***Newspaper advertisements for enslaved people who escaped***.

*The following are freely available online collections of advertisements, many of them searchable.*

“Freedom On The Move,” <https://app.freedomonthemove.org/> (more than 10,000 advertisements from 18th and 19th century North American newspapers).

“The Geography of Slavery in Virginia.” <http://www2.vcdh.virginia.edu/gos/index.html> (advertisements from the *Virginia Gazette*).

“North Carolina Runaway Slave Notices, 1750-1865,” <http://dlas.uncg.edu/notices/?t=3> (more than 5,000 North Carolina advertisements from 1751-1865).

“Runaway Slaves in Britain,” <https://www.runaways.gla.ac.uk/database/table/> (more than 800 advertisements from English and Scottish newspapers, 1700-1780).

Collections of runaway advertisements from Philadelphia, Barbados, Grenada, and Jamaica (several different datasets). <https://repository.upenn.edu/exhibits/orgunit/mead> (Enter the word “**runaway”** in the repository’s Search box and click on search to reveal a series of sets of runaway advertisements from different places).

*The following are online databases of newspapers (many containing freedom seeker advertisements). Some are freely available online, others are available through subscription (i.e. behind paywalls, but available through many university libraries).*

‘America’s Historical Newspapers’ database at

<https://www.readex.com/products/americas-historical-newspapers>

Click on ‘Browse publications’ for a complete listing, and either browse the list or enter a search term to filter (this could be the name of a newspaper, a place of publication, a date range etc.). This collection includes key newspapers from the revolutionary era including *Boston Gazette*, *Pennsylvania Gazette*, *Maryland Gazette*, and *South Carolina Gazette* (with different names like *South Carolina and American General Gazette*.

‘Barbados Mercury and Bridgetown Gazette Newspaper Collection’ database at

<https://eap.bl.uk/collection/EAP1086-1>

Click on ‘View archives from this collection’ and then click on a year to see digitized newspapers from that year.

‘Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers’ database at <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>

Click on ‘Advanced Search’ and then select a state and select a date range of years. For example, entering ‘Pennsylvania’ and ‘1770 to 1800’ and then clicking ‘Search’ will give you thousands of pages of newspapers from this city during these years.

‘Caribbean Newspapers (1718-1876)’ database at

<https://www.readex.com/products/caribbean-newspapers-series-1-1718-1876-american-antiquarian-society>

Click on ‘Browse publications’ for a complete listing, and either browse the list or enter a search term to filter (this could be the name of a newspaper, a place of publication, a date range etc.). This collection includes key newspapers from the revolutionary era including Jamaica’s *Royal Gazette*, and the *Barbados Mercury*.

‘19th Century U.S. Newspapers’ at

<https://www.gale.com/c/nineteenth-century-us-newspapers>

Click on ‘Browse’ for a full listing of newspapers, and then limit your search by state or province of publication, publication city, and a date range.

‘17th and 18th century Burney Collection Newspapers’ at <https://link.gale.com/apps/BBCN?enforceAuth=true>

This is the most complete digital collection of British newspapers, from the collections of the British Library. Click on ‘Browse’ for a full listing of newspapers, and then limit your search by country or county of publication, publication town or city, and a date range.

‘Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Nichols Newspaper Collection’ at <https://link.gale.com/apps/NICN?enforceAuth=true>

This is a strong collection of earlier English newspapers from the Bodleian Library at Oxford University. Click on ‘Browse’ for a full listing of newspapers, and then limit your search by country or county of publication, publication town or city, and a date range.

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