by Carole Marsh Eyewitness events



Southerners were polite in calling slavery a "necessary evil." I call slavery a "positive good. stand by what I said in Congress-slavery is good for blacks!-John C. Calhoun, South Carolina senator, 1837

Boo! Boo!

150TH ANNIVERSARY

I was born a slave. I worked long and hard for my master 22 years, 1 finally ran away, and been biding in a small space in my grandmother's attic for seven years. I'm trying to get to the North and gain my freedom. I finally have my chance. A boat is going to take me there tonight. Perhaps by morning, 1'll be free Harriet Jacobs, North Carolina

How Come?

When I was born I was black. When I grew up I was black. When I'm sick I'm black. When I go out into the sun I'm black. When I die I'll be black.

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EDITION • 1861-1865

But you:

When you were born you were pink. When you grow up you are white. When you get sick you are green. When you go out in the sun you are red. When you go out in the cold you are blue. When you die you turn purple. And you call me colored?

\$50 Reward! the from Subscriber, living in the Ranaway county of Edgecombe, NC, about eight miles north of Tarborough, on the 24th of August last, a negro fellow Washington, about 24 years of age, 5 named feet and 8 or 10 inches high, dark complexion, stout built, and an excellent field hand, no particular marks about

him recollected.

Maybe he's on

the railroad?

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sesquicentennial: (noun) [ses-kwi-sen-ten-ee-uhl] a 150th anniversary or its celebration

Runaways Held in the New Bern, NC, Jail

Two New Negro Men, the one named Joe, about 45 years of age ... much wrinkled in the face, and speaks bad English. The

is a young other fellow...speaks better English than Joe, whom he says is his father , has a large scar on the fleshy part of his left arm They have nothing with them but an old Negro cloth jacket and an old

blue sailor's jacket without sleeves. Also ... a Negro named Jack, about 23 years of age...of a thin visage, bleareyed...has six rings of marks country his around his neck, his ears are full of holes

I was born on a plantation near Fayetteville, North Carolina, and I belonged to J.B. Smith. He owned about 30 slaves. When a slave was no good, he was put on the auction block in Fayetteville and sold. -Sarah Louise Augustus

What man can make, man can unmake. Frederick Douglass, abolitionist

rebellion in South Carolina; 44 slaves killed...1777...Vermont outlaws slavery...1783...Massachusetts outlaws slavery...1792...Kentucky joins Union as slave the Female Anti-Slavery Societies are formed in Philadelphia...1833...Oberlin College is the first coed college founded to educate African Americans...1837...The first Anti-Slavery Convention of American Women is held in New



1820...The Missouri Compromise admits Maine to Union as free state, Missouri as slave state, and prohibits slavery north of Missouri...1821... Missouri

to freedom...1865...The Thirteenth Amendment abolishes slavery...The Freedmen's Bureau is established by Congress...1872...The Freedmen's Bureau is abolished by Congress...1877...The Hayes Compromise ends Reconstruction by



withdrawing federal troops from the South...1880...Post Reconstruction era begins...The policy of white supremacy in the South leaves black people segregated, disenfranchised (without opportunity), and oppressed...1895...First National



Conference of Colored Women is held in Boston...1896...The U.S. Supreme Court upholds segregation in its "separate but equal" doctrine set forth in the Plessy vs. Ferguson case...Mary Church Terrell graduates from the Women's Medical