

Daugherty, John  
Jefferson County, Indiana

Grace Monroe

Reference: Personal Interview with Mr. Daugherty

Mr. Daugherty is an old slave who lives on Sixth Street in Madison. As near as he could remember he was about five years of age when the Civil War closed. There were a few instances that he remembered, one time his "Missus" switched him with a keen peach limb because he persisted in getting too near the heels of his "master's" horse. The other children were engaged in picking burrs from the horse's tail.

When the soldiers passed through the country, he was frightened and would cry until his Grandmother would hide him under the bed clothing at the foot of his "missus" bed.

He said his mother had a very hard time, as she had to cut corn, chop wood, and drive the oxen in the field. Many times her toe nails were mashed off by the oxen stepping on her bare feet.

Mr. Daugherty did not seem to bear the owners any ill-will, but thought they were as kind as they could be with the knowledge they had. He seemed to think it was ignorance of the Bible that caused all the trouble.

This family lived in Trimble County, Kentucky at Riddle Hill. He came to Indiana when he was sixteen or seventeen years old. (A)