

### Jennie Crawford (formerly Jane Jones) seeking her relatives

Jennie Crawford placed this ad in the *Southwestern Christian Advocate* in 1888. The Methodist Episcopal Church published the *Southwestern Christian Advocate* every week from 1877 to 1929. This African American newspaper published thousands of "Lost Friends" ads between November 1879 and November 1896, as formerly enslaved people tried to reconnect with their families and friends.

In this ad, Crawford recalls being sold to a slave trader when she was thirteen years old. It is possible that she was sold to Robert Lumpkin who owned and operated one of the most notorious slave jails in Richmond, Virginia.

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