

A PART OF HISTORY

The Mayme A. Clayton collection helps to preserve African-American history. The text shown below is taken from a newspaper advertisement. It is one of the thousands of documents included in the collection, and it highlights a sad period in our country's history. Read the advertisement carefully, then answer the questions.

FOR SALE

I will sell by public auction on Tuesday of next Court, being the 29th of November, *Eight Valuable Family Servants*, consisting of one . . . Man, a first-rate field hand, one No. 1 Boy, 17 years of age, a trusty house servant, one excellent Cook, one House-Maid, and one Seamstress. The balance are under 12 years of age. They are sold for no fault, but in consequence of my going to reside North. . . . Terms accommodating, and made known on day of sale.

Jacob August, Jr.

P.J. Turnbull, *Auctioneer.*

Warrenton, October 28, 1859

Printed at the News office, Warrenton, North Carolina

1. On what date was this document printed? _____
2. Who wrote the advertisement? _____
3. In which U.S. state was this document printed? _____
4. What is for sale? _____
5. What does this document tell you about life in the United States in the 1800s?

6. Why do you think this document is included in the Mayme A. Clayton collection?

