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Murder of a Colored Man in Platte County.

On the Berryville road, three miles from Parkville, Platte county, a colored man by the name of Henry Faleston, formerly a slave owned by Major Hinkle, for some unknown reason, was killed near his residence on last Sunday morning. About half-past five o'clock in the morning he heard a noise near his house, and thinking that some cattle had broken into his corn-field, he got up and went out in his shirt-sleeves to drive them away. Feeling cold, he went back to get his overcoat. In the meantime his wife went to the door and requested him not to go out for she saw a light not 200 feet from the door and she did not think it safe to venture out. Notwithstanding her entreaties he started out, and when about five paces from the door two men rushed out from behind the house and demanded him to halt. He turned back toward the house, but before he could gain entrance six shots were fired at him, one of them entered his shoulder and proving fatal.

Faleston ran a short distance in the cornfield and fell, when three men rushed by him. His wife then came out, and with the aid of her oldest boy, they carried him to the house. Medical aid was at once sent for, and about half-past 8 o'clock Dr. May, of Berryville, arrived. After examining his wound Dr. May pronounced it fatal.

Faleston said that he knew no reason why any one should shoot him, and that he hadn't an enemy living that he knew of. He lingered until about 11 o'clock, when he died from the effects of the wound in his shoulder.

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