

## Henry and Virginia Thompson searching for their daughter Charlotte Thompson

Henry and Virginia Thompson placed this ad in *The Christian Recorder* in 1866, just over a year after emancipation. Similarly, Catherine Rhodes placed her ad in 1867. 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.

In these two brief ads, the Thompsons and Rhodes subtly indicate their rejection of the notion that one person could “own” another—and conversely that one person could “belong” to another.

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Catherine Rhodes seeking information about her sons Jeremiah and William Rhodes

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