

Sam Thomas

He was a highly respected former slave. Sam Thomas built a house on Railroad Avenue for Isaac C. Thomas without benefit of an architect. This was the home of the Mayor of Ridgeway, Robert W. Thomas. The Presbyterians then engaged Sam Thomas to erect their new church in town. He died September, 10 1884.

Ridgeway:

Aimwell congregation (Presbyterian) are having a meal and comfortable chapel erected on the east side of Means Street, on the lot owned by Mr. A.F. Ruff. Sam Thomas, colored, a good and useful citizen, respect b all for his industry, honesty and integrity, carpenter by trade, but generally useful, while working on the belfry yesterday made a misstep and fell the distance of twenty-seven feet, dislocating two of the vertebra and died in about fifteen minutes. Sam Thomas will be well remembered by the survivors of the 12th Regiment, S.C.V. He went with Captain Thomas and was with the regiment at the surrender. He was quite a favorite and respected by all the soldiers who were thrown in contact with him.