

Last Survivor African Exodus

JOE CANNON WHO DROPPED DEAD YESTERDAY WENT TO LIBERIA ON GOOD SHIP AZORES

SAILED FROM CHAS. SOME 35 YRS. AGO

He and An Uncle From Newberry Made Voyage With Host of Other Negroes—Had an Exciting Trip.

In the sudden death yesterday morning in a blacksmith shop on East Market street of Joe Cannon for the past 20 years a well known character about town, there passed away probably the last survivor in this country of the memorable exodus of negroes to Africa which went out from Charleston some 35 years ago on the good ship Azores, the voyage of which was made all the more famous by reason of the fact that A. B. Williams, then on the staff of the Charleston News and Courier and later editor of the Greenville News, accompanied the expedition across the Atlantic and through articles written back to his paper kept the public informed of the adventurous trip of the negro-laden ship.

Went With Uncle.
Joe Cannon made the trip to Liberia with an uncle, who is said to have had considerable money. The two were living in Newberry at the time. Soon after the Azores touched on the other side Joe Cannon and his uncle were ready to return to the good old U. S. A. Their money had become separated from them, however, and this precluded their immediate return. Joe's uncle is said to have wisely left enough money in this country to bring him back to South Carolina in the event he did not like his adopted land.

A few experiences with the savages of that part of Africa soon convinced Joe and his uncle that Liberia was no place for them. The elder negro set about to get money from home in order that they might return. Ocean travel in those days was a slow process and after some six or eight months the negroes received money with which to pay their transportation back home. Shortly after their return to America, Joe Cannon came to Anderson, where he took up the calling of a brick mason. He was often in the hands of the police, but his backsliding occurred of intervals far apart and on the whole Joe was a pretty good sort of a negro.

Often Talked of Africa.
Joe was fond of telling of his experiences in Africa, and the envious looks he and others of the colony received from the cannibalistic gentry of Liberia. And no doubt he attributed his escape from an early roasting or a cannibal's spit to the fact that he was so black he did not have a very toothsome appearance. Cannon was standing in a blacksmith shop yesterday morning just in the rear of the city hall and was in his usual good health. He was talking and laughing with other workmen when he suddenly sat down on a

box. A second later he fell to the floor of the blacksmith shop and expired. A physician was summoned and he pronounced death due to heart failure. Cannon was buried yesterday afternoon in the colored cemetery, in the western part of the city. **Good Ship Azores.**

Along the waterfront in Charleston one can to this day find old salts who will sit and talk by the hour of the sailing of the good ship Azores. Back in those days a movement was started among the negroes to return to Africa. An old sailing vessel was chartered and preparations made for a voyage across the Atlantic. Several hundred negroes from various parts of the State engaged passage on this old vessel, which was dubbed the Azores. A. B. Williams, now editor of the Roanoke Times and one of the most brilliant newspaper intellects in the country, was a reporter on the Charleston News and Courier at the time and he was detailed by his paper to accompany the Azores to Liberia.

Garrulous old salts about the Charleston waterfront tell of the scenes surrounding the sailing of the negro laden ship from Charleston. On the morning the good ship pushed away from the dock there were congregated about the waterfront thousands of negroes from Charleston mainland and the scores of islands dotting that section of the coast. Prayer services were held on the waterfront immediately preceding the departure of the Azores, and of the singing and shouting and praying that took place on the part of those remaining behind it said that the country has never heard the like since.

Disastrous Expedition.
The Azores cast off snally and turned her bow toward the then somewhat unknown Atlantic. It took several weeks for the old vessel to make the trip across, as she was sent along her way by the winds alone. Many of the negroes, of whom there were hundreds stacked on board, died on the way over. Their bodies were pitched overboard and the Azores pushed steadily on. Scores of the negroes sickened and died after reaching Africa, and so far as could be learned, a handful of them returned to this country.

Central Presbyterian.
Services will be held at Central Presbyterian church today as follows:
Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Special attention is called to the Men's Bible class, under the leadership of Mr. T. Frank Watkins. The election of officers and reorganization of the class will take place today.
At the 11:30 service the pastor, the Rev. Witherspoon Dodge, will preach on the subject, "Does God Take Care of His Children? How?"

At the morning service an interesting musical program will be carried out. A quartet composed of Miss Stranathan and Miss Nellie Smith and Messrs. Sam Orr Tribble and Fitzgerald will sing "When We Stand Before the King." A solo, "My Redeemer and My Lord," will be sung by Miss Smith. At the 7:30 evening service the pastor will preach on "The Pure in Heart."

A duet, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," will be sung by Misses Stranathan and Smith.
The public is cordially invited to attend all services.

Miss Anne Morgan, Daughter of Financier, and Mrs. Astor, Titanic Widow, Help French Soldiers



MISS ANNIE MORGAN. MRS. JOHN JACOB ASTOR.

Miss Annie Morgan, daughter of the financier, and Mrs. John Jacob Astor, widow of the rich New Yorker who went down on the Titanic nearly three years ago, are at work to help the French soldiers in the field. This photograph, which is the latest taken of

either woman, shows them in the rooms of the Lafayette Fund, a creation of New York society women who have sympathy for the French soldiers. They are collecting clothing and other necessities for the men in the field.

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No. 41	6:00 p. m.
No. 43	9:20 p. m.
Departures.	
No. 30	7:15 a. m.
No. 32	9:00 a. m.
No. 34	10:30 a. m.
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BELTON GIRLS WON
In Exciting Game of Basketball With Honea Path.

BELTON, Jan. 12.—Belton high school girls won an exciting game of basketball from the Honea Path high school girls this afternoon on the local grounds—the final score being 20 to 9.

Honea Path and Belton have played four games this season, and this afternoon's going to Belton makes a tie between these two teams.

Belton has played nine games and lost three, one to Anderson and two to Honea Path. Belton has won two games from Anderson and three from Williamston.

The game this afternoon was very interesting and was well attended. The local girls are delighted over their victory.

Prof. Watkins, Dr. W. C. Bowen and C. C. Wilson are as happy as the girls.

The Hon. J. T. West, chairman of the Anderson county delegation is spending the week-end in town with his family. Mr. West has the honor of being a member of the Ways and Means committee.

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