

## Free at last by Collin T.

Year:1863 month July 24.it was a dreaded time. My family had been sold by whites in slavery. papa had been sold into georgia. Mama and my little sister sarah were still heartbroken about papa and i had to do a lot of work.I was in Alabama working my heart out. Trying to be moved up to a higher rank so i could get a blanket.papa always told me no matter work hard and you will get what you need.my job was to work in the cornfield. Sarah's was to knit, gather cotton, and make clothes. Mommas was to about the same thing.we were living a terrible nightmare of a life.But tonight we had plans.

As I woke up on my wooden floor I heard saraha still sound asleep. she was sleeping way past the time she was supposed to get up at. it was 4:30, she was supposed to wake up at 4:00.I woke her up and told her that the white man might get angry.suddenly I heard a door slam it was our slave keeper.me and sahara kept quiet. he was angry.he yelled at saraha like a crazy man.then he spanked her. I wanted to scream my head off.the slave owner stomped right out of the room.me and sarah went outside to do our jobs.momma wakes up at 2:00 which is the earliest.when i passed her, momma whispered in my ear "escape, tell sarah".

As I left momma. i whispered in sarah's ear that we are gonna escape.

Momma and I had gathered supplies for are escape secretly.we were about to escape this place, and get pappa to head north.pappa was only 40 miles away. that is pretty short but we don't have a gun or a map. But pappa said he would make trails to his slavery owner.hopefully he did not get caught in the act.we were just about to escape it was 10:00 at night where you couldn't even see a pink pig running around with a bucket.momma was just checking if we had everything we needed.we went outside out the back door. No one saw us. Then suddenly we sprinted hard as hard as we could then they saw us.

We ran even harder. I pulled sarah onto my hand.momma tripped and fell in the rough grass.momma screamed to go on without her I wanted to go back for her but I did as I was told. we then lost ourselves in the deep forest where no one could see us.

As we walked through the forest we found pappa's trails we then started are hike.I did have one knife and that was it i had a bit of wood and sarah cotton but momma had all the food.I figured if i could throw my knife hard enough I could kill some squirrels or rabbits.It was just me and sarah now.for the long haul.

Sarah and I had come upon some rabbits that we killed. Very simple we had assumed we were pretty close to Georgia. "AHH" sarah screamed. I ran to sarah and she had just stumbled upon a bear I quickly grabbed her and we ran as fast as we could.we then found ourselves away from the big ferocious grizzly.

We kept going. And in the shadow we saw a man he looked at us. he came running as he came closer I recognized his face sarah ran after him It was papa.We asked him question after question.we asked him how he escaped he said the slave owner had got a bad disease and died. So every on escaped pappa stole a map and food for us.we were headed north.

We went through Tennessee and Kentucky then we saw a sign that said. welcome to Ohio. we were so grateful and happy that we were not slaves anymore.we were free. we crossed a man that was a white and asked where we from he was a nice man he said his name was John Ruth.He also said there was going to be a war between the north and south he told pappa to fight in it.but pappa said sarah and i can't live alone. So mr ruth said he could watch us pappa accepted and went off to war.

2 years later pappa came back and said the north won. now the usa was free for the first time momma would also be free are family was now Free at last.

