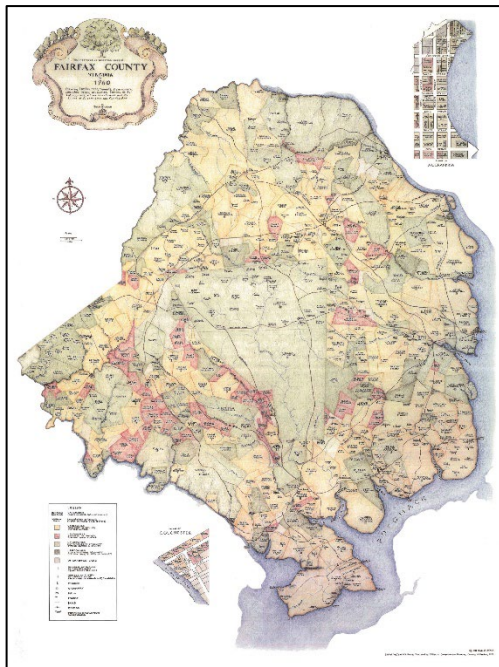


*Advertisement for a “runaway” or an enslaved person seeking freedom*

**FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD.**—Ran away from the subscriber, near or about three weeks ago, my negro **JENNY**. She is about thirty years of age, black, and in height about five feet four inches; and has a few cup marks on her breast. She was purchased of Mr. Joseph Morgan, of Leonardtown, St. Mary's county, Maryland. I have every reason to believe that she is in the District. I will give the above reward if taken out of the District, or thirty dollars if taken in the District, and delivered to me, or lodged in jail so she can be obtained. **BAZLE HALL,**  
Lubber Track, near Ball's Cross Roads, Virginia.  
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*1760 Map of Fairfax County with slaveowners and the number of enslaved*



The Arlington Historical Society was founded in 1956 and is a 501.3(c) nonprofit educational organization. The goal of the Arlington Historical Society is to conduct research and to preserve and disseminate knowledge relating to the history of Arlington County, Virginia.

The society works toward this goal through its historic resources, including two historic properties and its artifact collection; original historical research and publications; the discovery, collection, preservation, and exhibition of artifacts; and the presentation and dissemination of knowledge on the local history of Arlington County free to the public.

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# Memorializing the Enslaved in Arlington, Virginia 1669-1865



The Arlington Historical Society  
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Arlington

## A New History Initiative

The Arlington Historical Society (AHS), in collaboration with the Black Heritage Museum of Arlington (BHMA), has begun a new Arlington history project called *Memorializing the Enslaved in Arlington*.

This project is intended to recover the largely unknown history of the county's enslaved population and to chronicle their lives. It will help bring African American experiences to light, confront a difficult history, and honor our shared humanity.

### Providing the Facts

In 1669, Robert Howson brought the first enslaved people to what is now Arlington. Among the 120 people Howson brought to the colonies in exchange for a land patent were "ten negroids." Two centuries of slavery followed, taking a strong hold in Arlington.

*Memorializing the Enslaved in Arlington* seeks to uncover the names and stories of these men, women, and children held against their will. People such as Jack, Sarah, Cato, and Peg and their children, who cultivated tobacco in the eighteenth century; and Winnie Steele and Henry Speaks, domestics and laborers in the nineteenth century. They provided wealth to generations of white slaveholders and nurtured the roots of Arlington's prosperity.

## Honoring the Past

*Memorializing the Enslaved in Arlington* seeks to mark the locations where slavery occurred with plaques or "stumbling stones" that provide the names of the enslaved and whenever possible, birth and death dates, and conditions of their toil. Such markers are based on those found in Germany to honor Holocaust victims like this one:



An example of a stumbling stone in Germany

### Exploring Resources

Information on the enslaved comes from many sources including wills, inventories, accounts, court records, manumission records, newspapers, diaries, letters, and more.

In obedience to an order of the worshipfull Court of Fairfax shire, I do hereby certify that the following persons according to law have appraised the estate of William Hardin Dec<sup>d</sup>. as followeth

Negroes		1 Horse Collt	12
1 Daniel	80	1 Horse	10
2 Charles	50	Cattle	
3 James	70	1 large Cow	4
4 George	60	1 Cow	4
5 Jos <sup>ph</sup> Cole and Sec <sup>y</sup>	80	1 d <sup>r</sup> and yearling	2 10
6 Hannah	50	1 d <sup>r</sup> and d <sup>r</sup>	3 10
7 Phill	50	1 d <sup>r</sup> and d <sup>r</sup>	3 15
8 Bell	20	1 Steer	1 10
Horses		1 red Highfor	1 5
1 young black mare	12	Sheep	
1 Old mare	1	16 Head of Sheep	7 1/2

The enslaved of William Hardin from his probate inventory, 1781

## How to Get Involved

Teams of researchers are finding the names and history of enslaved individuals who lived in the county. Program managers are exploring applications to map the locations where the enslaved lived.

AHS and BHMA will help Arlington Public Schools teach about slavery in Arlington in middle and high schools. Students will help with research and development of the project and help create an interactive website.

You can help by:

- Share family stories and history with us, especially those with deep roots in Arlington, with our researchers
- Network with your friends and family about the project and spread the word.

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