

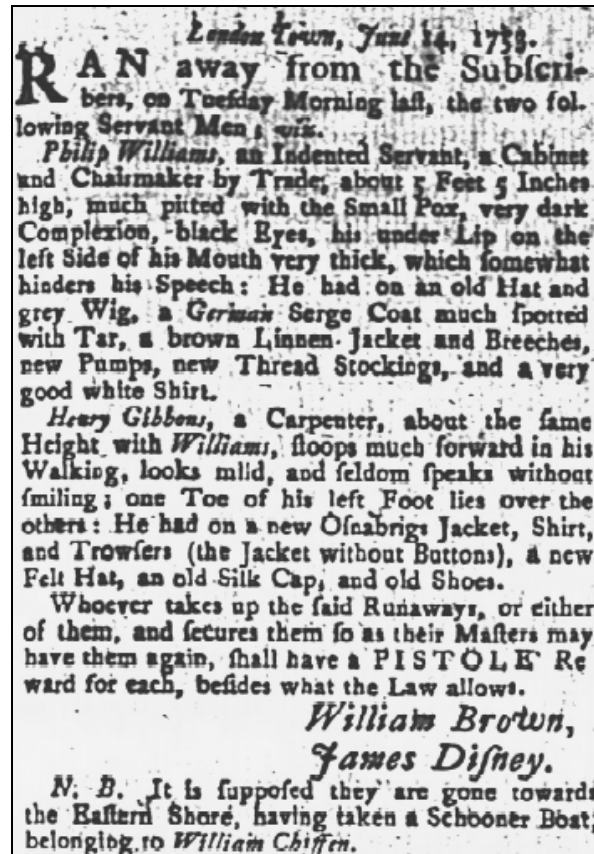
Henry Gibbons

*People of London Town, Maryland**

At this point, the only known reference to Henry Gibbons comes from a June 1753 *Maryland Gazette* runaway advertisement (see below). In this notice Henry Gibbons is described as a carpenter about 5½ feet tall. An interesting aspect of this notice is that Gibbons ran away with another indentured servant (Philip Williams) who was in the service of someone else at the time (William Brown, Sr.). Additionally they were thought to have stolen a schooner belonging to William Chiffen to go to the Eastern Shore.

It is not surprising that the two servants ran away together because their respective masters (Disney for Gibbons and Brown for Williams) were involved in many business transactions. Brown was a woodworker and Disney operated a mill in the South River area. Trained as a carpenter, Gibbons would have been useful to James Disney in operating the mill.

Though there is a court record from August 1756 wherein Williams is ordered to serve extra time for his absence, there does not appear to be a similar record for Gibbons.¹ So while we can conclude that Williams was caught and returned to Brown, we do not know what happened to Gibbons.



Maryland Gazette, 14 June 1753, page 3.

* As the research into colonial London Town's inhabitants is an ongoing process, the caveat is offered that additional information may be found at any time and that a correction of information might also occur at any time.

¹ Maryland State Archives, *Anne Arundel County Court Judgment Record*, August Court 1756, Liber ISB3, Folio 705-706.