

Sam (b. ? - d. ?)

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Fled from Slavery, Anne Arundel County, Maryland 1756

Biography:

Sam was an enslaved African American owned by Richard Moore, a property owner near London Town. On Thursday, October 21, 1756, Moore posted a runaway advertisement for Sam saying that he ran away on October 13.¹ Sam was described as "a very likely short, well-fet Negro Man... with remarkable good and white Teeth, is a notorious Villain, as his Back will testify."² Moore did not know what Sam was wearing when he ran away, but reported that he had "with him a grey Cloth Frock Coat, turned up with blue, and white Metal Buttons."³ Moore offered ten shillings if he was found "within ten Miles of home," twenty shillings if found still in the county, and a pistole if found outside of the county.⁴

In Richard Moore's inventory, taken in 1760, a slave named Samm, age 25, is included.⁵ It is not known for sure whether this is the same Sam who ran away from Moore in 1756.

1. ["Ran away," *Maryland Gazette*, October 21, 1756.](#)

2. Ibid.

3. Ibid.

4. Ibid.

5. [PREROGATIVE COURT \(Inventories\) Richard Moore, 1760, Liber 79, folio 391, MSA S534-80, MdHR 1186.](#)

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