Newspapers by ancestry
https://www.newspapers.com/image/1308227697/

Downloaded on Mar 30, 2026

Jasper Taylor Dead

Jasper Taylor, an old colored man, died at his home in Platte City Tuesday, January 30, 1906. "Jap" as he was generally known, was probably better known than any colored man in Platte county. During the slavery days he was a servant of Captain Richard L. Waller of Platte City, and when the war between the states broke out he went with his master, "Captain Dick," to the Southern army, remaining with him until the orders came to surrender. After the last gun was fired Captain Dick and Jap came home and went to work on Captain Dick, now Judge R. L. Waller's farm east of Platte City. Years have come and gone and the bitter animosities of the civil war have given way to a better feeling among all our people; but there has never been a time when Captain Dick forgot his faithful servant, and to Jap there has never been any man who could anyways equal "Captain Dick Waller." There has always been a tender, faithful feeling between the former master and servant that none except those who have been placed in like conditions can understand and the new generation cannot appreciate.

The remains were followed to the cemetery by a large number of colored people and quite a number of Platte City Camp, United Confederate Veterans.

With bent form and hairs whitened with the frosts of many winters, it was a pathetic scene as Judge R. L. Waller stood over the grave of his faithful servant and friend as he was consigned to his last resting place in the Platte City cemetery. We could not devine his thoughts, but he was no doubt thinking "So many have gone before."

Copyright © 2026 Newspapers.com. All Rights Reserved.