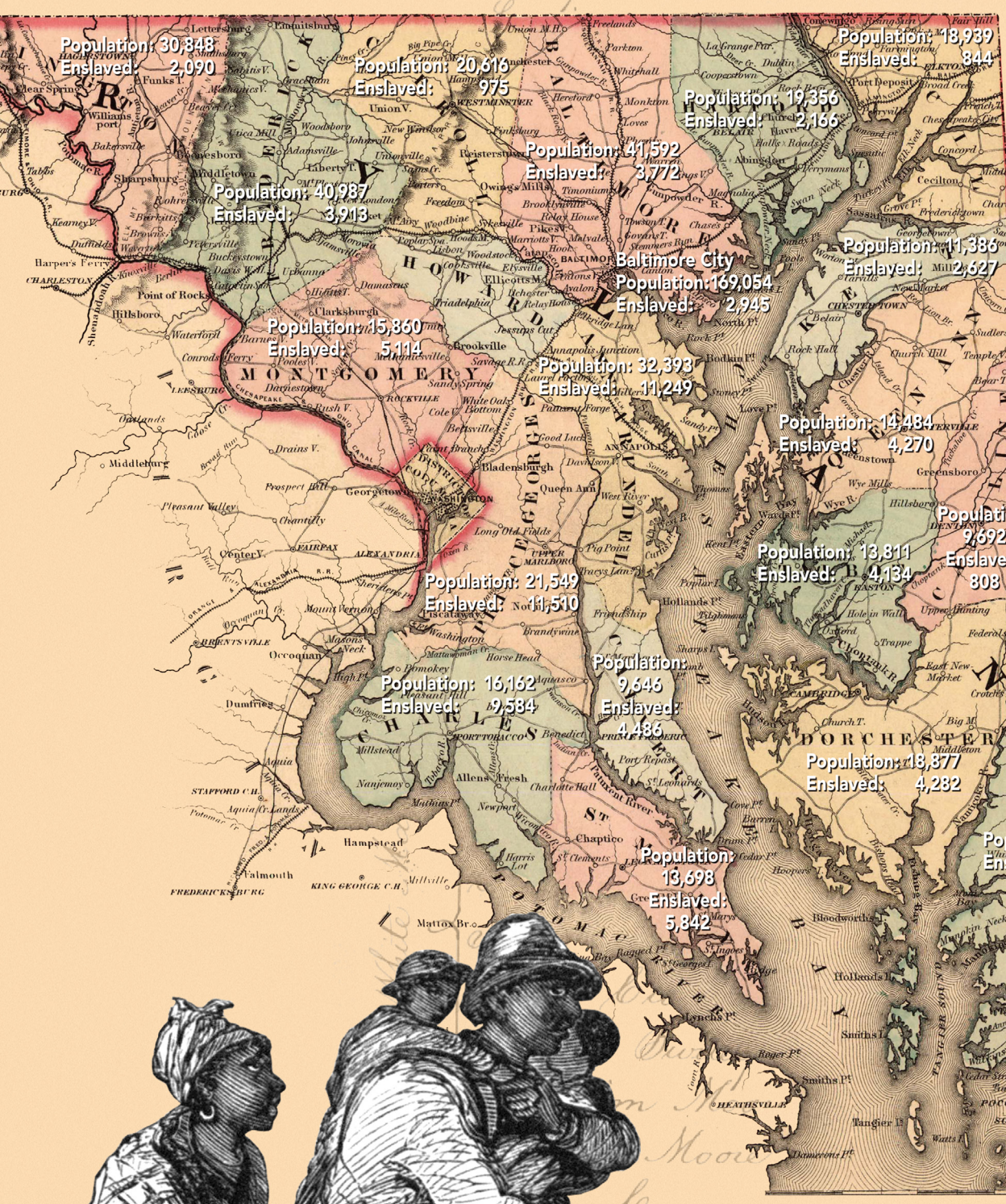
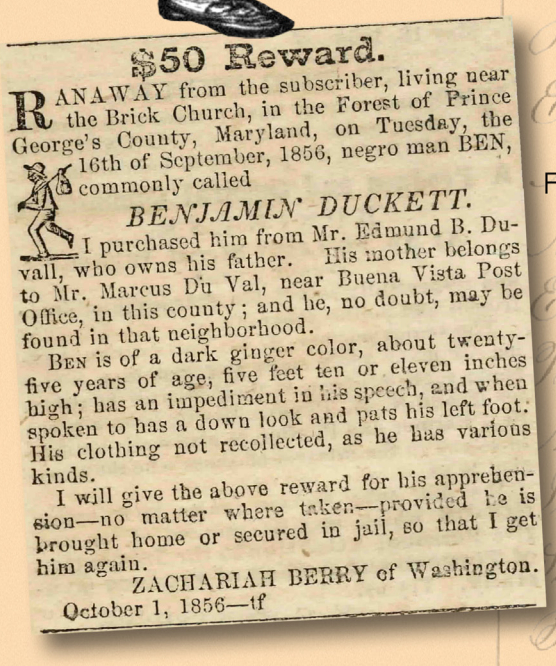
Flee!

Stories of Flight from Maryland In Black and White



Total population and enslaved population figures from U.S. Census Bureau (U.S. Census Record, MD 1850)



$50 Reward.

RANAWAY from the subscriber, living near the Brick Church, in the Forest of Prince George's County, Maryland, on Tuesday, the 16th of September, 1856, negro man BEN, commonly called

BENJAMIN DUCKETT.

I purchased him from Mr. Edmund B. Duvall, who owns his father. His mother belongs to Mr. Marcus Du Val, near Buena Vista Post Office, in this county; and he, no doubt, may be found in that neighborhood.

BEN is of a dark ginger color, about twenty-five years of age, five feet ten or eleven inches high; has an impediment in his speech, and when spoken to has a down look and pats his left foot. His clothing not recollected, as he has various kinds.

I will give the above reward for his apprehension—no matter where taken—provided he is brought home or secured in jail, so that I get him again.

ZACHARIAH BERRY of Washington.

October 1, 1856—tf

The Underground Railroad touched all parts of society, enslaved and free, black and white. Runaway slaves looked to friends, family and strangers for assistance. Slave owners and supporters of slavery worked to capture escapees for financial gain and to preserve their social system.

This exhibit explores previously unknown stories of slave owners, fugitives and accomplices to show how slavery and the flight to freedom shaped the lives of all Marylanders. The Maryland State Archives produced this exhibit as part of its ongoing effort to study the legacy of slavery in Maryland.

For more information, please visit: **The Study of the Legacy of Slavery** at the Maryland State Archives **www.mdslavery.net**

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