**Unit 5: A Nation Divided and Rebuilt: Reform, Slavery, Civil War and Reconstruction (1824-1865)**

[Topic 1: Slavery in the Mid-Atlantic](https://www.thinkport.org/tps/ushist/inquiry-kits.html?unit=05&topic=01)

Source 1, “Caroline Hammond, Baltimore, Maryland”

Caroline Hammond tells how her free father used the Underground Railroad to help her and her mother escape slavery. The Federal Writer Project recorded this interview in 1938.

Mother, with the consent of Mr. Davidson, married George Berry, a free colored man of Annapolis with the proviso that he was to purchase mother within three years after marriage for $750 and if any children were born they were to go with her. My father was a carpenter by trade, his services were much in demand. This gave him an opportunity to save money. Father often told me that he could save more than half of his income. He had plenty of work, doing repair and building, both for the white people and free colored people. Father paid Mr. Davidson for mother on the partial payment plan. He had paid up all but $40 on mother’s account, when by accident Mr. Davidson was shot while ducking on the South River, by one of the duck hunters, dying instantly.

Mrs. Davidson assumed full control of the farm and the slaves. When father wanted to pay off the balance due, $40, Mrs. Davidson refused to accept it, thus mother and I were to remain in slavery. Being a free man, father had the privilege of going where he wanted to, provided he was endorsed by a white man who was known by the people and sheriffs, constables and officials of public conveyances. By bribery of the sheriff of Anne Arundel County, father was given a passage to Baltimore for mother and me. On arriving in Baltimore, mother, father and I went to a white family on Ross Street - now Druid Hill Ave. - where we were sheltered by the occupants, who were ardent supporters of the Underground Railroad.

A reward of $50 each was offered for my father, mother and me, one by Mrs. Davidson and one by the sheriff of Anne Arundel County. At this time, the Hookstown Road was one of the main turnpikes into Baltimore. A Mr. Coleman, whose brother-in-law lived in Pennsylvania, used a large covered wagon to transport merchandise from Baltimore to different villages along the turnpike to Hanover, PA where he lived. Mother and father and I were concealed in a large wagon drawn by six horses. On our way to Pennsylvania, we never alighted on the ground in any community or close to any settlement, fearful of being apprehended by people who were always looking for rewards.

**Emerging ESOL / Reader**

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**Vocabulary**

* **accidentally (accident) -** something you did not know would happen that makes a bad thing happen

Mr. Davidson owned my mother. He let her get married to George Berry. George was a free black man from Annapolis. Mr. Davidson told him that he had to buy my mother for $750. He gave my father three years to do that. Father was a wood worker. He made a lot of money. He gave money to Mr. Davidson for three years. He had to give him only $40 to get my mother, but Mr. Davidson died. He went hunting for ducks. A hunter shot him accidentally.

1. What people were important for Caroline Hammond?

The people important for Caroline Hammond were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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2. How did Caroline’s father make money to buy her mother?

Caroline’s father made money to buy her mother by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3. Do you think Mr. Davidson was right or wrong to sell the mother to George Berry? Tell why.

I think Mr. Davidson was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to sell the mother because

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**Intermediate ESOL / Reader**

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**Vocabulary**

* **carpenter -** a person who makes and fixes things with wood

Mother’s owner was Mr. Davidson. He let her get married to George Berry. George was a free black man from Annapolis. Mr. Davidson gave George three years to buy my mother for $750. My father made a lot of money as a carpenter. He worked for white people and black people. He gave almost all of the $750 to Mr. Davidson. He had only $40 left to pay but Mr. Davidson died. He was hunting for ducks. Another hunter shot him accidentally.

Mrs. Davidson got the farm and all the slaves. She would not take the $40 from my father. My mother and I had to stay slaves for Mrs. Davidson. My father gave money to the sheriff. The sheriff gave my father a paper that said it was okay for him to take mother and me to Baltimore. We went to a family of white people. They were part of the Underground Railroad and let us hide in their house.

1. What did George Berry lose when Mr. Davidson died?

George Berry lost \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. How do you know George Berry was good at his job?

I know that George Berry was good at his job because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3. What details did George have to know for the plan to work?

For the plan to work, George had to know \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Advanced ESOL / Reader**

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**Vocabulary**

* **bribe** - giving money to somebody so they will do something they should not do
* **reward** - money for someone who finds a lost thing or person

Mother’s owner, Mr. Davidson, let her marry George Berry. George was a free black man from Annapolis. He agreed to buy my mother from Mr. Davidson in less than three years after they got married. She cost $750 and they could keep their children if they had any. He had lots of work.  My father built and repaired things for white people and free black people, so he was able to get the money for my mother. He had only $40 more to pay, but Mr. Davidson died in an accident. He was duck hunting and another hunter shot him accidentally.

Mrs. Davidson became the owner of the farm and all the slaves. When father took her the last $40, she would not accept it, so Mother and I had to remain as her slaves. Father was free so he could go where he wanted to go, if an important white man said it was okay. Father bribed the sheriff for a piece of paper that said it was okay for him to take Mother and me to Baltimore. As soon as we got to Baltimore, we went to the house of a white family who worked in the Underground Railroad. They hid us.

Mrs. Davidson and the sheriff offered a $50 reward to anyone who found us. At the time, one of the main roads into Baltimore was the Hookstown Road. Mr. Coleman drove a big wagon on the Hookstown Road to pick up and deliver things between his home in Hanover, Pennsylvania and Baltimore, Maryland. He hid us in his big wagon pulled by six horses. We did not stop or touch the ground near any town, because we were afraid somebody would catch us for the reward.

1. Write two sentences about Mrs. Davidson. Include at least one word that describes the kind of person she seems to be and why you think so.
2. What shows that George Berry was not completely free?
3. Write or draw a summary of this, using the format Somebody-Wants-But-So

* Somebody - who is this about?
* Wants - what do they want to do or have to do?
* But - what is the problem that keeps them from what they want?
* So – how do they get around the problem?

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| **BONUS** - Make a Venn Diagram that compares and contrasts Caroline Hammond’s mother and father. |