

TRADITIONAL STORIES

As told by Miss Julia Faucette to Mary D. Boulware

John Feaster made a trip to Charleston to purchase slaves. He carried several of his slaves, to handle those he might buy, on the journey back home.

When the auction began a big, strong man was placed on the block, and Mr. Feaster began to bid on him. One of the slaves who had accompanied him got his attention, and said, "Marster, don't buy him!" When Mr. Feaster inquired why not, he was told, "Cause he'll eat you." Then he pointed out that the man on the auction block had teeth that had been filed in points. John Feaster brushed this aside, saying he would have the teeth smoothed off, continued his bidding, and bought the man.

During the same sale a 12 year old girl was offered for bidding. As she mounted the block, she was crying uncontrollably. The Feaster slave advised- "Buy her, Marster, and we'll take care of her!" This girl was jet black, and it was said that she was the daughter of an African prince, and had been kidnapped by slave traders.

When she grew up she became the wife of the Feaster houseboy, Peter Feaster. Peter played the violin. He served long and well in the Feaster household. He cared for John Feaster faithfully, in his old age and infirmity.

After the death of his old master, he went to the plantation of his young master, John A. F. Coleman. These two were very nearly the same age, and during childhood had played together, forming a bond of companionship that lasted through the years.

As Peter advanced in age, he was called "Uncle Peter" by the white people, as a mark of respect and affection. During, and after the Confederate War, Uncle Peter stood steadfastly by his Young Master. He expressed a desire to be buried near him.

In the southeast corner of the Coleman Family Cemetery Peter Feaster rests in a well marked grave. The gravestone is inscribed

Erected by S. S. Coleman his young master
and many white friends Good servant and
faithful friend in the days of 60

Born Aug. 28, 1826
Died Oct. 3, 1896

After the death of her husband, Aunt Mary made her home with her son (by a former marriage) in Carlisle.

Mary Dickey Boulware

TWO HESSIANS

After the Revolution, two German brothers who had served as Hessian soldiers, remained in the Feasterville community. They made their home in a two room log cabin, near the home of Andrew Feaster, on land owned by him. Mr Feaster cared for them and saw that their needs were met.

The two beothers were accepted and respected in the community, and earned the affection of the Feaster family, who would invite them to share their Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.

The Hessians never returned to their homeland, but lived out their days peacefully, in their little log home. At their death they were buried nearby.

This story was told to Miss Julia Faucette by her Aunt Jenny Coleman, who said her Aunt Polly cried profusely at the death of the first brother, saying her heart went out to the remaining brother, who was left alone so far from home and relatives.

Mary Dickey Boulware