

Elizabeth Thompson Russell

1851-1940

She was born a few years before the signing of the proclamation. It was said, "She was a beauty, upright woman and lived by Christian Principles."

She was a close friend of Kelly Miller and Dr. Henry McCrorey.

She was daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Thompson.

Elizabeth Thompson was married to J. W. Russell and about the age of nineteen, together they set out to win the hearts of the little town of Winnsboro, South Carolina. White and Colored alike readily recognized their great character.

Shortly, after emerging from slavery, she began the task of shaping the future by establishing a small café, a barber shop, a funeral parlor, a billiard, a farm and a vast some of real estate.