

Rachel Rogers seeking brothers Nick and Nussau Sanders and sister Sookie Toles

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.

Rogers placed this ad in 1900, thirty-five years after emancipation and describes her separation from her family that occurred sometime around 1855. Rogers's ad describes how the death of an enslaver often meant separation for enslaved families who were bequeathed to different members of the enslaver's family or sold to pay debts.

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He knew my father, Abraham Sanders, he lived next door to us.

Any one that knows anything about any of the above named parties will confer a great favor by writing me.

Yours respectfully,
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