

OUR GIANTS SPEAK

THE STRUGGLE OF PETER AND WILLIAM STILL AND THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

(The following letter is from the owner of Peter Still's family in Alabama stating a possible financial negotiation for Peter Still's wife and children. The letter is written and punctuated precisely as it was received by William Still.)

Part VI of 12 Parts
SOUTH FLORENCE ALA
6 August 1851

Mr. William Still No 31
North Fifth street Philadel-
phia

Sir a few days sinc mr Lewis Tharenton of Tuscum-
bia Ala shewed me a letter dated 6 June 51 from cincin-
nati signd samuel Lewis in behalf of a Negro man by the name of peter Gist who in-
formed the writer of the Let-
ter that you ware his brother and wished an answer to be directed to you as he peter would be in philadelphi. the object of the letter was to purchis from me 4 Negros that is peters wife & 3 child-
ren 2 sons & 1 Girl the Name of sed Negres are the women Viney the (mother) Eldest son peter 21 or 2 years old second son Leven 19 or 20 years 1 Girl about 13 or 14 years old. the Husband & Father of these people once Belonged to a relation of mine by the name of Gist

now Decest & some few years since he peter was sold to a man by the Name of Freed-
man who removed to cincin-
nati ohio & Tuck peter with him of course peter became free by the volentary act of the master some time last march a white man by the name of Miller apperd in the nabourhood & abducted the bove negroes was caut at vincanes Indi with said negroes & was thare convicted of steling & remanded back to Ala to Abide the penalty of the law & on his return met his Just reward by Get-
ting drowned at the mouth of cumberland River on the ohio in attempting to make his escape I recovered & Braught Back said 4 negroes or as You would say couldard people under the Belief that peter the Husband was acces-
sory to the offence thareby putting me to much Expense & Truble to the amt. \$1000 which if he gets them he or his Friends must refund these 4 negros are worth in the market about 4000 for thea are Extraordinary fine & like-
ly & but for the fact of Elope-
ment I would not take 8000 Dollars for them but as the thing now stands you can say to peter & his new discovered Relations in philadelphia I will take 5000 for the 4 culerd

people & if this will suite him & he can raise the money I will delever to him or his agent at paduca at the mouth of Tennessee river said negroes but the money must be Deposeted in the Hands of some respectabl person at paduca before I remove the property it wold not be safe for peter to come to this country write me a line on recpt of this & let me Know peters view on the above

I am Yours &c
B. McKiernon

N B say to peter to write & let me Know his views amediately as I am determined to act in a way if he dont take this offer he will never have an other opportunity

B McKiernon

Key Questions:

1. What are three main issues raised in this article?
2. What does this article suggest about our life situation today?
3. How many words did you look up in the dictionary? (If we do not use a dictionary daily, and for every word whose full meanings we may not know, we cannot grow individually and assure the best use of our resources for group freedom and a better America.)

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- Nov.29 at Reno
- Nov. 30 at Tri-Cities
- **Dec. 3 Fresno -5:30pm
- **Dec. 5 Tri-Cities -7:30pm
- Dec. 6 at Fresno
- **Dec. 10 Tucson -5:30pm
- **Dec. 13 Montana -7:30pm
- **Dec. 15 Reno -7:30pm
- **Dec. 16 Salt Lake -5:30pm
- Dec. 21 At Tucson
- Dec. 26 at Tri-Cities
- Dec. 29 at RENO
- *Jan 6 Montana -5:30pm
- *Jan. 7 Fresno -5:30pm
- Jan. 9 at Salt Lake
- Jan. 10 at Montana
- *Jan. 14 Tucson -5:30pm
- Jan. 16 at Salt Lake
- Jan. 17 at Montana
- *Jan. 20 Salt Lake -5:30pm
- Jan. 26 at Tucson
- Jan. 27 at RENO

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- **Jan. 29 Tucson - 7:30pm
- **Jan. 31 Tri-Cities -7:30pm
- **Feb. 2 Reno -7:30
- **Feb. 3 Fresno -5:30pm
- Feb. 4 at Montana
- Feb. 6 at Salt Lake
- Feb. 9 at Tri-Cities
- Feb. 11 at Montana
- Feb. 14 at Fresno
- **Feb 16 Tri-Cities -7:30pm
- **Feb. 18 Salt Lake -5:30pm
- Feb. 20 at Tucson
- *Feb.24 Montana -5:30pm
- *Feb. 25 Tri-Cities -5:30pm
- Feb. 27 At Salt Lake
- *Mar. 4 Montana -5:30pm
- Mar. 5 at Fresno
- Mar. 7 at Montana
- Mar. 8 at Salt Lake
- Mar. 10 at Tri-Cities
- *Mar. 11 Tucson -5:30pm
- *Mar. 12 Freson -7:30pm
- Mar. 14 at Tucson
- *Mar. 19 Tri-Cities -7:30pm
- Mar. 23 at Reno
- Mar. 24 at Tri-Cities
- **Mar. 25 Salt Lake -5:30pm.
- Mar. 26 at Freson
- **Mar. 27 Montana -7:30pm
- **Mar. 29 Reno -7:30pm

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