

Bedridden Ex-Slave Burned To Death in Cowee Cabin

"Uncle" Marion Moore, one of the oldest negroes in Macon county, was burned to death in his bed when his small cabin in the Cowee section was destroyed by fire Wednesday night.

"Uncle" Marion, an ex-slave, was about 90 years old and had been an invalid for some time, unable even to turn himself over in bed. He lived by himself in a flimsy, one-room shack. Someone visited the old man early in the evening and kindled a fire for him in the fireplace. A little later most of the negroes living in the small Cowee

colored settlement went off on a frolic.

About 9:30 o'clock a neighbor looked out the window and saw "Uncle" Marion's house in flames. It was too late to do anything about it. Fanned by strong winds, the old dwelling burned to the ground in about half an hour. A charred torso was all that was left of the old slave. The county commissioners sent down a casket the next morning in which to bury pitiful, gruesome remains.

The fire is believed to have started, not from the fireplace, but from a lamp, which had no chimney, placed upon a mantel,

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