

"Arrest of the Other Ste. Genevieve Fugitive Slaves,"

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FUGITIVE SLAVES.—The St. Louis papers state  
that late on Monday afternoon, Mr. E. B.  
Way, a resident of Illinois, about fifteen  
miles east of Alton, discovered a gang of five  
negroes in his woods as he was passing by.  
Supposing them to be the Ste. Genevieve fu-  
gitives, he induced them to go to his house  
under the belief that he would assist them to  
escape. They accompanied him and partook  
of a supper, which was ordered by Mr. Way  
to be prepared for them, whilst he left the  
house under a pretext of getting the wagon  
ready to carry them further on—but in reali-  
ty to get the assistance of a neighbor, Mr.  
W. A. Scott, to assist in making them prison-  
ers. Previous to his leaving, Mr. Way se-  
cured their guns, which were brought by the  
negroes to the house, so that with the assis-  
tance of Mr. Scott—they being well armed—  
the whole were arrested without difficulty,  
and secured. They were brought to this city  
yesterday morning on the Altona and deliver-  
ed over to the custody of the Jailor, with  
whom the whole eight are confined. The  
names of the five arrested on Monday, are  
Henry, belonging to Col. Bogy; Isaac, to  
Messrs. Vallo & Co; Edmund, to Mr. Skows;  
Joseph, to Mr. A. James, and William, to  
Mr. Smith. We learn that Way and Scott  
received 1,000 for the arrest of the slaves.—  
This is a somewhat different version of the  
affair from our statement.

Slave Stampedes on the Southern Borderlands

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