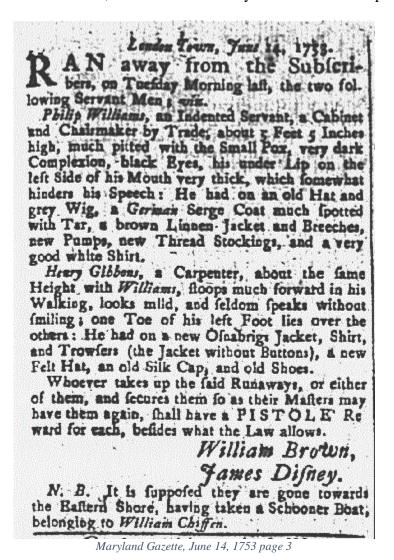
Philip Williams

People of London Town, Marylandⁱ

Only two references to the indentured servant Philips Williams are known to exist. The first is a newspaper advertisement taken out by William Brown. A joiner by trade, William Brown owned the brick tavern that is now the only surviving building of London Town: The William Brown House. He also operated a carpenter's shop in London Town, manned primarily by convict and indentured servants, based on the runaway advertisements he posted regularly.



Philip Williams, a furniture maker, escaped with Henry Gibbons by stealing a schooner from the nearby shipwright Willam Chiffen on the morning of June 12, 1753. While Brown "supposed they are gone towards the Eastern Shore," it is unknown what their precise route of escape was. We do know that they were captured.

The August Court of 1756 heard "William Brown sworn to his account against his servant Philip Williams." As punishment for his absence, Williams was ordered to serve an additional fifty seven weeks and six days past the previous end of his indenture.¹

ⁱ 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 Anne Arundel County Court Judgement Record, August Court 1756, Folio 705-06.