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betsey Cotten (Calcote), Age 110

Betsey Cotten, known in slavery times as Betsey Calcote, died last Friday in this county near the Franklin County line, aged one hundred and ten years. She formerly belonged to James Calcote who was one of the earliest settlers of Mississippi. She left surviving her four generations --- children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and numerous great great-grandchildren. One of her great grandchildren, Cynthia Howard, is over sixty years old

Betsey was born in Richmond, Virginia, about the close of the Revolutionary War, and was, when a young woman, brought to Mississippi territory and sold to Mr. Calcote. On her marriage to one of his slaves, Mr. Calcote made her the singular promise that when she had ten children he would set her free. He was as good as his word and from the year 1833 to the time of her death she was a free woman. James Calcote, the owner of Betsey, died sixty years ago

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