Enslavers often gave classical names to the people they enslaved. Gassaway Rawlings enslaved Plato, named for the ancient philosopher. Plato was a woodworker and ran away on Christmas Eve in 1782.

It is unknown if Gassaway Rawlings recaptured Plato. The Revolutionary War was still on, and so Plato may have been trying to escape to the British, who promised freedom to any enslaved person who took up arms on their behalf.

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1 As the research into colonial London Town’s inhabitants is an ongoing process, the caveat is offered that additional information may be found at any time and that a correction of information might also occur at any time.