

Alexandria Gazette 21 Oct 1822

TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD – Ran away from the subscriber, living in Prince William County, Va. on the 15<sup>th</sup> instant, a Negro man named Bill, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, between 20 and 25 years of age, one of his hands has been much burnt when a child, which prevents him from opening it. His clothing consisted of country cloth much worn. I will give the above reward for apprehending and securing said fellow so that I get him again, and reasonable charges if brought home. Masters of vessels and others are cautioned against carrying him off.

Gerard Mason  
September 18, 1822

Alexandria Gazette 4 Feb 1823

\$25 DOLLARS REWARD – Ranaway from the subscriber on Sunday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November, a black man named WILL, about five feet 7 or 8 inches high, between 40 and 45 years old, had on when he went away, a white round-about and black trousers, of twilled country cloth. He has lost two of his front teeth, has a down look when spoken to, and a scar on his nose. He lived a few years ago, with Mr. William McCarty, in Loudoun County.

I will give the above reward for securing said Negro in any jail and all reasonable charges paid if brought home.

Gerard Mason  
December 21, 1822

Alexandria Gazette 10 Jun 1828

\$30 REWARD – Ranaway from the subscriber living in Prince William County, Va. about the 20<sup>th</sup> April last, a Negro man named WILL, between forty and forty-five years of age, about five feet in height, perfectly black, and his hair turning rather gray. He has lost two of his upper front teeth; his clothing consisted of twilled country cloth, and an osnburg shirt. He had also when he went away a pair of new shoes and an old hat. Masters of vessels and others are cautioned against harboring or employing said runaway. I will give the above reward for his apprehension, and pay all reasonable charges if brought home.

Gerard Mason  
May 10, 1828

Court Minutes 1833

On the motion of Gerard Mason who desires to have the road changed leading from Mrs. Mason's Ferry to Little Creek near Mrs. Blackburn's Gate," it is ordered that James Foster, Mason French & Henry Duvall being first sworn before a justice of the peace for that purpose, do view as well the old road as the ground along which the said road is proposed to be conducted and report to the next court truly and impartially the conveniences and inconveniences that will result as well to individuals as to the public, if the said road shall be changed as proposed.

On the motion of Gerard Mason it is ordered that the justices of this county be summoned to the first day of March court next to take into consideration the propriety of permitting him to erect a gate across the road leading from Dumfries to Colchester.

Alexandria Gazette 22 Jan 1840

FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD – RANAWAY from the subscriber, living in Prince William County, Va., near Occoquan, between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of the present month, a Negro man named BILL, between 35 and 40 years of age, five feet 8 or 10 inches high, perfectly black, and one of his hands contracted inwardly from a burn; his clothing consisted of twill cotton yarn, and

osnaburg. Any person securing said Negro, so that I get him again, shall receive the above reward.

Gerard Mason

Alexandria Gazette 17 Jan 1850

NEGROES FOR SALE – I will offer for sale, to the highest bidder on the first Monday in February next, in Brentsville, before the front door of the Court House, for cash, two Negro Men belonging to the estate of Gerard Mason, deceased.

Richard Atkinson, Adm'r  
of Gerard Mason  
Prince William County, Va.

Alexandria Gazette 17 Jan 1850

PUBLIC SALE – I will offer for sale, at Public Auction, on Thursday, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 1850, at WOODBRIDGE, the late residence of Gerard Mason, deceased, Prince William County, Va. If fair, if not the next fair day, all the perishable estate of the said Gerard Mason, consisting of Horses, Work Oxen, Cows, Sheep, Hogs, Farming Utensils, Wagon, Carts, thrashing Machine, 1 Long Boat, Corn & Etc.; Household and Kitchen Furniture, a parcel of Pork in pickle, Blacksmith's Tools, with a variety of other articles. A credit of nine months will be given on all sums of \$5 and over, the purchaser to give bond with approved security with interest from date (but if the principal is punctually paid the interest will be remitted;) for all sums under \$5 the cash will be required.

I will also let for the present year the farm called WOODBRIDGE, the late residence of Gerard Mason, deceased. The farm is well improved, with about 85 bushels of wheat seeded thereon.

Richard Atkinson, Adm'r  
of Gerard Mason  
Prince William County, Va.

Alexandria Gazette 17 Aug 1850

WOODBRIDGE AT AUCTION – This highly improved Prince William farm, not having been sold at private sale, will be offered at Public Auction, to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October next, at 11 o'clock, A. M., upon the premises. It is the farm on which the late Gerard Mason, deceased, resided, contains about 500 acres of land which were, for many years before the death of the late proprietor, subjected to a most judicious course of cultivation, and by him highly improved by a liberal application of Lime, Guano, and other manures. It is under good fencing, and has upon it a good DWELLING HOUSE, Barn, Stable, Negro Quarters, and all other necessary buildings; a large LIME KILN, with two flues, built of stone in the most substantial manner; and an abundance of WOOD and TIMBER, for all the purposes of the farm. It lies on the Occoquan River about two miles below the town of Occoquan, and about sixteen miles from Alexandria, and has of course, direct water communication with both those valuable market towns. Persons wishing to examine the property will call upon Mr. Thomas M. Gossum, living on the premises, and he will show it.

R. C. Mason  
Fairfax County, Va.

Alexandria Gazette 12 Jan 1852

VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE – The subscriber being authorized by those concerned, offers for sale that highly valuable FARM, in the County of Prince William, know as WOODBRIDGE, and the residence of the late Gerard Mason, deceased. It lies on the Occoquan River, immediately opposite the village of Colchester, and contains about 500 acres of land, which has been highly improved by a liberal application of lime, guano, etc, and by the judicious and skillful culture of its late occupant. It is under good fencing, and has upon it a good DWELLING HOUSE, Barn, Stable, Negro Quarters, and all other necessary buildings, a large Lime Kiln with two flues made of stone.

Richard R. Mason

Alexandria Gazette 5 Apr 1852

WOODBRIDGE FARM AT PUBLIC AUCTION – The subscriber being properly authorized by those concerned will expose to public sale (unless sooner sold privately, of which due notice will be given.) On Tuesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May next, at 11 o'clock A.M., upon the premises, that highly VALUABLE FARM, in the county of Prince William, known as WOODBRIDGE,” and the residence of the late Gerard Mason, deceased. It lies on the Occoquan River, immediately opposite the village of Colchester, and contains about 500 acres of land, which has been highly improved by a liberal application of lime, guano, etc, and by the judicious and skillful culture of its late occupant. It is under good fencing, and has upon it a good DWELLING HOUSE, Barn, Stable, Negro Quarters, and all other necessary buildings, a large Lime Kiln with two flues made of stone, in the most substantial manner, and an abundance of wood and timber for all the purchasing will call on Dr. R. C. Mason at his farm near Alexandria.

Richard R. Mason

Alexandria Gazette 27 Jun 1871

Public Sale of Real Estate – will be sold on the premises at Public Sale, on the day (WEDNESDAY) 26<sup>th</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> month (JULY) the property known as the WOODBRIDGE FARM, situated on the Occoquan River, about two miles below the village of Occoquan, in Prince William County, Virginia, adjoining lands of Thomas Opp, George Myers, John G. Horner and William Selecman. Said farm contains 1475 – 100 ACRES, less --- acres conveyed to the Alexandria and Fredericksburg R. R. for the right of way through. The land is superior quality, the larger part being arable.

Sale at 3 o'clock p.m. when condition, which will be liberal, will be made known by ASHEL TROTH, attorney in fact for Samuel Troth, Prince William County.