

LAST MISSOURI SLAVE DEAD.

The death of George Grossman Turner in Fayette on the eve of his being sent to the county poor farm marked the passing of the last negro to be sold on the block in Howard County.

In 1885 when Col. R. C. Clark was prosecuting attorney, Turner, along with several other negroes, was tried and convicted for vagrancy. The others were able to pay their fines, but Turner was not. He was sold at the south front door of the court house. Andy J. Herndon, then county clerk, was the highest bidder for Turner, and the price paid was \$30. Turner remained on Herndon's farm for about thirty years, and was a good farm hand. He was, of course, paid regular wages, but never saved any of his money. Turner was more than 80 years old.
