

Adam (b. ? - d. ?)

MSA SC 5496-51551

Fled from Slavery, Anne Arundel County, Maryland 1749

Biography:

Adam was an enslaved African American owned by Zachariah Maccubbin, a property owner near London Town. On Wednesday, March 1, 1749, Maccubbin posted a runaway advertisement in the *Maryland Gazette* for Adam saying that he had run away on February 22, 1749.¹ Adam was described as "a likely black Fellow, five Feet eight Inches high... [with] a small Scar on one of his Cheeks and speaks very good English."² He was wearing and had with him a "Drugget Jacket and Breeches, two Osnabrigs Shirts, one white ditto...a Pair of Negro's Shoes..."³ Parts of the advertisement detailing his age, clothing, and belongings are illegible. Maccubbin offered a three pounds reward "besides what the Law allows" to whomever found and returned Adam.⁴ However, Adam does not appear listed in Zachariah Maccubbin's inventory when Maccubbin died in 1754.⁵ Thus, it is not known exactly what happened to Adam.

1. "[Ran away,](#)" *Maryland Gazette*, March 1, 1749.

2. Ibid.

3. Ibid.

4. Ibid.

5. [PREROGATIVE COURT \(Inventories\) Zachariah Maccubbin, 1754, Liber 58, folio 277, MSA S534-58, MdHR 1165.](#)

PREROGATIVE COURT (Inventories) Zachariah Maccubbin, 1757, Liber 64, folio 511, MSA S534-65, MdHR 1171.

Biography written by 2012 summer intern Sarah Hartge.

<http://www.msa.md.gov/msa/speccol/sc5400/sc5496/051500/051551/html/msa51551.htm>
1