

Journal C of Station No. 2

William Still

1852-1857

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Arrive-

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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 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 ere² 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 smarts of the severest abuse.

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(2) Arrived -

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from Richmond, per Sch. Cap. B. - was
brought by James W. Dunlop, Merchant.

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the does not Cassin had therefore
some knowledge of experience of past
usage, especially by one of was he cruelly
used one of his own owners by the name
of Burke - John & a sister, when young,
were sold away by Burke from