



# Isaiah Davenport House Volunteer Newsletter

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"She [Mrs. Wardrobe] confirms what I have heard of the active part they [mistresses of the household] take in kitchen and other menial duties. The other day... in Savannah we drove past a house where there had been a great dinner on the preceding day, and thro' the windows saw the ladies, with their white aprons on, busy washing up the glasses and tea-cups."



Letters of Mrs. Basil Hall, 1827-28.

## DAVENPORT HOUSE CALENDAR:

- Thursday, February 3 at 5:30 p.m. – Planning meeting *Tea at Mrs. Davenport's*
- Friday, February 4 at 5:30 p.m. – "*Potable Gold: Savannah's Madeira Tradition*"
- Saturday, February 5 at 5:30 p.m. – "*Potable Gold: Savannah's Madeira Tradition*"
- Tuesday, February 8 at noon – Davenport House Committee
- Wednesday, February 9 from 9:30 to noon - DH Docent Training program (topic: orientation), Note: Daniel Carey instructor at 11 a.m.
- Friday, February 11 at 5:30 p.m. – "*Potable Gold: Savannah's Madeira Tradition*"
- Saturday, February 12 at 12:30 p.m. – DH Oyster Roast at Beaulieu - 5:30 p.m. - "*Potable Gold: Savannah's Madeira Tradition*"
- Monday, February 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. - *Valentine's Day Weddings in the DH Garden*
- Wednesday, February 16 from 9:30 to noon – Davenport House Docent Training (topic: tour content)
- Thursday, February 17 from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. – DH Junior Interpreter meeting
- Friday, February 18 at 5:30 p.m. - "*Potable Gold: Savannah's Madeira Tradition*"
- Saturday, February 19 at 5:30 p.m. - "*Potable Gold: Savannah's Madeira Tradition*"
- Monday, February 21 from 9:30 until noon – DH Docent Training (topic: tour methods) - 5:30 p.m. – All Staff meeting "*Preparing for the Busy Season*"
- Tuesday, February 22 from 9:30 to 9 p.m. – Kennedy Pharmacy use – HSF

- Wednesday, February 23 – from 9:30 until 2 p.m. – Winter Field Trip, "Walking Tour of Bay and Broughton Streets" Rain date – February 24
- Thursday, February 24 at 6 p.m. – Georgia Association of Historians pre-conference entertainment (AASU class performs in the Kennedy Pharmacy)
- Friday, February 25 at 5:30 p.m. - "*Potable Gold: Savannah's Madeira Tradition*"
- Saturday, February 26 at 5:30 p.m. - "*Potable Gold: Savannah's Madeira Tradition*"
- Monday, February 28 at 5:30 p.m. – Madeira tours refresher for spring series beginning 3/17 and running through 5/20

## IT'S TIME TO PREP FOR SPRING:

February will be a busy month preparing for the busy season.

PLEASE NOTE:

- **TEA PROGRAM** – Preliminary cast meeting on Thursday, February 3 at 5:30 p.m. See info within.
- **MADEIRA /TAUCK TOURS** series – Refresher and training for the spring tour season with our Tauck Tours patrons – Monday, February 28 at 5:30 p.m.. We need as many trained volunteers as are willing to assist with this program. See info within.
- **DOCENT TRAINING** – scheduled for Wednesdays (except Feb. 2 and Feb 23). See info within.
- **ALL STAFF – DH's Preparing for the Busy Season:** All DH staff (volunteers are welcome) will gather on Monday, February 21 at 5:30 p.m. Jamie REALLY HOPES (really expects) that all paid staff will attend to know what to anticipate, including events, weddings and tour groups scheduled, during the busy months March through June.

## SUPERMUSEUMSUNDAY IS A JI DAY:

For the past seven years the DH has been a shining example of youth service on **SuperMuseumSunday** – the one-day-in-the-year when most area museums are open to the public free of charge. Our young volunteers staff the entire house and give our visitors an

energetic and lively presentation of the museum. This year will be no different. On Sunday, February 6 from 12 noon until 4 p.m. a Junior Interpreter will be stationed in each room (We will need a workforce of at least 18 young people). There will be two shifts of workers – noon until 2 and 2 until 4 p.m. (or whenever the last group makes it through the house). There are a few spaces open for JIs who have not signed-up. Contact Jamie or Dottie to help out.

- **JI February meeting:** The February JI meeting will be at 6:30 on Thursday, February 17. The group will talk about volunteering for the Savannah Garden Expo and will take a walk down to the Morris Center to see where it will take place.

## VOLUNTEER TRIP - HIGHLIGHTS OF BAY AND BROUGHTON STREETS WITH SAVANNAH RAMBLES:



There is room for you to come along on our February field trip viewing and discussing historical highlights on Bay and Broughton Streets. These were main thoroughfares during Isaiah Davenport's time. Our host **Dirk Hardison** will discuss how the sites we pass relate to the Davenport's era as well as the preservation movement in Savannah.

Please remember to have your money (\$30) in to Jeff by February 16 as well as your lunch selection (you can email Jamie this – [jcredle@davenportmuseum.org](mailto:jcredle@davenportmuseum.org)).

Note: Lunch at Moon River Brewery (formerly the City Hotel designed by William Jay) is an additional expense. Choose from among the following selections:

- House Caesar salad
- Grilled chicken sandwich with cole slaw
- Turkey melt with sweet potato fries

Your choice of non-alcoholic beverages: \$1.49

Beer sampler (3 4 oz samples light microbrews) - \$2.50

Add 7% tax and 18% gratuity

## DOCENT NEWS: DOCENT TRAINING AND TRAINING NEWS!

In an effort to provide more and better information for docents to discuss the preservation movement in Savannah, **Daniel Carey**, President and CEO of Historic Savannah Foundation, will deliver an hour-long presentation on the topic as part of the February training class. All current docents are invited. Let Jamie or Dottie know to expect you so we will have enough chairs. His portion of training will take place at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, February 9.

The February Davenport House Docent Training Schedule is:

**Wednesday, February 9 from 9:30 to noon** – Topic: Orientation and Preservation Movement

**Wednesday, February 16 from 9:30 to noon** – Topic: Content/History of the House

**Monday, February 21 from 9:30 to noon** – Topic: Tour Giving Methodology

**Wednesday, March 2 from 9:30 to noon** – Topics: Safety, Odd'n Ends  
Class will be held in the Kennedy Pharmacy.

Currently there are four people signed-up to take training. We are hoping for more!

- Say a big Huzzah to **Meg Bremer, Jan Highland** and **Susan Wenzlick** who have recently completed their clearance tours and are now in the schedule. **Elizabeth Farish** has also returned to us and will volunteer when she is able in between her graduate school commitments.

## OYSTER ROAST: KNIVES! PROVIDED!

Everyone here hopes you know that our Oyster Roast to benefit the Kennedy Pharmacy is on Saturday, February 12 and that you are invited. We will be able to take reservations up until Saturday, February 5.

**Gaye Drummond, Cornelia Groves, Anne Koontz, Marilyn Sheridan, Helen Johnson** and **Roger Smith** – all worked on getting the mailing out to potential patrons.

We had many comments on how much fun the invitation to the Oyster



Roast is. It is a full-color oyster cut to size with an oyster knife sticking out. FYI - **Cornelia Groves** and **Ann Nash** created it and cut each of the them out by hand! Gaye, Ann and Roger worked on the inserts for the mailing.

All are now focused on putting on a beautiful party which will include oysters followed by a sit-down dinner on a private property in the Beaulieu section of Chatham County. It will be a rare treat with the good food and surprising entertainment!

In choosing the date, there seemed to be something that conflicted with every Saturday in the calendar. On deciding upon February 12 – **Georgia Day!** – the committee felt that having a daytime event in such a beautiful location with a relaxing atmosphere would be a welcome addition to whatever evening event patrons intend to attend. No matter the weather it will be a grand party for a grand cause on a celebratory day!

## VALENTINE'S DAY WEDDINGS:

**Judge Harris Lewis** will officiate at our Valentine's Day Weddings in the DH Garden event. Couples will marry every 10 minutes between 5 and 7 p.m. Currently we have seven couples already signed up. This is the earliest ever to have so many couples signed up. Junior Interpreters will assist with the program. Hurray for commitment!



## Madeira Detail: Don't need you in February but MUST HAVE YOU IN MARCH! TRAINING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28 AT 5:30 (MADEIRA TO BE SERVED!)

While Jamie and Raleigh will handle the February Madeira detail on Friday and Saturday evenings, the museum expects a busy spring with Madeira tours on Thursday and Friday evenings. The DH must have volunteer help to present the planned spring schedule. Currently, it involves Madeira tours every week (Thursday and Friday evenings at 6:30) from

March 17 through May 20. It is going to be an effort to accomplish these tours. During the past year, the museum has put together a wonderful group of evening volunteers – and we hope they all will return for spring tours. However, we can certainly use more helpers.



FYI - The tours involved setting up the garden to serve a bus load of patrons (we have that part down to a science), serving refreshments following a 30-minute tour spotlighting hospitality and the serving of Madeira during the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. The tour company expects that the large group arriving on the motorcoach will be divided into much smaller groups – of 10 or less – to experience the house. The logistics and content will be covered at the Monday, February 28 training at 5:30 p.m. Successfully executing these tours is an important part of our tour business! Just know we need you – even if you are a newly trained docent!

## SHOP NEWS:

- **Ben Head** had a successful trip to the Atlanta Gift Market in January. He sensed the market was busier than last year though several of our most reliable vendors are no longer in business. Expect to see a variety of new items in the shop including a line of tea towels decorated with birds and flowers featuring the "Davenport House" name and a line of garden and patio items including lanterns which hold 4 inch candles. Ben found a new line of battery operated candles. A line of soaps will soon arrive with the DH name. A line of skin care items will arrive packed in combinations of creams and emulsions which can be easily stored in a suitcase.  
- Welcome new shop volunteers **Edith Teifel** and **Gail Connolly**.

## COLLECTIONS NEWS:

- The Collection Committee consisting of **Claudette Engvall, Jeff Freeman, Lynn Hadwin, Diane Reitman** met following annual cleaning to review the house's

interpretation and to think about anticipated accomplishment in the upcoming year. Among many ideas, the big hope is to get an entry lantern (to be hung on a hook in the Entrance Hall) and to get the grass matting in Cornelia's room cut down so that it does not bunch up. As we plan this we have taken up the plastic runner from that room. Also, Jeff is working on expanding the access of our collections software to include interns who may work on laptops in the storage area.

- **Donations to the collection in January:** A darning egg, used to mend socks was given by **Diane**



**Reitman** and a more suitable cricket (small stool) was given by **Claudette Engvall**. Both of these items are in the Morning Room.

#### PHARMACY NEWS:

- **Patsy Robinson** brought in materials about **Thomas W. Norwood**, pharmacist who owned the Kennedy Pharmacy for much of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. He was Patsy's husband Randall's grandfather. There is much here for future newsletters!

- **Jeff Freeman** is also doing research on past owners of the pharmacy at the urging of DHC member **Lynn Hadwin** who is familiar with a pharmacist who used to work at the KP.

#### ANTICIPATING TEA:

The museum will present its tea programs (March's **Tea with Mrs. Davenport** when tea is served in the second floor meeting room, and May's **Tea in the Garden** when tea is served in the courtyard garden) in the spring. There is always a terrific volunteer turn-out both in costumed participants and in bakers. The needs will be no different in 2011. There are 9 dates in March (mostly Thursdays and Fridays – 3, 4, 10, 11, 16, 18, 23, 24 and 31) and 8 dates in May (Thursdays and Fridays as well – 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27) There will be a preliminary cast meeting on **Thursday, February 3**

**at 5:30.** The cast will be large though we do not anticipate every single player being there every single performance. The programs' cast may include **Cassidy Hatcher, Lauren Purcell, Shannon Wichers, Jan Vach, Jamie Credle, Jeff Freeman** and **Raleigh Marcell (Jody Christie** if she is able). Raleigh is working on new and improved dialogue for the show! Expect to hear more about the program and how you can help in mid-February.



#### ANNUAL CLEANING:

The DH looks spic-n-span thanks to the good work of **Raleigh Marcell, Dottie Kraft, Lauren Purcell, Helen Linskey, Jenny Preetorious** and **Tiffany Miller**. Staff and volunteers have gotten the tasks down to an accustomed routine. Thank you to all!

#### EXPO VOLUNTEERING – SAVANNAH GARDEN EXPO APRIL 15-16 – MORRIS CENTER IN THE LANDMARK HISTORIC DISTRICT:

The DH is coordinating on-site Expo volunteers. The event is going to be at an exciting new place – the **Morris Center** with the vendor area overlooking the Savannah River. Staff looked over the property in January and it seems ideal both historically (this is where the colony of Georgia had its experimental garden) and logistically. The site is closer to the DH and HSF offices. There will be an indoor venue (with spill over outside - if the weather is nice) for the Preview Party as well as an indoor area of vendor/volunteer hospitality. HSF staff are continuing to recruit for the Expo Committee positions.

The on-site volunteer positions needing to be filled include parking people (to direct people to available parking on the street and around the venue), entrance booth/info people, hospitality room (greeting volunteers and



vendors, making sure the area is clean and serving snacks), garden cart helpers who assist patrons in getting purchases to their cars, visitor aids to direct patrons to the different areas of the event, window box/container garden volunteers to encourage the purchase of these items, wine tour worker (3 or 4 for each garden) set-up workers, clean-up workers. The event will require at least 90 people to make it all happen. We could use you. We could also use suggestions on other volunteers.

Contact Jamie if you would like to help.

#### WORTH MENTIONING:

- **Rentals and Garden Weddings** (17 so far in the calendar year): Beginning the Sunday, March 13 through June 25 there is at least one wedding a week scheduled for our garden. Most of these are “ceremony only” events though four are ceremonies with receptions and one includes the Pharmacy. Thank you to **Jeff**



**Freeman** for doing the preliminary work and securing these bookings. It will be a museum-effort to see these bookings through.

- **Anticipated dates of concern/ Can you help?: Friday, March 25** – Madeira tour as part of Savannah Tours of Homes and Gardens, **Saturday, March 26** – Indiana Historical Society Madeira program (here/wedding will be taking place in the garden), **Thursday, April 15/ Friday, April 16** – Maderia Tours during the Savannah Garden Expo. There are several dates that we have both teas and Madeira tours!

- **GroupOn:** In mid-January staff got a call from a representative of **GroupOn**, a deal-of-the-day website. This popular online business offers subscribers heavily discounted deals, in our case 2 for 1 admission, over a single day. It's intent is to bring in business and to create loyal customers using a time-limited exposure. The company

posts a snazzy listing created by its staff using our website and people register throughout the day. The posting opens at mid-night. Staff checked its listing throughout the day and was able to monitor the demographics (age, gender and zip code) of those participating. There were 15 sales by 7:30 and 60 by 10 a.m. By the end of the day there were 227 (GULP!) purchasers of discounted tickets (454 guests to visit the house!). The DH **GroupOn** that is purchased is good for 6 months. DH front line staff will be knowledgeable in how to redeem these purchases. Check out **GroupOn** and see the local deals as well as checking out deals in other locations.

- **Farewell Emily:** Docent **Emily Feldstein** has moved to Washington, DC. She suggested we keep her on the docent list because she hopes to return and give tours during holidays. She's a fine tour guide.

- **Disaster Planning:** **Beth Kinstler** attended a workshop for the DH on insurance and collections appraisals in anticipation of disasters.

- **Lots of transitions:** It seems like there are lots of wonderful as well as sad transitions happening among the DH family. At least one of our DH family is applying for grad school (good luck girl friend). We hope those with sickness will soon be back with us. Those with new grandchildren will show us all of their photos. And, those experiencing loss, please know we are thinking of you!

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### Roger Smith

**DH:** *How did you come to be associated with the Davenport House?*

**Roger:** I was always aware of the Davenport House, since I was born and grew up in Savannah. However, when I first moved into the Landmark Historic District as a young 20-something in the early 1990s, I joined Historic Savannah Foundation and checked the box on the membership form saying that I would agree to be contacted for volunteer opportunities. I thought I'd be asked to do something like stuffing and sealing envelopes or scraping the gum from the bottoms of



chairs. Imagine my delight when I was asked if I would be willing to be a volunteer docent at the Davenport House. I felt like I had really "arrived" to be asked to do this important work. To be chairing the Davenport House Committee, some twenty years later, is a significant honor and thrill.

**DH:** *What professions did you or do you have outside of the DH?*

**Roger:** When I first began volunteering at the Davenport House, I was a high school teacher. After teaching American literature and French for almost ten years, I accepted a position as a museum educator at the Massie Heritage Center (I'm certain that my volunteer work at the Davenport House helped me land the Massie teaching assignment). From there, I was asked to serve as Director of Education for the Georgia Historical Society, a position I adored for the entire six years I held it. Most recently, in 2006, I was invited to join the staff of Senior Citizens, Inc. where I direct a humanities education program for people ages 50 and over called The Learning Center of Senior Citizens, Inc.

**DH:** *What is your favorite thing about the Davenport House?*

**Roger:** In a city with some of the nation's most outstanding house museums, the Davenport House pays such remarkable attention to period detail and authenticity. This makes me proud to be associated with it.

**DH:** *What's the most unusual thing that has ever happened to you at the DH?*

**Roger:** One beautiful wintry Sunday afternoon, it started to snow. Snow is always beautiful and exotic to a southerner, but seen from the windows of the beautiful Davenport House, it felt particularly beautiful and very, very historic!

**DH:** *What do you love most about the Davenport House?*

**Roger:** I think I love the innovative programs most. Yellow fever, Madeira, the Junior Interpreter program . . . wow, they're all terrific.

**DH:** *How long have you been in Savannah?*

**Roger:** I was born and have always lived in Savannah. Born here in 1968.

**DH:** *What is your favorite season in Savannah and why?*

**Roger:** I used to love winter, but in

my old age I'm becoming more and more partial to warmer weather.

**DH:** *What is your favorite thing to do in Savannah (besides being a volunteer at the DH)?*

**Roger:** I love walking for exercise and enjoyment downtown and in my own neighborhood of Ardsley Park. I also love eating at Savannah's wonderful restaurants: Circa 1875, Toucan Café, Vic's on the River, the Pink House, and on and on and on!

## A Look at the DH Guest Register:

During the month of January 2011 we saw guests from 35 states. Hometowns included Andalusia, AL, Leeds, AL, Topanga, CA, Niatic, CT, Fleming Island, FL, Albion, IN, Gorham, ME, Waterville, ME, St. Cloud, MN, Plattsmouth, NE, Bernardsville and Monmouth Junction, NJ, Irondequoit, NY, Horse Shoe, NC, Canute, OK, Woonsocket, RI, Belle Fourche, SD and Gillette, WV. Our foreign patrons hailed from Australia, Brazil, Canada, England, Germany, Italy, India, Japan, Nigeria, Peru, Scotland, Spain, and Sweden.

## Where They Heard About Us (in descending order of frequency)

Tour Guides (cited by name: Dirk Hardison, Ghost Tour); Brochures; Internet; Trolley Tours (cited by name: Old Town Trolley, Oglethorpe, Old Savannah Tours); Concierge (cited by name: Avia, Doubletree, Mansion, Sheraton, Westin); Visitor Center; Guide Book (cited by name: AAA, Fodor's, Frommer's); Walk By; Friend; Cupcake Emporium; Eugenia Price novels; local; map; newspaper; relative; SCAD; school research; TV.

## What They Had To Say

"Looks great!" "Excellent tour!" "Fabulous" "Beautiful work. Thanks volunteers!" "Great house and interpretive guides." "Love the history." "Lovely home. Love the wallpaper." "Wonderful preservation." "Our guide was superb! Loved the house. Thank you!" "Interesting and entertaining" "Great tour. Pat brings it to life." "Beautifully done. Will be back." "Happy to be a Davenport." "Awesomeness. I learned a lot." "Great tour guide, Marty." "Wilma was so informative! Loved it!" "Great tour guide. She made it special."

Be Mine! My Valentine!



## Would You Run?: Ads for Runaway Slaves in the 1820s

### “FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD”

Ran away from subscriber on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> of March last, a NEGRO WENCH named NANCY, about thirty years of age, four feet ten inches high, has a scar on her neck; she can speak the German language; Nancy was formerly the property of George Rentz, who owns her sister by the name of Peggy, they look very much alike; Nancy was once taken, and got off by passing herself off as Peggy; they can only be distinguished by the scar Nancy has on her neck, she has been several times seen passing from Savannah to Wilmington Island. The above reward will be paid on proof to conviction of her being harbored by any white person, or thirty dollars if delivered to the subscriber, or lodged in any gaol\* [jail] in this state, so that the subscriber get her.

Isaiah Davenport  
Rep. & Savh Even. – 10/15/1812p. 3, c. 4

One of the few things we know for sure about Isaiah Davenport is his slave “wench” Nancy ran away in 1812. And, when he died in 1827 he owned a slave named Nancy.

If you spend time at the DH you must surely think about Nancy. Why did she run? What was she running from? What was she running to? How long did she stay away? Was she punished when she returned? And though we know nothing about Nancy other than the above, she provides us a platform, as someone who lived in and worked as part of the Davenport household, to learn about and be mindful of runaways in the antebellum South.

One of the wonderful things about Savannah is that if you want to do historical research you can often find primary resources you need. Both the Live Oak Public Library (Georgia Room) and the Georgia

Historical Society have newspapers on microfilm dating back to the late 18<sup>th</sup> century. To learn about Isaiah Davenport’s time all you have to do is thread the microfilm reader and look through the [Columbia Museum](#), [Savannah Republican](#), [The Daily Georgian](#). We recently did this and the evidence you will see below.

For analysis of what runaway ads mean we turned to the book [Runaway Slaves: Rebels on the Plantation](#) by John Hope Franklin and Loren Schweninger. For over twenty years these scholars and their minions created “a computer-generated database from runaway notices – 8,400 between 1790-1860” (which includes evidence from five states – VA, NC, SC, TN, LA (20 newspapers). The statement of the profundity of their work reads,

*“We have undertaken an extensive examination of ‘slave flight’ between 1790 and 1860. It reveals, among other things, some problems of management of the South’s ‘peculiar institution.’ It shows how a great majority of them [enslaved people] struggled to attain their freedom even if they failed. . . . We carefully scrutinized those who challenged the system: when, where, and how they ran away; how long they remained out; how they survived away from the plantation; and how and when they were brought back and punished.”*

There are several points which are useful for us to know from their research:

- (p. 115) *“Not only was there a strong movement to the south and west, but depending on the circumstances, runaways headed in an easterly or southeasterly direction. Just as slaves in the Mississippi Valley followed the rivers south, in the Piedmont and Coastal Plain in states from Virginia to Georgia they*

*went along the York, Rappahannock, Neuse, Savannah, and Saluda rivers, flowing to the southeast . . .”* - (p. 127) *“Cities in the Lower South similarly tempted slaves away from plantations and farms.”* [Charleston being the most popular city].

Franklin and Schweninger focused “on two types of evidence: notices of runaways in newspapers and petitions to southern legislatures and county courts.” The importance of newspaper ads is: *“Masters [such as I. Davenport] who advertised for a return of their property had little reason to misinform their readers and every reason to be as precise as possible. They presented information on a range of topics concerning their slaves, including physical descriptions and family relationships.”*

So - on the one hand it is sad Hope and Schweninger do not include Georgia in their database and on the other we can pretend we are the first to see and try to understand the ads that appear in Savannah newspaper. The following are just a sampling.

### BROUGHT TO GAOL\*;

In Savannah, September 10 1818, a negro man who says his name is **BEN**, and that he belongs to Abner Jourden, in the northeastern part of Georgia. He is about thirty years of age and five feet— inches high: He has a smiling countenance and tells an equivocal tale, the truth of which is doubt [ful]—

H. McCall, gcc  
Jan. 4, 1819, [Savannah Republican](#).

**ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR’S REWARD.** Now in Savannah or its vicinity, a negro man by the name of **SIMON**, a carpenter by trade – Simon is endeavoring to pass for a free man, and has recently been seen working at his trade in this place. All persons are cautioned against harboring or employing him in any manner

\*In the early 19<sup>th</sup> century the word “goal” and “gaol” were used interchangeably for jail.

whatever, and if detected in doing so will be dealt with as rigidly as the law will allow.

J.S. THOMAS

July 8, 1819, Savannah Republican.

One Hundred Dollar's reward.

Ranaway from the subscriber some time in February last, from my plantation, near Milledgeville, a negro man named **CHARLES**. This negro was raised in the family of Mr. Charles Irvine, near Sunbury, in Liberty county, and was some time the property of Mr. Williford, of Savannah, where he is well known. When he absconded he took with him a sorrel horse, saddle and bridle, and as he has many relatives, and acquaintance both in Liberty county and Savannah, and as his wife who belongs to Mr. Palmes, of Savannah, has lately absconded, it is presumed Charles is at no great distance.

I will pay to any person who shall apprehend and secure in some safe goal, so that I get him again, one hundred dollars.

D.E. MITCHELL

July 8, 1819. Savannah Republican.

**BROUGHT TO THE GOAL** [sic]; In Savannah, December 11<sup>th</sup> 1818, a negro man who says his name is **JERRY**, and that he belongs to Thomas Collier, near Dublin, Laurence county: he is about fifty years of age, and five feet six inches high. He appears to have been among the Indians, and understands a few words of the Creek tongue.

H. McCall, g.c.c.

January 4, 1819, Savannah Republican.

**ABSCONDED,**

In October last, two negro men: **TONEY**, black fellow, has two thumbs on each hand—**BOSTON**, of a yellow complexion, with a scar in his forehead. Ten Dollars will be paid for each of them on being delivered in Savannah gaol, or to the subscriber on Ogeechee. Forbids any person from employing or harboring either of them on penalty of the law—they are mostly from Savannah to Ogeechee.

HENRY BOURIQU

July 8, 1819, Savannah Republican.

**FIFTEEN DOLLARS REWARD.**

Ranaway from the subscriber on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> inst. A negro man named **August**, formerly belonged to Mr. Robert Flournoy, living on the White Bluff road. August is about 30 years of age and 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, large head and shoulders prominent breast, with small legs and feet, speaks the Spanish language, and tolerable English, is an intelligent fellow. Had on when he went away a black Bombozette Coatee, Check Shirt; and either Stockinette Pantaloon or Russia Duck Trowsers, and carried with him several other articles of waring apparel. It is possible August may make for Darien having been owned near that place. Masters of vessels are required to secure him should he offer them his services. Whoever will deliver him to the subscriber in Savannah, shall receive the above reward or ten dollars for lodging him in any goal [sic] in this state or South Carolina.

GEORGE W. COLLINS.

July 8, 1819. Savannah Republican.

**FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD**

Ranaway from the subscriber on the night of 24<sup>th</sup> April, a negro woman named **RACHEL**, formerly belonging to Mrs. David Williford, of this city. Rachel is about 30 years old, bright complexion, about 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high, and well formed, one of her ankles considerably swollen, commonly smiles when spoken to, speaks good English and answers questions intelligently. -- Whoever will deliver the above wench to the subscriber in Savannah, or lodge her in any gaol in the state, shall receive the above reward. N.B. All masters of vessels and others are cautioned against harboring or carrying her out to the state, as the law will be rigidly enforced against them.

G.F. PALMES.

July 20, 1819, Savannah Republican.

**FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD.**

Runaway about two years ago, a mulatto man named **Frank**, belonging to the estate of William Road, late of Bryan county, deceased, about thirty years of age, five feet, six or seven

inches high rather slender than otherwise, his completion is brighter than a common mulatto – all the toes on one of his feet are off, having been burnt off when a child, it is probable he will change his name and attempt to pass as a free man, it is believed he has either gone to the north or made his way to Florida, and in either case he must have been assisted by a white person—any person delivering said fellow to me, or lodging him any Jail so I get him, shall receive the above reward, and all reasonable expences paid.

DAVID KENNEDY, Ex.r.

April 5, 1823. Savannah Daily Republican

**THIRTY DOLLAR REWARD**

Ranaway from the subscriber in September last, two negroes, **BOB** about thirty years of age, five feet six or eight inches high, a little included to yellow, speaks quick and intelligent has holes in his ears, and wears whiskers, his hair is rather long and but little inclined to kink, he may easily be known by two wens [?] his back, he is African born, his upper foreteeth wide apart, he is well known in Savannah, as he drove my wagon for ten or twelve years, he has blue cassimere pantaloons and waist coat, a blue great coat.

**SILLER**, a woman about forty year of age African born, about five feet eight or nine inches high, wears small gold earrings, had a mixt homespun frock, speaks rather slow and mild: -- Twenty Dollars will be paid for apprehending the said Bob, and lodging him any jail in the state, so I got him and Ten Dollars for Siller, or one hundred for proof that will lead to conviction of their being harbored or taken out of the state by any white person, or fifty dollars if harbored by a negro.

ROBERT BURTON.

June 2, 1823, Savannah Daily Republican

**150 DOLLARS REWARD**

Ranaway from the subscriber, in Wilkes County, Georgia, in the month of May last, a man slave, **Lige** or **El-isha**, about 22 years of age, four feet some 6 or 9 inches high, tolerably

\*At this time the word "goal" and "gaol" were used interchangeably for jail.

well made, complected Indian like, strait black hair, teeth, perhaps, affected, somewhat squint or glass eyed. He passed currently as an Indian between Washington, Wilkes county, and Augusta, the last the subscriber heard of him on his way to Savannah. He knows nothing of the Indian dialect. -- he may have fallen into the hands of some negro stealing gentry; or more than probably, he may be employed as a boat hand or sailor by some innocent person or harbored in Augusta or Savannah. The above reward will be paid for the runaway and thief, if stolen, upon conviction: or 40dollars for the runaway delivered at any jail in Georgia, or 25 dollars delivered at any jail in the U. States, with the grateful thanks of the owner.

**JOHNSON WELLBORN**

June 2, 1823, Savannah Daily Republican.

#### **TEN DOLLARS REWARD**

Will be paid for apprehending my fellow **Billy**, of late the property of Mr. Michael Long—who absconded yesterday morning: he is an African by birth, dark complexion, his stature is short, with broad and rather round shoulders and short neck, his pronunciation is indistinct and stuttering, his wardrobe consists of a blue cloth coat with yellow metal buttons, rather large for his person, black hat, a short sailor jacket, pretty well worn, a pair of homespun Trowsers, and black cloth vest.

Should he be taken up in the country, all reasonable charges will be paid.

June 4, 1823, Savannah Daily Republican.

#### **RANAWAY**

From the subscriber on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May last—negro fellow by the name of **William** formerly a house servant, well known about Savannah, and was seen on the day on board of the brig Rolla. Captains of vessels and others are warned against taking him out of the state under the penalty of the law. Twenty Dollars will be paid for his delivery to the subscriber.

**JOSEPH STILES.**

June 4, 1823, Savannah Daily Republican.

#### **BROUGHT TO JAIL**

In Savannah, May 26, 1823, a negro girl who says her name is **Bess**, and that she belongs to Alexander Juhun of South Carolina, and that she ran away about the 1<sup>st</sup> of April last. She is 5 feet-1 inch high and about 17 years of age.

I D'Lyon, J.C.C.

June 4, 1823, Savannah Daily Republican.

#### **TEN DOLLARS REWARD,**

Will be given for the apprehension of a negro man named **Sambo**, belonging to the estate of William Bacon, deceased, who ran away from my boat while in Savannah in May last—said negro is remarkably tall and slender in his person, haggard visage, stoops considerably when in the act of walking, and is extremely dirty in his appearance and ragged in his dress. He is probably lurking about the swamps near Savannah, or perhaps at work in the neighborhood of Waynes wharf, where, I have understood, he has heretofore occasionally found ready employment, without any permission either from me or my agents. Whoever will arrest and lodge, in the Savannah or Augusta Goal [sic], the aforesaid negro, shall receive the above reward.

JNO. W. READ.

July 31, 1823, Savannah Daily Republican.

#### **BROUGHT TO JAIL**

In Savannah, on the 31<sup>st</sup> of Aug. last, a negro woman who says her name is **LOUISA**, and that she belongs to the estate of Frances Hopkins of McIntosh county, and that she ran away about three months ago. she is 5 feet 4 ½ inches high, and about 25 years of age.

I D'LYON, JCC

September 6, 1823, Savannah Daily Republican.

#### **BROUGHT TO JAIL**

In Savannah, on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August last a negro man who says his name is **Andrew** and that he belongs to Lewis Argroney of S.C. and that he ran away about 32 months ago, he is 5 feet 5 ½ inches high, and about 55 years age.

I D'LYON, JCC

September 6, 1823, Savannah Daily Republican.

#### **100 DOLLARS REWARD.**

The above reward will be paid to any person or persons, who will lodge my coachman **WILL**, and **SALLY** his wife in goal [sic], and prove to conviction of their being harboured by a white or coloured person, or Ten Dollars for their apprehension and delivery to the subscriber, or lodged in the work-house or goal; they are no doubt in the city and may go to Savannah where they have many acquaintances. Will is an elderly man, full eyes and generally inflamed from intemperance, limps in his gait from sciatic affection. Sally is a small woman, yellow complected, bushy hair, a small scar on the upper lip, high cheek bones, thin visage, a slight film on both eyes, of middle age, and a Virginian by birth—is well known in the Charleston Market. The above Negroes may obtain forged passes all persons are therefore cautioned from harbouring or carrying them off, as the law will be rigidly enforced.

H. M'NISH.

September 13, 1823, Savannah Daily Gazette.

#### **TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD,**

Will be paid for the apprehension and delivery in the Savannah Jail, the following negro woman - being of the a family purchased in Savannah in April last, at which time she absconded, and has since been twice taken and allowed to escape—and about ten days ago, applied to her former master for a ticket and with ready argument of contrition, calculated to succeed with the most incredulous—obtained one, with the assurance of intercession in her behalf, since which she has not been heard of, of usual size, good figure, handsome intelligent face, speaks slow, and she might be found on close examination, slightly tinged with yellow. She is presumed to be lurking in or about the city, where she is well known, and will render a further description unnecessary.

B. KING.

Darien, 28<sup>th</sup> August

September 16, 1823, Savannah Daily Republican