

Mrs. Elmyra Winn looking for her father Walker Haskins

Thirteen formerly enslaved people founded the *Richmond Planet* in 1882. Edmund Archer, the first African American graduate of Yale Law School, was the first editor. John Mitchell, Jr. served as the next editor for 45 years. Under his leadership, the *Planet* covered, local, national, and international news and devoted significant attention to issues such as segregation, the Ku Klux Klan's continued domestic terrorism aimed at African Americans, lynching—becoming a significant voice for political, social, and economic change.

Elmyra Winn was separated from her family as a toddler. Despite her age at separation, her ad attests to the informal networks of communication that connected enslaved communities.

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