

Jacob Verdiman

People of London Town, Maryland¹

There exists only one record referencing Jacob Verdiman: a runaway advertisement by William Brown placed in the *Maryland Gazette*.

London-Town, Sept. 24, 1764.

RAN away Yesterday Morning from the Subscriber, Two Servant Men, the one a Convict, named *Daniel Rawson*, an *Irishman*, of a fair Complexion, thin faced, (he has been lately sick) and black Hair, stoops a little in his Shoulders, is about 5 Feet 2 or 3 Inches high : Had on and with him, a mixt Claret coloured Coat with Mohair Buttons, newly turned, a short blue double breasted Jacket, Osnabrig Breeches, and white Worsted Stockings, and is about 28 Years of Age. He is a sly, insinuating Fellow, brags much of having been on board of a Man of War, and as he writes a good Hand, he will probably forge a Pass.

The other an Indented Servant, named *Jacob Verdiman*, this Country born, and served his Time in *Pennsylvania*, is about 5 Feet 10 Inches high, of a brown Complexion, dark coloured Hair, thin faced, and long Visage, and has a particular Way when speaking to any Person, of shutting his Eyes, especially when he has been drinking, and talks much about the Bricklayer's and Carpenter's Business. He took with him a Bricklayer's Trowil, two Line Pins with the Line, and a Plumb Rule ; Had on, an old ragged light coloured Sagathy Coat, Osnabrigs Shirt and Trowsers, but they have other white Shirts with them, old Shoes, and a very good Blanket. *Verdiman* lately lived on *Kent-Island* with *Benjamin Kirby*.

Whoever takes up the said Runaways, and brings them home, shall have Forty Shillings Reward, and reasonable Charges for each, or confines them in any Jail, shall have Thirty Shillings, paid by

2 WILLIAM BROWN.

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Jacob was born in America, was a bricklayer and carpenter by trade, and almost certainly for German descent. He ran from Brown with an Irish servant named Daniel Rawson on September 23, 1764. What became of these servants is unknown.

¹ 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.