

## Mary Long searching for her mother Eliza Long, siblings George and Charlotte Long, and extended family

This ad appeared in *The Christian Recorder*, the oldest continuously published African American newspaper in the United States. Although the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME) published *The Christian Recorder*, much of its content focused on secular issues that affected the African American community.

Mary Long placed this ad in 1873 during Reconstruction. It is also interesting to note that less than a decade after emancipation Mary Long left the South and moved to Wisconsin, perhaps in pursuit of economic opportunities or to distance herself from the place of her enslavement. Long's family was enslaved in Jackson, Mississippi. Although she identifies the names of the men who enslaved her aunts and uncle, she does not identify the person who enslaved and sold her mother and siblings.

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