

### 1732-1734. Runaway Slave Advertisements

Source: Kobrin, D. (1971). *The Black Minority in Early New York* (NYS Education Department). The original newspapers are in the New York State Library, Albany

Newspaper advertisements in the *New York Gazette* for the week of June 12, 1732. Margery Brown and John Ivey were probably white indentured servants. William Bradford, Jr., who offered three slaves for sale, was the son of the *Gazette's* publisher.

#### *Advertisements.*

Run away on Thursday last from Robert Bevan, a Servant Maid named Margery Brown of a thick short stature, had on when she went away, a speckled jacket, plain quilt Petticoat. Whoever brings her to her said Master, shall be reasonably rewarded, by Robert Bevan. It is supposed she may be about this City at this present.

Two lusty strong Negro Men, and a Negro Girl that can do all Manner of House work, to be Sold by William Bradford, jun.

Newspaper advertisements in the *New York Gazette* for the week of December 11, 1732

Ran away from Joseph Reade of the City of New York, Mercht. the 14th of November 1732, a likely Mullatto Servant Woman, named Sarah, she is about 24 Years of Age, and has taken with her a Callico Suit of Cloaths, a striped Satten Silk Wastñcoat, a striped Calliminco Wastñcoat and Pettyñcoat, two Homespun Waftcoats and Pettyñcoats, and a Negro Man light colour Coat with brass buttons; he is of a Tall Stature and well set, a handy Wench, can do all sorts of Houseñwork, speaks good English and some Dutch. Whosever takes up the said Servant, and will bring her to her said Master, shall have Five Pounds as a Reward and all reasonable Charges paid.

Ran away from James Wallace of New York, Mercht. a Servant Man named John Ivey of a middle stature, pretty slender, very small Legs and something inclining to a stoop in his walk, pale Fac'd long dark coloured Hair curl'd when dress'd, commonly wears it under a Cap; aged about 30 years born in Barnstaple in the West of England, by Tradea Cooper. He had on when he went away a grey Coat trim'd with Black and Leather Breeches. Whoever secures said Servant and brings him to his said Master, shall have Five Pounds as a Reward, and all reasonable Charges paid.

Source: *New York Weekly Journal*, April 15, 1734 in Burrows, E. and Wallace, M. (1999). *Gotham, A History of New York City to 1898*. NY: Oxford, 127

To be Sold, a Young Negro Woman, about 20 Year old, she dos all sorts of House work; she can Brew, Bake, boil soft Soap, Wash, Iron & Strarch; and is a good dairy Woman. She can Card and Spin at the great Wheel, Cotton, Linen and Woolen. She has another good property, she neither drinks Rum nor smoes Tobacco, and she is a strong healthy Wench. She can Cook pretty well for Roast and Boyld; she can speak no other language but English. She had the Small Pox in Barbados when a child. Enquire of the Printer here of and known the Purchase. N.B. She is well Clothed.