

Stealing a Little Freedom: Enslaved Runaways in North Carolina



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- What types of information does a newspaper contain?
- What types of advertisements might I find in a newspaper?
- If I was looking for a new job, to which section would I go?
- If this newspaper were from 200 years ago, what differences might we find?

Ten Dollars Reward.



RUNAWAY on the 19th of February last, a Negro man named KIRT, between 20 and 30 years old, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, very black, cunning and artful, can write a tolerable good hand, it is probable he has a pass with a number of names counterfeited to it, and he may attempt to counterfeit the county seal, speaks quick, is a

little hollow eyed, rather knock-kneed, had with him a pair of leather breeches, a black fulled lincey coat, other clothing not recollected—it is possible he will change his clothing and make use of many devices to deceive the people, as he has a great deal of assurance; he has no motive in running away, but to get free, and may attempt to go to the Ohio or Delaware, or the lower end of this State. The above reward will be given by the subscriber, living in Guilford county, N. C. for the delivery or information of said runaway so that I get him again.

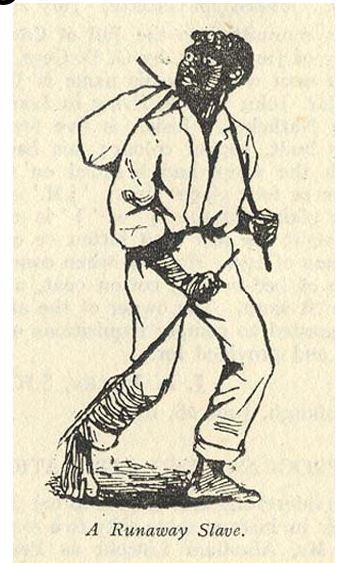
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March 30.

14th St pd

The Reality of Running Away

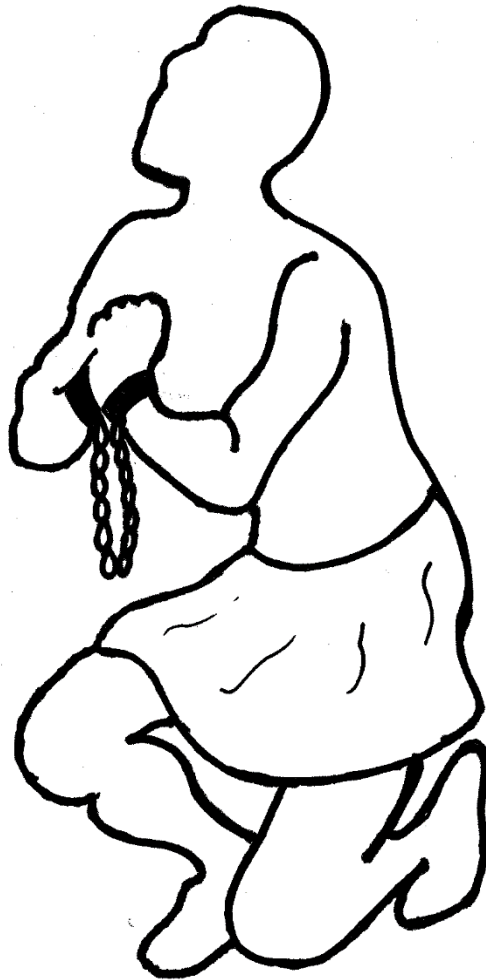
- Why do you think some slaves chose to flee?
- What did slaves risk by running away?
- Consider the actual act of running away. What would be difficult?
- Given the danger and difficulty in running away, what skills and attitude would an enslaved person need to possess?







Exploring Primary Sources: Runaway Slave Ads





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