

Patriot, Feb. 18, 1915

"First Negress" in Carrollton. First Negro woman in Carrollton Aunt Jane a slave and maid servant of Judge Woodsons family and later in the Locke family. She came from Shelbyville, Ky to Jerseyville Aug 11, 1862 and then Carrollton. She was no common negress but cultured and of pure Africa blood. She had been associated with the Parkers, Todds, Woodsons, Lockes, Burfords and others of Ky. and knew Miss Mary Todd before she married Abraham Lincoln. An escaped slave of New Orleans, Louisiana was captured more dead than alive from exposure and eating only corn & wheat in grain and meat raw or partly cooked and lodged in Carrollton jail. It was suggested to advertise and send him back to his owner under the fugitive slave law, but was never done. He was the negro man in Carrollton and Aunt Jane took advantage of leap year and made him her husband. They had quite a number of children of whom Sam Evans was the eldest.

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