

OBITUARY FOR JUDY JACKSON

OBITUARY.—“Aunt” Judy Jackson died on Sunday night after an illness of less than ten days at her residence on Mulberry street in this village. She was about 98 years of age and was by far the oldest person in this village. Her general health had been good until a few days before her death when it was noticed that she talked but little. She was a woman of great piety and delighted in singing religious songs at a very late period of her life. Her sight and hearing always remained quite good. She was a slave until about 28 years old. When about 2 years old she was bought with her mother by Jeremiah Merritt who then owned the present County House farm from a Mr. Kortright. When she was about grown she was purchased by Philip LeFevre, of Kettleborough, who presented her to his son Andries P. LeFevre, when he married. She remained a slave in this family until all the slaves in this state were set free about 1827. She continued to reside for some time in the Kettleborough neighborhood and afterwards lived for some time with her husband, Tom. Jackson at Clintondale. For several years past she resided in or near this village.

Aunt Judy's recollection of events that transpired in her childhood was wonderfully good and we have obtained from her very much information concerning people that lived in the early part of the present century. We found by comparing her stories with information derived from other quarters, so far as it went, that she was correct in her statements. The funeral was held on Tuesday. Interment in the New Paltz cemetery.

1. According to her obituary, when was Judy Jackson born ?

2. What happened to Judy when she was 2 years old?

3. When was Judy freed? _____

4. How would you describe Judy?
