

JAMES W. DEAL NEGRO, DIES AT AGE OF 99 YEARS

West's Mill Farmer Once
Was Body Servant To
Charleston Man

James Washington Deal, Negro, died at his home in the West's Mill community May 2 was 99 years old.

Born in Charleston, S. C., October 22, 1848, he had lived in Macon county since about the age of 13 years, when he was brought to this county and sold as a slave to James Deal, of the Holly Springs section for \$1,200.

He was a former body servant to Col. Clinton Hugor during the first year of the War Between the States, and witnessed the opening of the war in Charleston harbor.

Following the war, he settled in the West's Mill community, where he bought a farm of 160 acres. It took him eight years to pay for this farm and after the crops were made each year, he would return to Charleston to make a "stake" to pay on the farm.

He was twice married, and is survived by his widow and three children by the latter marriage, and four children by the former. Also surviving are 35 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held at the Pleasant Hill Methodist church Sunday afternoon, May 5, with the Rev. J. W. Williams officiating.

A large number of both white and Negro friends attended the rites.