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A N A R R A T I V E
OF THE
L I F E A N D A D V E N T U R E S
O F
V E N T U R E,

A native of Africa, but above sixty years an inhabitant
of the United States of America.

Related by himself, and attested by respectable witnesses.

[Venture is a negro remarkable for size, strength,
industry, fidelity, and frugality, and well known in
the state of Rhode Island, on Long Island, and in
Stonington, East Haddam, and several other parts of
this state.

Descended from a royal race,
Benevolent and brave ;
On Afric's savage plains a PRINCE,
In this free land a SLAVE.]

Advertisement for Venture Smith's *Narrative*

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Venture Smith's memoir was a remarkable publishing achievement during an era in which most newspaper notices of African Americans involved slave sales or runaway slave notices. His narrative was published by New London printer Charles Holt and this advertisement ran in Holt's newspaper, *The New London Bee*.