

## 45 Years Ago

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### 109 Year-Old Slave

#### Visits Winnsboro

**Louis Evans, Who Well Remembers When Yankees Came Through Is Perhaps Oldest Resident of South Carolina**

Louis Evans, 109-year-old former slave, now of Jenkinsville, who is perhaps the oldest resident of South Carolina, was a visitor to The News and Herald last Saturday. Louis, who was first the property of Mr. John Martin, was bought in front of the Winnsboro court house, by Major William Bell, the grandfather of Mrs. A. Lee Scruggs. He does not remember his purchase price.

Evans, who was accompanied by George Alston, 83 year-old Negro of Winnsboro, vividly recalls the Yankee invasion of Fairfield, the days of Reconstruction, and the election when Wade Hampton of "Red Shirt" fame defeated D. H. Chamberlain for the governorship of South Carolina

