

# Coats, Joseph, Jr. Reward Announcement

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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

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### Abstract

The collection consists of a handwritten announcement regarding an enslaved person that ran away from the Cuckooville neighborhood of Louisa County, Virginia. Dated August 3, 1840, this letter describes in detail -- including physical characteristics and temperament -- the escaped 18-year-old named Sam. The author of this document, Joseph Coats Jr., presumably Sam's enslaver, offers a ten dollar reward for his capture.

### Creator

Coats, Joseph, Jr. (Louisa County, Virginia)

### Extent

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**Repository**

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

## Administrative Information

**Access Restrictions**

Collection is open for research.

**Use Restrictions**

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**Acquisition Information**

The collection was purchased by Special Collections in April 2013.

**Processing Information**

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## Scope and Content Note

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It is unclear how this written announcement was meant to circulate, whether as a handbill or possibly a submission to the local newspaper.

## Keywords

Slavery -- United States

Louisa County (Va.)

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

Sam (enslaved person)

## Description of Subordinate Components

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