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"This picture of a poor fugitive is from one of the stereotype cuts manufactured in this city for the southern market, and used on handbills offering rewards for runaway slaves."

THE RUNAWAY.

Source: "The Project Gutenberg eBook of The Underground Railroad from Slavery to Freedom (1898) by Wilbert Henry Siebert." <https://www.gutenberg.org/files/49038/49038-h/49038-h.htm>.

RAILROAD

1830 - 1865

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T E N N E S S E E A P P A L A C H I A N M O U N T A I N S

Longitude West from Greenwich

BOSMA ENGRAVING CO., N.Y.

What is Freedom on the Move?

Crowdsource
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Source: Archibald H. Grimke. Anti-Slavery in Boston. New England Magazine. Wikimedia Commons.

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Freedom on the Move

Rediscovering The Stories Of
Self-Liberating People

A database of fugitives from American Slavery

Search Database

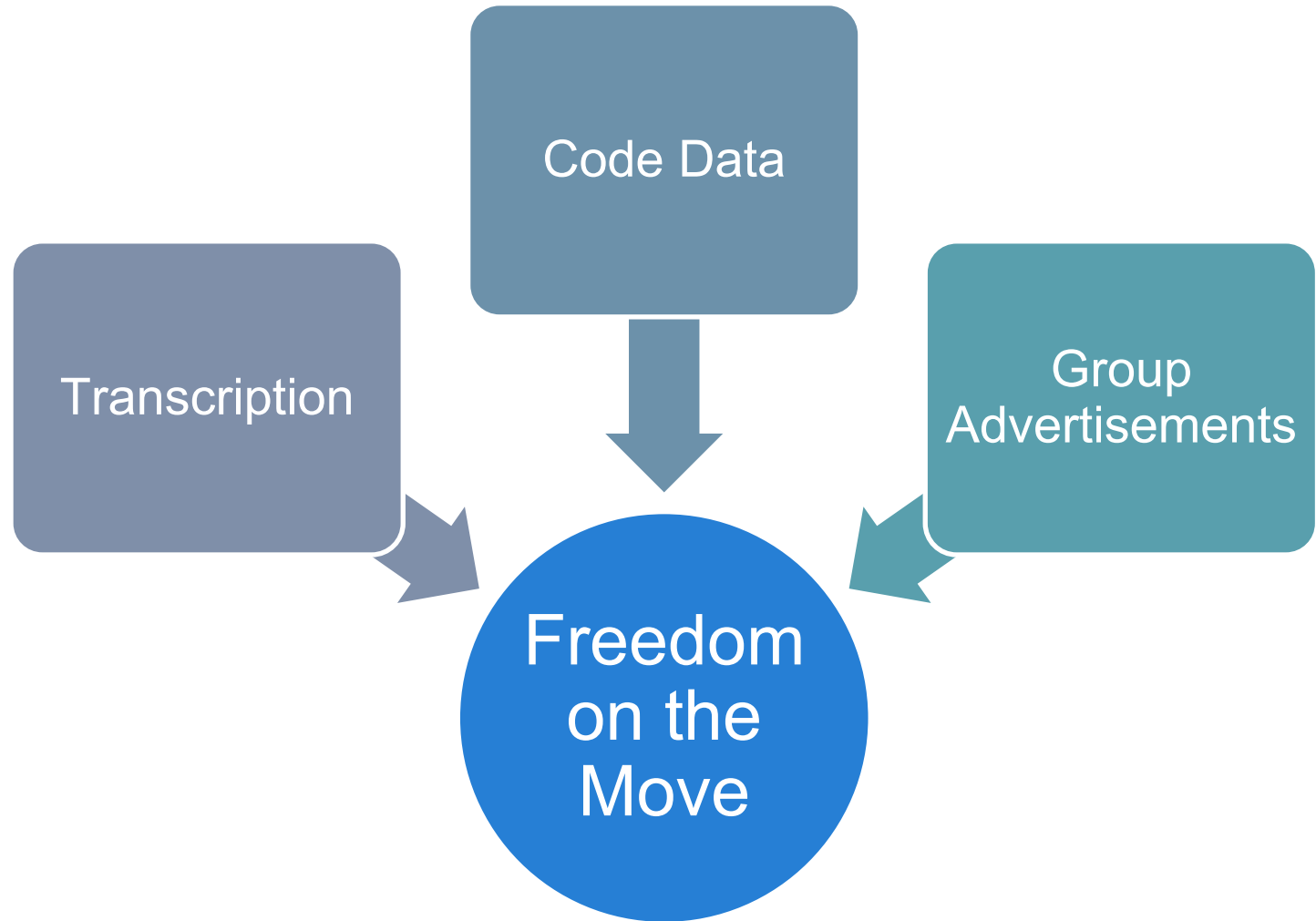
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F17 8t

J F BUFFET

The Role of Advertisements

Enlisting the public's help in racialized policing.

February 24,
1844

The Daily Picayune

New Orleans, LA



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Advertisement Types

Who placed advertisements and why?

\$200 REWARD.
RUNAWAY, from the subscriber in Murray county, on the 10th inst. two Negro men,
LEVI AND ISAAC.
Levi is about 5 foot 10 or 11 inches high 22 or 23 years of age, middling stout, and well made, not very black, when spoken to is very bold, and has a round full face.
Isaac is a small African, one of his upper fore-teeth out, about 5 foot 7 or 8 inches high, about 23 years of age, very black complected, and speaks broken English. I expect they are trying to get to the state of Ohio, and are likely now in this neighborhood, as I have heard of them between Nashville and Murfreesborough. Any person securing said negroes so that I get them if taken out of the state, shall receive the above reward, or one hundred dollars for either. If taken in the state fifty dollars for either.
SIGNER CAWLEY.
The Editors of the Kentucky Reporter, Lexington, and Cincinnati Inquirer, and Public Advertiser, Louisville, and Shawnoetown papers, will insert the above three times, and forward their accounts to Columbia, Tenn, for payment.

Jailors also placed ads when enslaved people were delivered into their custody.

Enslavers placed ads in hopes of enlisting the help of other whites to find enslaved people.

NOTICE.
TAKEN UP and committed to the Jail of Craven County on the 17th instant, as a runaway, a negro man who says his name is SHARPER, and belongs to Mrs. Isler, of Duplin County, N. C.— Said negro is 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high, and black. Has on a blue Kentucky Jeans coat. The owner of said negro is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him away, or in due time he will be disposed of as the law directs.
S. BISHOP, Jailer.
Newbern, October 18th, 1848. 43 tf

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Nashville Gazette
05/03/1820

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Newbernian and North Carolina Advocate
11/07/1848

Note that this ad was placed on 10/18/1848

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R U N A W A Y

FROM the subscribers on Sunday night the 13th inst., two negro boys, Henry and Pinkney, aged about 19 years each, coloured near the same, slightly copper or yellow. Henry wore off a suit of linsey jeans black or dark blue, took two vests and two pair of cotton pantaloons (store goods.) a high crowned black hat and a cap, he is about 5 feet 5 inches high, wide mouth, and thick lips, weight about 145 pounds. is quick spoken but rather down look, has a small scar on back of his head the only scar recollected, he is a tolerably likely, active and srewd black boy for his age. Pinkney wore off cotton check sack, black and white mixed pantaloons and cotton vest, black wool hat, took no other clothing, he is about 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, weight 140 pounds or perhaps over, is very ugly, face rough, large thick nose, very short forehead, ill shaped and sharp head, long feet, and has a scar from the cut of an axe some 2 inches long, lately well, in the calf of one leg, coarse voice and slow spoken.

It is believed they will aim for a free State by passing through **Virginia and Kentucky**. They may have some sort of free papers, if not they will either get in with moving families or follow other wagons and profess to belong with them.

We will give **20** dollars for their delivery to us or confinement in any jail in this State or **10** dollars for either, or **\$30** if confined out of this State. It is supposed they will continue together or in company.

Address Brumwell's P. O., Davidson Co, N. C.
JOSEPH RAPER,
HALEY BROWN.

April 17th 1851. 51 of.
**Abandon Virginian publish one month and forward account to this Office for collection.

PUBLICATION DATE:

04/19/1851

NEWSPAPER:

Greensborough Patriot

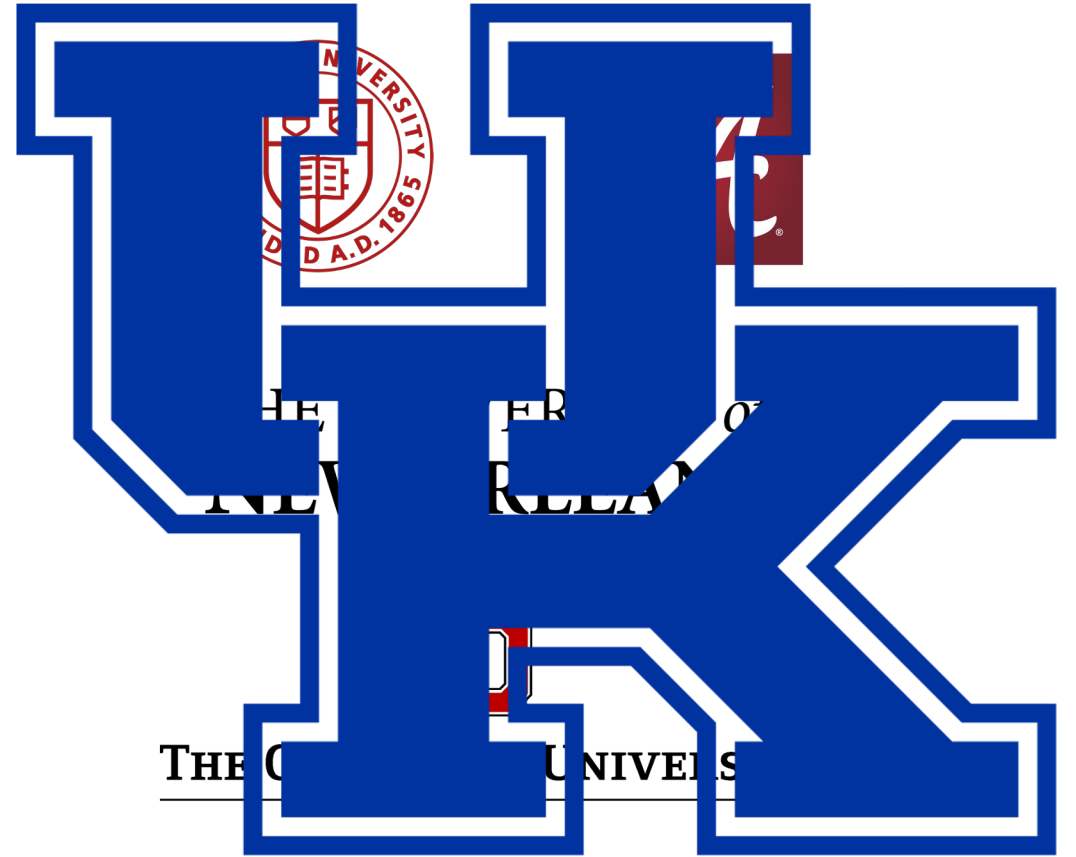
NEWSPAPER LOCATION:

Greensboro, Greensboro, NC, US

Our Current Partnership

Working with
Students to
Expand the
Archive Nationally

- FOTM has 32, 254 Advertisements available for search and transcription.
- **None** of those ads come from Kentucky's historical newspapers.
- UK Librarians in partnership with CIBS are leading the **national** effort to expand this important archive.



UK Libraries: Expertise & Resources



NOTABLE KENTUCKY
AFRICAN AMERICANS
DATABASE



UK Libraries:

KDNP

- 67 newspaper titles
- 15,128 issues
- 60,532 approx. pages
 - *Kentucke Gazette*
 - Oldest in KY
 - Oldest west of the Allegheny Mountains
 - *Courier Journal* (preceding titles)
 - State newspaper of record
 - Majority of titles from Bluegrass Region

Question: How many pages/issues can 8 students get through in 2.5 months?

Question: How many ads collected during 2.5 mo.?

Question: What period of time and/or titles contain the most ads?

Kentucky gazette. [volume] (Lexington [Ky.]) 1789-1803

☰ FoTM Code	kylxkeg
☰ KDNP Code	keg
☰ LCCN	sn82014782
☰ date range (digi...	1789-1803
# of issues	722
# estimated pages	2888
🔗 Internet Archive	https://archive.org/details/kentuckynewspapers?and%5B%5D=creator%3A%22kentucky+gazette+%28lexington%2C+ky.+%3A+1789%29%22&sort=-date&page=2
🔗 LoC Record	https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn82014782/
☰ Microfilm Databa...	https://ukmfilms.omeka.net/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Digitized	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Irrelevant to FOTM	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microfilm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NDNPS Candidate	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not@UK (digital ...	<input type="checkbox"/>
☰ Non-English	Empty
☰ NOTES	Oldest newspaper in KY; oldest newspaper west of the Allegheny Mountains - Issue 2, printed in Lexington March 14, 1789; http://Newspapers.com (1787-1841)

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NKAA

NOTABLE KENTUCKY
AFRICAN AMERICANS
DATABASE



1. Entries and references related to the contributions of African Americans in and from Kentucky
2. Half a million hits each calendar year
3. A homegrown, in-house library database
4. Free to anyone with internet access
5. Content covered from 1700s-present
6. Three sections:
 - 1) Kentucky history and resource entries
 - 2) African American Library Directors in the U.S.
 - 3) African American Women Veterans in and from Kentucky

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Workflow Management via Notion



FoTM Newspaper Database

Show All +

Aa Title	LCCN	FoTM Code	KDNP Code	LoC Record	Digitized	Microfilm
Kentucky gazette. [volume] (Lexington [Ky.]) 1789-1803	sn82014782	kylxkeg	keg	https://chroniclinga...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Guardian of freedom. [volume] (Frankfort, Ky.) 1798-180?	sn82014659	kyfrgua	gua	https://chroniclinga...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kentucky gazette and general advertiser. [volume] (Lexington [Ky.]) 1803-180?	sn84038147	kylxkeg	keg	https://chroniclinga...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kentucky gazette. [volume] ((Lexington, Ky.)) 1809-1848	sn82014783	kylxkeg	keg	https://chroniclinga...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The luminary. [volume] (Richmond, K. [i.e. Ky.]) 1811-182?	sn84038265	kyrilum	lum	https://chroniclinga...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Western monitor. [volume] ((Lexington, Ky.)) 1822-1824	sn84038157	kylwst	wst	https://chroniclinga...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kentucky Whig. [volume] (Lexington) 1825-1826	sn82014148	kylwkw	wkw	https://chroniclinga...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

FoTM-KY Student Workspace

- Student 1
- Student 2
- Student 3

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Other Resources

Freedom on the Move | Cornell University
A database of fugitives from American Slavery
<https://freedomonthemove.org/>

Impact

- This project is a student focused cross-college collaboration with community impact.
- We are making the rich history of African American Kentuckians more accessible.

\$25

REWARD

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at No. 9, St.

Questions?

Charles street.

m30 6t

WILLIS HOLMES.