

## MISSOURI MILLS late 18<sup>th</sup> to early 19<sup>th</sup> century

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RANAWAY, on Saturday night last, 16<sup>th</sup> of the present month, August, from my place of residence, MISSOURI MILLS, four sand a half miles from Dumfries, Prince William County, Va. my Negro man, who calls himself GEO. POSEY. He is about five feet seven inches in height, very black, has a bald head, in conversation has a down look, has no scars recollected of. His clothing consisted of black pantaloons of casinett striped, a black hat, coat not recollected. He was purchased by me of William Beatty near Front Royal, Warren County, State of Virginia. Mr. Beatty was the executor of Thomas John, of the same county. I will give a reward of fifty dollars, if taken in the State of Virginia, or seventy-five dollars if taken in any other state and secured in jail, so that I recover him again, It is possible that he may have written a pass for himself, being capable of writing, and having endeavored to get a piece of paper from some of my family.

Thomas Golding  
Prince William County, Va.

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LETTERS FROM PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette – The May term of the Circuit Court for this county was held this week ending yesterday evening under Judge Keith.

R. A. Sinclair and John Camper qualified as deputies under L. C. Osmund clerk.

The Grand Jury found an indictment against Sydney Cross for assault and battery.

Judge J. W. Moore and Albert Stuart, Esq., qualified as Attorney in the Court.

The Court House Lot will be enclosed before the next term of the County Court.

The rainy weather recently has delayed the farmers greatly in getting in their crops.

In the case of the Commonwealth vs Manly which has been pending for about two years, a demurrer to the indictment was sustained. Clark and Hunton for prosecution, Payne and Sinclair for defence.

A number of decrees were entered and much other chancery business was attended to. In the celebrated chancery case of Carney vs Taylor, involving the title to the “MISSOURI MILLS” property in this county, the Court appointed Benjamin S. Wheat, Esq. of Stafford County, a receiver, and recommitted the papers to the Commissioner.

Franklin Taylor confined in jail in default of giving security to keep the peace in a bond of \$1000 was brought before the Court on a writ of habeas corpus, and the matter being argued by Judge Sinclair for the petitioner and Clark for the State, the party was remained to jail. General Payne had been employed to assist the Commonwealth’s Attorney.

Lawrence Cole Esq. who lost his horse recently has heard nothing of the thief and it is feared that he will escape with the property. The horse was tracked towards Gainesville.

The country is beginning to look very pretty, vegetation is coming up and the trees are commencing to spread their green foliage is lively contrast with their dreary appearance during the winter.  
TYRONE – Brentsville, Va. May 13, 1870