

J. A. W. Moore looking for her husband Peter Picket, sister Mary, and brother Wright

J. A. W. Moore placed this ad in the *Southwestern Christian Advocate* in 1884, almost twenty years after emancipation. 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.

Moore's ad provides a family history of three generations of her family. Including details about her children, her father and siblings, and herself she describes how when her enslaver, John Stanley, sold her and two of her children to a slave trader, her family was forced apart.

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