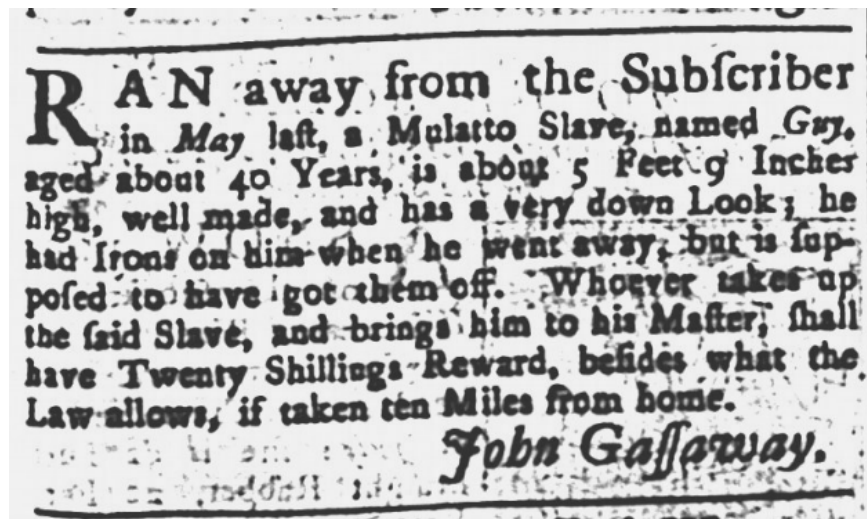


**Guy**  
*People of London Town, Maryland<sup>1</sup>*

Guy was an enslaved “mulatto” owned by John Gassaway, a property owner near London Town. On Wednesday, June 6, 1750, Gassaway posted a runaway advertisement in the *Maryland Gazette* for Guy stating that he had run away on May 31 near the South River Ferry, which was located in London Town. Guy was described as “about 5 feet and a half high, lofty and well-set, and has a down Look.” John Gassaway offered a twenty shillings reward “besides what the Law allows, if taken ten Miles from home.”<sup>2</sup> Another runaway advertisement appears for Guy in the *Maryland Gazette* on June 13, 1750.<sup>3</sup>

He was probably recaptured shortly thereafter, as he ran away again in 1754. This time, Gassaway gave a little more description to Guy, stating that he is “aged about 40 Years.” Notably, Guy “had Irons [metal shackles of some sort] on him when he went away, but is supposed to have got them off.”<sup>4</sup>



However, Guy does not appear in John Gassaway's inventory when he died in 1762.<sup>5</sup> If he was recaptured, Guy may have been sold away as punishment, or to divest Gassaway of a particularly rebellious enslaved man.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> "Run away," *Maryland Gazette*, June 6, 1750.

<sup>3</sup> "Runaway," *Maryland Gazette*, June 13, 1750.

<sup>4</sup> "Ran away," *Maryland Gazette*, August 29, 1754, page 3.

<sup>5</sup> [PREROGATIVE COURT \(Inventories\) John Gassaway, 1762, Liber 80, folio 475, MSA S534-81, MdHR 1187.](#)