

## Lazarus Holland looking his parents James and Kenna and several siblings

Lazarus Holland placed this ad in *The Christian Recorder* in 1895. Published by the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, *The Christian Recorder* is the oldest continuously published African American newspaper in the United States. Although the AME church published the newspaper, much of its content focused on secular issues that affected the African American community.

Holland's ad documents his resistance to enslavement. He self-emancipated by running away and joining the U.S. Army during the Civil War. The ad also reveals Holland's westward migration, moving to Pueblo, Colorado at some point in the thirty years since the end of the war. When he left his family, they lived in Nansemond County, Virginia.

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