briefly recounted in Still, Underground Rail Road, 317. Matthew settled in Toronto, Canada West.


288 William Still offered no further sketches of the balance of these fugitives.
McCourt, a desperate woman, “I never knew any good thing of her towards me,” said James. He was moved to leave on account of the threat, which had been made to sell him. As a slave he had been badly used. Had been sold three times but found none of them good owners.

Mathew is 23 yr’s of age, very stout, no fool, indicates resolution & in jury. Is quite black &c. He was owned by Sam’l Simmons. From him he had rec’d very badly treatment. He left a Bro. in Martin Co.
July 28/56 (6↑2↓) Arrived Richd. Reed289, & James Reed290 (old names Perry, Shepherd & Isaac Reed and was owned by Sarah Ann Burgess, & Benjamin Franklin Huston Lived ↑on the↑ Eastern Shore, Md.

Richd left his wife Milke Ann and 2 children Nancy & Rebecca all Free.

James’ wife was, named Hester Ann Louisa, & his children as follows Philip Henry Harriet Ann & Mary Jane Eliza th.

July 28/56 Arrived (4) Thos. Johnson291, nee old name Geo. Sperryman, fled from Richmond had been owned Necholas Templeman.

Valentine Spires292 now Jno. Wesley, fled last Christmas from Denwoody near Petersburg Va. He had been owned by Jesse Squires, M.D.

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289 William Still refers to this individual as Perry Shepard in Still, Underground Rail Road, 319.
290 William Still refers to this individual as Isaac Reed in Still, Underground Rail Road, 319.
291 William Still refers to this individual as George Sperryman in Still, Underground Rail Road, 319.
292 The life of Valentine Spires is briefly sketched in Still, Underground Rail Road, 319.
Volentine left before he thought he was unjustly treated.

Geo. Tyler, old name David Green, fled from Warrington near Leesburg Va. had been owned by Elliot Curlett. He was threatened by his owner which caused him to flee. Left a wife & one one child, both slaves.

Wm Gilbert, old man James Johnson, fled from Prince George’s Md where he had been owned by Thomas Walker, Wm Gilbert is about 29 35 yr’s of age, stout and hearty looking.

Harriet Gilbert, wife of Wm G. is about 25 yrs of age. she had been owned by Wm T. Wood. Had been well treated &c. But he Master had of late taken to liquor & She was in danger of being sold.

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293 William Still refers to this individual as David Green in his brief recounting of his life in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 320. George’s owner had threatened to sell him.

294 William Still refers to this individual as James Johnson in his brief recounting of his life in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 320.

295 The life of Harriet in slavery is briefly recounted in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 320.
(2) Aug. 4th 1856
Arrived Geo.↑ Chas↓ Henry Cooper296 and Wm Israel Smith297, arrived from Middletown, Del, where Geo. was owned by Catherine Menaine, and Wm by John P. Carthen

_\_an_ Feeling tired of laboring for nothing they make up their mind to seek their freedom by flight.

Geo↑ Chas↓ left a mother in Bondage besides 3 brothers & 3 sisters_ some had been sold_ Geo.↑ Chas↓ is about 22 yrs of age, brown Skin_ stout & well made.

Wm is about 21 yr’s of age stout & well made, withal intelligent_

he was owned

(1) Aug. 4/54

Arrived Anna Dorseym298 arrived from Howard District, Md. she was owned

296 The Vigilance Committee helped forward Charles Henry Cooper to Canada. Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 320.
297 The Vigilance Committee helped forward William Israel Smith to Canada. Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 320.
298 Anna Dorsey is briefly mentioned in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 320.
by Eli Molesworth_ Anna is about 22 yr’s of age, molato, intelligent, simstress &_

Aug. 18th 1856

(5) Five by one arrival_ Frank Wanser, Robert Stewart new name Gasberry Robinson, Vincent Smith, new name John Jackson, Betty Smith, wife of Vincent S., now Vany Jackson_ all these came from Allder, Loudon County^299_.

Robert is about 30 yrs of age, medium size, dark chesnut color intelligent and seems to possess a resolute mind_ He was owned by the Widdow Hutchinson, who owns nearly 100, others. She was always a “very hard Mistress until at the Since the death of her husband, which took place last fall

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^299 See the biographical summary of Frank Wanzer on p. 251, footnote 227. Frank returned to Virginia to rescue family members and their loved ones. For further information on Frank’s return and details on the others, see Still, Underground Rail Road, 128-29.
that circumstances was the cause of a considerable change in her treatment towards her slaves, never the less she said nothing about Freedom. Consequently as Robert Saw no prospect of obtaining his freedom through her agency, he deemest it safest to accept a suggestion made to him by a fugitives from Canada—Frank Wanzer, who had fled in the h̄ dead of winter 7 mos. previous—Robert left behind his mother, Sarah Davis, 4 Bros. & 2 sisters as follows: Wm Thos., Fredrick & Sam'l, Vilet & Ellen, they all belong to the Widdow. Vincent is about 23 yrs of age, fine looking dark complected young man of more than ordinary intelligence & gentility for one having been allowed no
chances for improvement. He was owned by Nathan Skinner, who was considered a good Slave holder. He owned 12 others. He neither sold nor emancipated. He died a year & half ago. Vincent left his Mother, Sisters and Brothers as follows; Mother, Judah Smith, oldest Bro. Edwin, Angeline, Sina Ann, Adaline Susan, Geo., John & Lewis, all owned by the Same one who owned V. He was fortunately enough to bring his wife with him. She is about 27, Brown skin, smart &c. and had been held by the widow Hutchinson’s daughter; who was a clever woman for a Slave holder.

Aug. 18/56

Emory Mandloff from Smyrna. Emory was owned by John Henry Hopacker, an man of
uncommon meanness_ His Farther had been sold away when a little he (Emory) was a little child_ he left a mother & other relatives however.

Aug. 20/56
(1) A young man from Va. Arrived_ Stopped at Gordon Jordon’s on 7th St. and was investigated by J.C. White & forwarded on.

Sept. 1/56

(2) Arrived_ Benj. Wilson arrived from Woodsocket Md_ Where he had been owned by Jno. R. Brown, Farmer; a thin, slender, tall man, with black hair_ with ruff manners_ Benj. is about 30 yr’s of age, round built, good looking and well made_ pritty tall and of a chesnut
color. Was an exorter in the Union Methodist Church. Left his wife, Lydia, and two Small children, Benj. And Thos. He also left his Mother. She was freed however and lives in Liberty, Md. One of his Sisters had been sold away to Missouri.

Chas Kelley came from Ricetown Md. where he had been owned by Mordicia Stock. He is of chestnut color, good face intelligent, and of Medium size. Left 3 Sisters & two Brothers in stocks. His Mother had been sold to Georgia.
Sept. 5/56
(2) Arrived Geo. Wilmer & Wm Cornish both came together.
Geo. was owned by Eben Welch, farmer. Left because he was in
danger of being captured. Left his wife Margaret but no children. They
lived near Georgetown Crossroad—
Wm. is from Cambridge. was owned by Wm Bedale, & others. Left
a wife & two children Delia Ann
Sep. 9/56
Arrived (4) Four came at one arrival as follows: Geo. Solomon^{300},
owned by Daniel Minor, of Massgrove, Va., Daniel Neall^{301}, owned by
Geo. Parker Grocery Merchant, of Washington D.C., Benj. R.
Fletcher^{302}, owned by Henry Martin, of Washington D.C.; Maria
Dorsey^{303}, owned by Geo. Parker

^{300} Assisted by friends in Washington, D.C., George Solomon fled to Philadelphia and then went to Canada. Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 79-80.
^{303} Maria Dorsey accompanied the preceding three men on their walk from Washington, D.C. to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. From Philadelphia she apparently went to Canada. Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 79-80.
Geo. Soloman is about 33 yr’s of age, Molato, intelligent, and in appearce trustworthy. His Master, an old gentleman esteemed his services to valuable to part with. hence would not sell him for any price. He had promised Geo. his freedom at his death but death not making his visit to the old gentleman as soon as Geo. expected. Consequently he thought he could not wait hence he found the Under Ground Railroad.

Daniel was not ruffly treated, but yet he wanted was his freedom and was willing to risk much to obtain it age 23, Molato, smart, and good looking.

Benj. R. was is 27 yr’s of age small dark man smart, and modest. He has a pleasant countenance. He left because of ill treatment from his Master, who “give no chance at all.”
He left a Bro. & sister belonging to him, and he still left two other sisters in bondage, Louisa & Leathy,___ Mother and Father both dead.

Maria is about 40 yr's of age. Chesnut color, medium size & intelligent_ she left because she found her owners hard to please_ and heard them talking frequently of making a change in the family, consequently she thought she might as well save them the trouble.

Of her owners she had no praise to speak. She left one sister Alice Tyre, married woman_ Maria's husband was dead.

This party walked the greater part of the way to Harrisburg

[Editor's Note: The following text is of a runaway advertisement from a newspaper which was inserted in this page immediately following the last line of written text]

FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.
RAN AWAY from my house on Saturday night, August 30, my NEGRO MAN “Daniel,” twenty-five years of age, bright yellow mulatto, thick set and stout made.

Also, my NEGRO WOMAN “Maria,” forty years of age, thin appearance, bright mulatto,. The above reward will be paid if delivered in Washington city.

GEO. PARKER.
(1) Arrived Emeline Ts Chman, now Susan Bell, arrived from Washington, having been owned by Robt. Thompson; In appearance She is genteel, tall, slender, dark complected and stamers slightly when talking. She left to Keep from being sold having been threatened already_ as to usage, having lived out, she did not complain of bad treatment. Though her owner had recd all her wages allowing her nothing for clothing, for the support of her children or any thing else_ consequently Emeline was obliged to Seek elswhere for means for these things. She left her husband, John Henry, and her Daughter Margaret Ann, and son John Henry_ all in bondage,

304 Emeline Chapman was in Syracuse, New York, in October 1856 and had the local agent of the underground railroad, the Reverend Jermain Loguen, write to William Still regarding the condition of her children. She missed them greatly. A runaway advertisement for Emeline is reprinted in Still, Underground Rail Road, 157-58. Emeline planned to remain in Syracuse until Still responded to the Reverend’s letter.
(1) Arrived. Ann Maria Roxborough, new name Sarah Turpin._ Came from Saulsborough Md, where she was owned by Shady Lowe, by whom she had been hired out. Ann is about 45 yr’s of age, black, tall and well made in proportion, and seems intelligent.

   Sep. 22/56
(2) Arrived. Isaiah Bauer Brown and his Bro. Robert arrived from Harna Manor Cecil Co. Md where they were owned by Joel Bryan from whom they had rec’d bad treatment._ Left parents &c.
Sep. 24/56
(2) Robt. Gordon, new Saml Wilson, and Joseph Harris, new name Henry Jones both arrived from Queen Ann, Md where they had been owned by John Gordon farmer, Store Keeper &c. “did not like the treatment they were getting” was the cause of their leaving Robt was a fiddler.

Sep. 25/56
(3) Green Modock Perry Disney Isaac Doddson, all arrived from Carroll Co. Md, where they had been owned as follows: Green by Wm Dorsey, Perry by Robt Dade, and Isaac by Thos Bowings, all Farmers and all cra[?] and had disposed men_. They left because of bad treatment. They are all young & remarkably fine looking
Sep. 29/56

(5) Five at one arrival, as follows; Cyrus Mitchell⁴⁰⁵, new John Steel, Joshua Handy⁴⁰⁶, new name Hamleton Hamby, Chas. Dutton⁴⁰⁷ new name Wm Robinson, Ephraime Hudson⁴⁰⁸, new John Spry, Frances Molock⁴⁰⁹, new Thos. Jackson.

Cyrus is about 26 yr’s of age, tall, stout and quite dark and was owned by James K. Lewis.
Storekeeper, hard master, hired out his servants the man who would pay the most however mean and bad he might be.

He had contemplated the idea of moving to Va. soon, this was what moved Cyrus to move.

He left his Father Cyrus and also his mother, Elizabeth, both slaves.

Joshua is about is 27, quite stout, Brown skin, intelligent &c. His owner was named Isaac Harris, Farmer, drunkard and so forth.

He left because he had recently sold his last and only brother. He left Farther & mother, owned by said Harris.

Chas. is 22, stout and well made, and was owned by Mrs. Mary Hurley, has been used.
ruff been sold &c for $1200 during the present year. This was what moved him to escape.

Ephram is 22 stout used bad owned by John Campbell Henry, Farmer, was moved to leave before because of bad treatment. The man to whom he was hired was a very hard. He Left his mother and 6 Brothers & Sister.

Francis is 21, dark, well made, and was owned by James H. Waddell, who was a hard man,

All came from the Eastern Shore of Md. All but Joshua, came from the neighborhood of Cambridge.
Sep. 30/56

(2) Arrived_“Sam” Sims\textsuperscript{310}, now Wesley Powell, and Chas. Fowler\textsuperscript{311} now Allen Dorsey_ both came from Carroll Co. Md., and had been owned by as follows: Sam. by Thos. B. Owings, and Chas. by Robt. Dade_ Farmers. and both “tuff” and “pretty mean”.

Sam. left because his owner had threatened to sell him to Georgia, had also threatened to shoot him. Brothers & Sisters had been sold to Georgia.

Chas. left to keep from being sold_ a threat to that effect having been made so he thought he would not stay there.

Left his mother, Free, and 4 Sisters in slavery.

\textsuperscript{310} A runaway advertisement for Sam Sims is contained in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 208. Other references to him appear on pp. 209-10.

\textsuperscript{311} A runaway advertisement for Charles is contained in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 210. Other references to him appear on pp. 208-09.
Oct. 3/56
(1) Arrived_ James Breeck

Oct. 6/56
(3) Thos. Clinton\textsuperscript{312}, Sauney Pry\textsuperscript{313}, and Benj. Ducket\textsuperscript{314} arrived safely. Thos. Clinton came from Baltimore where he was owned by Benj. Walmsly, \textit{Rum Drinker} _ With being "half fed & clothed_ Thos. was not satisfied, _ hence fled to better his condition. He is 21 yr's of age, dark chesnut color, well made and intelligent  
Sanney Pry was origionally from Fauquire Co. but late of Loundon Co. Va. He had been owned up to last winter

\textsuperscript{312} Thomas Clinton’s life in slavery is recounted in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 382.  
\textsuperscript{313} Sauney Pry’s life in slavery is recounted in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 382.  
\textsuperscript{314} Benjamin Ducket’s life in slavery is recounted in Still, \textit{Underground Rail Road}, 382.
by Nathan Clopton, a farmer and the owner of some 60 or 70 slaves. “What kind of a man was your owner”, said I to Sauney. “Very mean swearing blustering man as any could be” started, was the reply. Sauney is 27 yr’s of age, chesnut color, medium size & intelligent.

Benj. Ducket came from Bell Mountain, Prince George’s County Md. where he had been owned by Sicke Perry, farmer, “one of the badest men about Prince George’s would fight & kill up”. The treatment caused “Ben” to leave. He is 23 years of age, chesnut color sound built, good looking, medium size, and intelligent. Left Farther, Mother, 2 Bros. and 3 sisters, owned by Marcus Devoe.
Oct. 14/56
(2) Arrived_ Ann Hinson new old name “Adalate Obleton” came from Hagarstown where she had been owned by Victor Thompson, Druggest, she left her Mother, one sister, Louisa Handy, and a daughter Martha Catherine 12 yr’s old_ living with Daniel Momah, Mary Davis, old name Josephene Morris, came from Rangle’s Hill near St. George’s Del._ The name of her Father was Wm Hambleton Morris ↑ motherell ↓ Wm Hambleton Morris_ She says she had been sold by him to Wm Motherell who lived near New Castle_ age 15, yellow_
Oct. 20/56
E(6) Elizabeth Lambert\(^{315}\), Mary do, Horace do & Wm Henry do; Wm (Murray) Chambers\(^{316}\) & Hiles Jones\(^{317}\), all arrived together from the following places: Elizabeth and her 3 children came from Middletown Del. and had been owned by Andrew Peterson, Farmer. Being tired of Slavery they concluded to make their escape_ all promising in their appearance.

Wm came from near Baltimore_ Is about 33 yr’s of age, intelligent, medium size, & chesnut color and left belongs to Washington Ford who lives in Baltimore.

Hile Jones came from Middletown, Del. owned by John Cochran, farmer, is 18 yr’s of age, chesnut color &c.

\(^{315}\) Elizabeth Lambert and her children are mentioned in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 382.

\(^{316}\) William Still does not mention William Chambers in his book.

\(^{317}\) Hill Jones is mentioned in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 382.
Oct. 23/56
(1) Arrived_ Joseph Heath arrived from Baltimore_ He is about 27 yr’s of age, quite dark,_ smart, &c

Nov. 9. 1856
(5) Arrived as follows_ Major Latham age 44, intelligent, Sawyer, and was owned by John Lathom, Farmer &c, Williamstown Wm Wilson, Henry Goram, Wiley Maddison, Andrew Shepperd, Major is 44 yr’s of age, Molato, seems intelligent, and was owned Jno. Lathem of Williamstown N.C_ His wife and three children were once moved away from him when the priviledged of seeing them were utterly cut off. Only a few Months past his owned flogged him brutally_ The flogging moved him to escape_
He left a wife and three children independent of those refered to above. Their names were Mizy Robinson,

318 Major Latham was forwarded to Philadelphia on the steamship of Captain Fountain by the Quaker, Thomas Garrett, who also assisted Major and the others once they reached Wilmington, Delaware. He left for Canada from Philadelphia. Still, Underground Rail Road, 379-80.
319 Thomas Garret forwarded William Wilson from Wilmington, Delaware, on Captain Fountain’s steamship. Wilson soon departed for Canada. Still, Underground Rail Road, 379-81.
320 Henry Gorham was released from his cave in the swamp by an agent of the underground railroad who assisted him in North Carolina. He found him passage on the vessel which eventually brought Henry and the others to Philadelphia. He then departed for Canada. Still, Underground Rail Road, 379, 381.
321 Wiley Maddison and the others departed Philadelphia for Canada. Still, Underground Rail Road, 381.
322 Andrew Shepherd arrived in Philadelphia from Wilmington, Delaware, with the others aboard the steamship of Captain Fountain. They departed Philadelphia for Canada. Still, Underground Rail Road, 379-81.
Wm is 42, Black Smith, medium size, intelligent and was owned by D’Thos. Warren, Farmer who lived at Eatontown N.C. I was sold four times; ↑they↓ one of my master's treated me well, once ↑twice↓ from my wife. twice was separated from my wife ↑wives↓ the my wife were sold far south, again my second wife I married and was sold away to N.C. from Porthmouths, Va, from my wife. Wanting to be my own free man was the cause of my seeking to escape. Left My wife still remain in Porthmouth and is known by the name of Nancy Wilson. owned by Wm Wilson. Henry Goram is 34, heavy built, dark complected and Smart. and by trade a carpenter. The lash he had never felt. but he had always hated
slavery. To be free he had fled to the swamp where he remained 11 mos. ere he found his way to the Underground Rail Road. In the Cane and the swamp he abode and resolved to remain till death rather than to submit to Slavery. From his wife he too had been sold. She however was not Wiley is 19 yr's of age, fair enough to pass for white; indeed it was as a white man that he escaped. Leaving Petersburg, on the cars he came on the without being molested. He is smart and promises much.

Andrew is a fine looking specimen age 26, and Inginer &c. He left his wife Levina, and one child. They were owned by a small orphan girl who lived lives in South End, Camden Co. N.C.
(3) Arrived as follows:
Betsey Stewart, John Henry Vigal, and Henry Sims, all from Washington D.C.

Betsey was owned by Mrs. Nesbit, Widow, and a lady of wealth. To her servants she was very severe. She showed neither mercy or favor. A short while previous to

Nov. 14/56
(3) Arrived: Ann Parker, Lydia Parker, (daughter) & Henry Parker, (grandson) from Dorchester, Eastern shore, Md, where they had been owned by Edward Willey.
Nov. 19th 1856

(4) Arrived_ Jacob Brown owned by Lewis Brown of Washington, N.C. arrived per Boat_ He had been badly treated. Dark, medium size and about 28 yr’s of age.

James Harrison came from Middletown Del., and had belonged to Catherine Odine. Complexion yellow, good looking intelligent &c. Had been badly used.

Benj. Piney, came from Manna, Baltimore Co. Md_ where he had been owned by Mayor Mary Hawkins_ age 22, dark complexion, medium size and intelligent. Left because of ill treatment, and to shun being sold to Georgia_ having threatened_ Left his mother Esther Pinney; his Brothers & sisters had all been sold.
John Smith, age 19, yellow, stout built, with marked features of mind &c ow had been owned ↑by↓ D’ Abraham Street, living at Marshall Distrect Harford Co, Md. Had a plenty to eate, drink, and wear, but was not willing to stay in slavery “I left for sport” I wanted to see the country “If he had kept me in a Mr. Hodge Hogheade of sugar I would not stayed.” Left his Mother Ann Smith, and one sister, Charlotte. They told me any thing “told me to obay my mast Master, but I did not mind that, I am going off to see the Scriptures”
Nov.26/56

(4) Josiah Bailey, Wm Bailey, Peter Pennington & Eliza Nokey, all came from Md. in company.

Josiah is 29 yrs of age, well made good looking, genteel intelligent &c His Master was named Wm R. Hughlett, a farmer & Dealer in Ship Lumber; and was the owner of some 40 slaves. In his habits he was generally thought to be moderate, though was in the habit of flogging Male or Female adults, when it he felt so disposed. Josiah was his Forman on him he depended to lead his harvest fields and to manage the hauling of his Ship Lumber &c. Consequently he was regarded as one of the most valuable hands $2000 he was estimated at.

3 weeks since, two weeks before hell fled he striped Joe & flogged

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323 William Still observed that Josiah Bailey "was a man of more than ordinary parts, both physically and mentally." Josiah apparently left Philadelphia for Canada with the others. Still, Underground Rail Road, 272-74.

324 The recent details of the life of William Bailey in slavery are contained in Still, Underground Rail Road, 273-74. He apparently left Philadelphia for Canada with the others.

325 William Still offers no details on Peter Pennington. He did mention, however, that he left for Canada with the others. Still, Underground Rail Road, 274.

326 William Still offers no details on Eliza Nokey's life. He did mention, however, that she left for Canada with the others. Still, Underground Rail Road, 274.
him severely, Simply before because he had had a dispute with with one of the slaves who had stole $7_ of his hard earnings from him. He left his wife and 3 children owned by Hughlett_ The wife's Name was Ann Maria and the children as follows: Ellen, Ann Maria & Isabella_ The whipping started in him for freedom_ Wm Baily was owned by John C. Henry, a large slave- Slaveholder, and decidedly a very hard Master_ Wm left because of a late flogging from the man whom he was hired to In appearance he was prepossessing

TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARDS.—Ran away from the subscriber, on Saturday night, November 15th, 1856, JOSIAH and WILLIAM BAILEY, and PETER PENNINGTON. Joe is about 5 feet 10 inches in height, of a chestnut color, bald head, with a remarkable scar on one of his cheeks, not positive on which it is, but think it is on the left, under the eye; has intelligent countenance, active and well made. He is about 28 years old. Bill is of a darker color, about 5 feet 8 inches in height, stammers a little when confused, well made and older than Joe; well dressed, but may have pulled karsey on over their other clothes. Peter is smaller than either the others, about 25 years of age, dark chestnut color, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high.

A reward of fifteen hundred dollars will be given to any person who will apprehend the said Joe Bailey and lodge him safely in the jail at Easton, Talbot co., Md., and $300 for Bill and $800 for Peter.

W. R. HUGHLETT,
JOHN D. HENRY,
T. WRIGHT
(2) Arrived Dec. 29/56 Henry Johnson, new name, originally Andrew Jackson, age 23 yrs, quite dark, medium size &c and was owned by Thos. Palmer, who owned 7 or 8 others; He lived near Cecil Md. He was a blustery man and followed farming

Wm Hughes fled from Daniel Cox, Eastern Shore, Md. he is about 22 yr's of age dark, Slender and appears to have had a dark life of it, Judging from his actions.

Phil' Jan'y 3/57

(1) arrived. Wesley Williams arrived from Worrick, Md. where he had been owned by Sack Jones, from whom he had rec'd almost Daily floggings, and scanty diet. Left his Mother (Free) and one Sister (in slavery).
Rosann Johnson now Catherine Brice fled from Harford Co. near the Rock of Deer Creeck, and was owned by Dr. Abraham Street, a pretty tight Master. Rose Ann left to pursue a Rose Ann is about 30, dark, medium size, and intelligent. Left 2 Bros. and her Father behind.

Jan. Feb 9/57
(1) Arrived. John Small wood, of Ellicotts Mills, Md. came away because of bad treatment from Sam’l Simons, who owned him. He left behind his Mother, & two Bros. owned by Simons.

Feb. 17/57
Henry Townsend arrived from Caroline County, Purnell, P.O. Md. Left on acc’t of ill treatment with the cowhide his back had been severely cut. Is about 21 yr’s of age.
dark chesnut color, medium size, Left behind his Mother, two Bros, and one Sister, in slavery. The name of his owner was E. Townsend._Farmer_.

Feb. 22/57

John Bennett⁵²⁷ alias Joseph Gant, age 27 yrs, well made quite black and quite it intelligent. Two years ago last May was sold from Eastern sShore of Md. to a Trader by the name of John B. Campbell of Baltimore, who sold him to New Orleans to his Bro. who was also a Traader. from N.O. he was sold to David Daniel McBean, of Miss, Harrison County. From Mr. McBean he received The thought of his wife from whom he had been sold in Md._ rendered him dissatisfied_. After being on the 3 plan about 3 weeks, and not being

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⁵²⁷ The extraordinary account of the life and flight of Joseph Grant—as William Still refers to this individual—is contained in Still, *Underground Rail Road*, 132-34. Apparently, Joseph went to Liverpool, England, after departing Philadelphia.
satisfied with one of his ↑owners↓ part owners, who occasionally ↑threat↓ threatened him pretty sternly↑ he ran away↓ went ↑to↓ Kent Island↑ a distance of 80 miles↓ The man attending the light on the Island mistreated him↑ and captured him↓ with his boat↑ (80 miles he had sailed across the lake. After he got him into the Boat, he pulled out his pistols dirk cutlass &c. threatening the consequence would be if he did ↑not↓ keep still↑ Back again. ↑Remained till the a few months and could stand it no longer↑ Started for Md. again↑ Walked & miles↑ to Mobile, 80 mi↓ stowed himself away in a steam Boat then, and went to Montgomery ↑550 miles↓ where he was again caught & carried back↓
and stayed only a little of over a month and put out again, which caused no little trouble and expense, which the owners thought they could indure no longer. They then brought the Slash into requisition, 300 in numb. Cross. my ↑your↓ hands, what for? I shall not do it. I then left again. Remained 5 weeks. The owner considering that he was not to be trusted said. I had rather loose my right arm ↑than↓ for him to get off without being punished after putting us to all this so much trouble. He therefore sent his headman to tie me. I told him I would not be tied. I ran and stayed away 4 days, which made Mr. Henry very anxious. Mr M'Beans told his people if they saw me to tell me to come back, that I should not be
hurt. I was over persuaded think as Mr. Beans had always stood to his word (He was the good pardner) that I thought I would come back again. He sent for me in his parlor talked the matter over, after which told me to go to the steam Boat &c shortly after being on board the capt. told him he was very sorry to tell him ↑ me ↓ he had to be tied. He tied me & then sent of for Mr Henry. He came, well, have I got you at last, said he. Beg my pardon & promise you will never run away again and I will not be so hard on you. I could not do it. He then gave me 300 lashes well laid on being stripped entirely naked my flesh was as raw as a pice of beef. Then made one of the men ↑ bath ↓ me in salt & water. My foot was ↑ was ↓ held by a fellow servant.
Resolved to go then or die in the attempt_ stayed only a week_ but could not work_ being on account of the flogging_ went to Ship Island_ the sailors being English men was very sorry to hear of it_ and counseled me how I might be Free_.

In Md’ I was owned bi by Mary C. Gibson a nice woman_ she Her property was morgaged, and had to be sold_ so I had to sold to_ My ↑Dear↓ wife promised me that she would never marry_ and desired me to write to her, and if I ever met with the luck to come see her_ I have seen my owner whip one of his slaves to death at the Tree to which he was tied_ His pardner Mr. Henry would frequently make them lye down, striped, acrost a log, and would whip them, every stroke laying the flesh open.
Being used to it some would on the long without being tied. In N.O. I have seen women stretched out on boxes, just as naked as my hand, given a 150 well laid on. From men, my self one holding them on the box. After released they could not sit down or hardly walk. This was at the "Fancy House" in N.O. 3 were so whipped one occasion. I have seen the chain gangs, one man chained to another and 4 & 5 making the gang, cleaning the streets. I could hardly till Sunday the slaves are always kept going.

John came from St. Michael’s, Md.

John Speaks a young man of 25 or 6 came from Miss with John Bennett well made chesnut color intelligent &c. He too had been sold from Md at the same time that his companion was sold. also fled to Liverpool.

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Madison Gaskins, has a wife and 4 children at Middleburg, Fa Loudon Co. Va_ held by Wm Burns living about 15 miles from Middleburg_ He is a Farmer, 70 yr's of age, in good standing_ He owns some 40 or 50 slaves_ Gaskins family go by the following names_ Ann Gaskins, mother, John William, 20_ Azariah, 9, Moses Henry 5 yrs Ann 2 yrs, next Apr, Her Mother is named Allice is about 50_ It will not do to let her know of the scheme unless she can be safely brought on with the rest_ They are some 40 miles from Alexandria_ $300_ will be paid