

Sally Stevens seeking her sister Judy

The *Anglo-African Magazine* was founded in 1859. Unlike other African American journals in New York City, the *Anglo-African Magazine* described itself as a literary and scientific magazine and only invited contributions from African Americans and Afro-diasporic writers. In 1860, the same publisher, Thomas Hamilton, introduced the *Weekly Anglo-African*. Publication of the *Weekly Anglo-African* was temporarily suspended in 1860, but Hamilton's brother revived it in August 1861, and it ran until December 1865.

Sally Stevens placed this short ad four months after the end of the Civil War. How Stevens arrived in New York and why she thought to place this ad in a newspaper published in New York remains unclear. However, the details included in this short ad indicate that Stevens was able to track her sister through at least one subsequent sale.

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Mrs. Sarah Bell searching for her sister Julia (also known as Judy)

Mrs. Sarah Bell placed this ad in the *Richmond Planet* in 1898. Thirteen formerly enslaved people founded the *Richmond Planet* in 1882. Edmund Archer, the first African American graduate of Yale Law School, was the first editor. John Mitchell, Jr. served as the next editor for 45 years. Under his leadership, the *Planet* covered, local, national, and international news and devoted significant attention to issues such as segregation, the Ku Klux Klan's continued domestic terrorism aimed at African Americans, lynching—becoming a significant voice for political, social, and economic change.

Bell, formerly known as Sally Stevens, placed this ad thirty-three years after the first ad appeared in the *Anglo-African*. The second ad contains much more information than the first, attesting to the family's determination to claim freedom and the continued search for Judy. Although it is not known if Bell placed additional ads in the years between 1865 and 1898, it is clear that she never gave up the search for her sister.

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