

### Journal C of Station No. 2

William Still

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**Dec. 21/54** Broke Jail. Lived in a hole.

Isaac Williams safely arrived from King George County, Hampstead, Va. Isaac is about 26 years of age, dark Chestnut color, stout- made intelligent. He had been owned by Dr. James who had lately purchased him for the southern market. Before fallen into the hands of Dr. J. he had been owned by a Mr. D. Fetcher who was a very hard man.

Isaac left because his owner was about selling him South against his will. First 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 11 months broke jail and fled again to the woods- dug a hole in the ground and there stayed for 3 months and then came on, having to suffer hunger, 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ Henry Banks arrived from King George's County where he fled from a Trader, Dr. James of Tennessee, 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 as far as Washington- was there captured and taken back- was put in Frederickburg jail- keep a month. Was then sold to George Ailler ~~left him after~~ was sold to Dr. James after being in his hands one week- fled from the Dr. the same day he was bought- went to the wood with Isaac referred to above. Stayed there 2 weeks and was then captured by being badly shot- was put in Prison for 1 mo. and dockered<sup>1</sup>- then broke jail- come away.

Henry left his parents, bros & sisters, all owned by different owners. Henry was first induced to come 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ Kit Nickless 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 from 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 treatment rec'd<sup>1</sup> 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 yrs ago Kit started for his freedom but was captured- was badly flogged &c.

<sup>1</sup> Probably refers to an enclosure in a criminal court in which a prisoner awaits trial.

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