

477 CESAR

Hired Slave (Pressman?)

Williamsburg

Slave rented by William Hunter (230), apparently as a pressman, in 1752.

Cesar has a fleeting presence in the historical record – he was an enslaved African whose labor was rented by William Hunter in 1752. As Hunter then resided on the Ravenscroft property owned by John Holt (222), his brother-in-law, it appears that Cesar was employed in the Williamsburg printing office rather than in that domestic setting, particularly with the rental transaction being recorded in Hunter's daily business journal. If so, then it is most likely that he was engaged in the manual labor of pulling the press, as was a common practice of the day in Southern press shops. However, any other information concerning Cesar has not been found, despite the extensive records concerning the colonial capital gathered by the Research Department of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

No Personal Data yet discovered.

Sources: Entry in "Virginia Gazette Daybook, 1750-1752 [Hunter]," University of Virginia.