

Rev. Lymas A. Anders (formerly Lymas Cook) searching for Gideon Cook, Betsy Cook, and their children

The Freedman was a monthly newspaper published from 1864-1869 in Boston, Massachusetts.

Reverend Lymas A. Anders placed this ad in 1869, four years after emancipation. Ander's ad contains several key details that might help locate his relatives. First, they were enslaved by a woman. When she died, her enslaved property was divided among her heirs. Anders' parents were taken west from Georgia to either Alabama or Mississippi, as the availability of cheap land and the production of cotton enticed many enslavers to seek their fortunes in western lands. Finally, Anders changed his name after emancipation. Formerly enslaved people often shed their enslaver's names and claimed new names of their choosing as part of the process of claiming their identities in freedom.

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Lymas A. Anders placed a second advertisement in the same newspaper, *The Freedman*, four months after the first advertisement. This ad contains slightly different information suggesting that Anders might have received news of his relatives. The geographic focus of his search changed to Alabama and Mississippi rather than Louisiana. This ad also contains additional details as to the year Anders last saw his family.

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