

George White looking for his mother Minerva Jackson

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

White placed this ad in 1872 during Reconstruction. In the aftermath of emancipation many formerly enslaved people turned to the Freedmen's Bureau to help them locate family members. However, giving in to growing pressure and financial constraints, Congress dismantled the Freedmen's Bureau in the summer of 1872. It is possible that White placed this ad in *The Christian Recorder* because he had nowhere else to go for help in trying to locate his family.

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