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Five at one arrival- Barnaby Grigby, new name John Boyer, and Mary Elizabeth his wife. Frank Wanzer, new name Robt Scott, Emily Foster new name Anna Wood- all came in company from Loudon Co. Va. on horse back & in carriage for about 150 miles.

They left home on Christmas Eve Monday and arrived at Columbia the following Wednesday about 1 o'clock. They were hindered with very severe weather though they traveled day and 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. The fugitives being strongly arrived aroused and determined on gaining their liberty or death resolutely drew their pistols (double barreled) and said they would not be taken- said that no gentleman would attack persons traveling as they were so the leader amongst the fugitives “pulled back the hammers” of his pistols and the two young women one with a pistol & large dirk & the other a dirk, resolutely showed a disposition to defend themselves which had the effect to intimidate their pursuers 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 become addicted to intemperance. He 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 favourable of rights he was only allowed to make something for himself. He was prompted to escape because he wanted to live by the sweat of his own brow though all men ought so to live hence he fled that he might occupy that position.

Mary Elizabeth had been owned by Townsend McVee, farmer. He was severe but his wife was charged with making him so. He owned some 25 slaves- he hardly allowed 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 could not say anything good for her mistress. She knew no mercy no showed no favour. Mary left because 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” and then sell them, whip them, &c.

About 25 had been sold-” ? quite a large no. He sold Franks’ mother & two children to Georgia some 4 yrs prior. Frank 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 and very smart; Anna is good looking and smart.

Julia Little new name Caroline Graves- from Md. Had had more than one owner- the first was kind- the latter was hard to C. thought she had “escape for some time he had been in Pa but not feeling satisfied she prepared to go to Canada. She is about 40 years of age.

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1 o’clock
2 dagger
3 excessive drinking
4 allowance
5 restrict
Good

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In 1849, there arrived Parnell, Grisby, new name John, Ross, and Mary Elizabeth, his wife. Frank Warden, new name Polit Scott, and his mother, new name Anna Wood, all came in company from London Colne on horseback for X in carriage about 150 miles. They left home on Christmas Night Monday and arrived at Columbia the following Wednesday about 10am. They were hampered with very severe weather through the travelled day and night. When about 100 miles from home, in the neighborhood of Cheat River, Md., they were detained by 6 men who positively demanded of them to give account of themselves. Wanted them to show what right they had to travel there as they were doing.
The Argentines being strongly armed and determined on it going their object on death absolutely closed their pistols (double barrelled) and said they would not be taken and that the Gunters would attack persons travelling as they were by the orders given to the Argentines to rule back the Gunters of his District, and the two young women one with a pistol & large knife the other a derrk absolutely showed a disposition to defend themselves which had the effect to intimidate their pursuers hence they escape through not without many other difficulties.

The family was owned by Wm. Rogers (Gunsman) who was considered a moderate shareholder though had of late contributed to the owner of about 12 horses. He had a wife & two children.
Parnell's chances of making any thing for himself was not favorable. If he was only allowed to make something for himself. He was prompted to escape because he was forced to live by the sweat of his brow. Though all were taught to live, here he fled to that he might occupy that position.

Mary Elizabeth had been owned by Townsend McRee. Farmer, the next owner, but the last owner was charged with making him to the owner some 25 slaves. She hardly allowed them to talk, would not allow them to raise a chicken, only allowed them 3 dresses in a year, if not they got as they could. Sometimes she would sell last year she sold two. She was very strict and could not lay any thing good for the children. She knew no mercy no kindness in favour. Mary left because of the
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If the demeaning character of Frank's mistress, owned by Luther Sullivan, the "meanest man in Pa.," the trial by this lustful, just as he could in every settled "would covariance the Indians," and "sent them to take food & to get "hired" & they sold them, which they
be. About 25 had been sold. Very quite a large thro'. He sold Frank's mother & two children to George Brown 4 years 4th. Frank left because he feared that his Pennsylvania creditors would come upon him in what case he knew he would have to pay. His mother had been set upon & flogged by this brutal master.

Anna Wood was buried by the United States. John Wood was a legally good man. Elizabeth and Emma were
Testimony to the best statement respecting the character of the Monster.

He is 26 yrs. of age. Mottato, Meddin, Piza, intelligent &c. His wife is about 24 yrs. of age. quite dark, good looking, intelligent and prepossessing. Name is Mottato. Medium size and very smart. and answer by name. is very good looking and smart.

Julia Letta Min.

Marine Caroline Graves, from the yard had more than one owner. the first master's the latter was band. So I. though he had escaped escape. For some time he had been in. This time. (not feeling satisfied) she prepared to go to Canada. She is about 60 yrs of age.