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The Major John C. Hutto Camp's August camp meeting  
will be in Jasper, Alabama on

**Sunday, 18 August 2024 at 2:00PM**

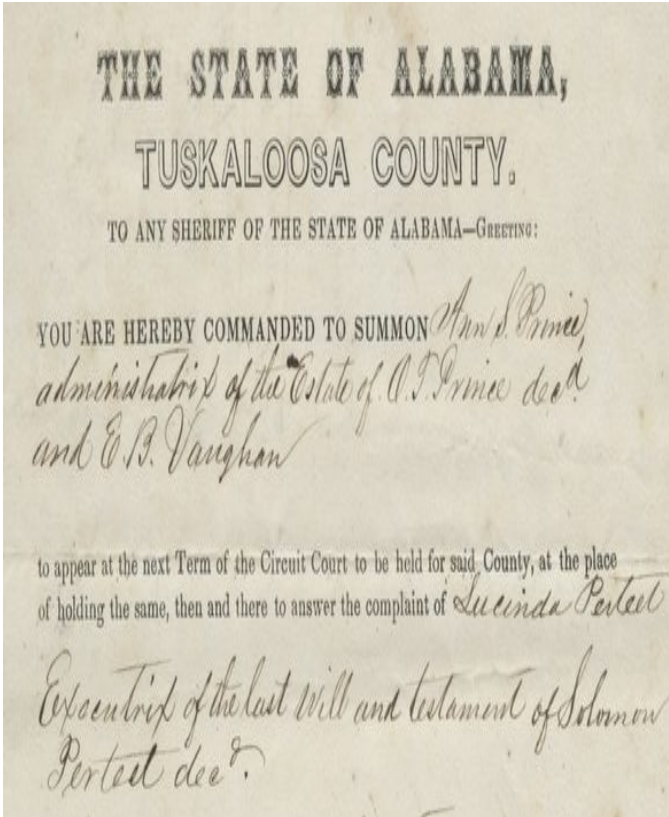
Meeting will be at the  
First Methodist Church's Adult Center

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Speaker: Spencer Harris

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# Solomon Perteet: "He Is Not Dead But Sleeping"

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Perteet paperwork |  
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In an August 13,  
2020, commentary,  
the Tuscaloosa  
County (Alabama)  
Preservation Society  
wrote:

“In 1860, there were  
84 free African  
Americans in  
Tuscaloosa County .  
. . . Solomon Perteet  
was the most  
well-known [of that  
group].

Born in Wilkes County, Georgia, Solomon was the illegitimate son of a white mother named Ruth Perteet, who was a member of a family of small-scale slave holders. At age 11, Solomon was bound out to serve as

an apprentice bricklayer until age 21.

Perteet married his first wife, a free woman of color, in Georgia in 1818. By 1820, he had purchased a slave and by 1830 he had arrived in Tuscaloosa. Ben Windham, Editorial page editor of *The Tuscaloosa News*, published an article about Solomon Perteet on March 18, 2001. In it, Windham wrote: “Around the time he arrived in Tuscaloosa, he bought another slave, Lucinda, but she was to become his second wife. Perteet petitioned the Alabama Legislature to free her and her son William, whom he bought at the same time. . . In 1860, on the eve of the Civil War, he owned six slaves.”

The previously mentioned August 13, 2020, article stated: “In addition to being a skilled plasterer and brick layer, Perteet was a storekeeper, a real estate dealer and a partner in a tannery company . . . He made most of his money in real estate. . . He acquired 713 acres of land, 20 city lots and one building. In seven recorded transactions, Perteet sold 589 acres of land and 7.5 city lots. . . [He] not only loaned money to whites but when they did not repay, took them to court with the juries ruling in Perteet’s favor in each of the eight cases.”

He died on October 3, 1863. Windham wrote: “One of his daughters inherited \$8,000. The other received a paltry \$200. . . The building on University Boulevard [2221 University Blvd.] where he had his store for 20 years remains. It may be the only antebellum black-owned building still standing in Tuscaloosa.”



Gravestone of Solomon Perteet, Greenwood Cemetery, Tuscaloosa, AL | Tuscaloosa Area Virtual Museum

He was buried in the section of Greenwood Cemetery reserved for whites. Due to his reasonable fortune, he was able to buy a plot for himself and family in the white section.

His gravestone reads “Solomon Perteat [sic], a free man of color born in Wilkes County Georgia, died at his home near this city, Oct. 3d 1863, aged 76 years, By an industrious, sober, frugal and honest life, he earned and left his wife and children a handsome and comfortable estate. He is not dead but sleeping.”

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