

"Press" Low looking for their mother Mary

"Press" Low placed this ad in *The Christian Recorder* in 1898. 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.

When Low describes being placed in a "jail," they are referring to a slave jail where enslaved people were held until they could be sold. The subsequent sale of his mother does not make it clear whether Low was sold with her or separated from her. The use of quotation marks with some of the names suggests that their enslaver used these names rather than their given names.

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