

Rosedale Louisiana

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My Winchester is and shall be my friend when backed by the colored Boys for respecting their colored women - virtue, with whom I risk my life fate & fortunes to protect. In David <sup>Matured</sup> ~~white~~ white. The educated graduated son of a wealthy farmer who takes the fair hand of Miss Emma Flonsby colored, in matrimony by going to Plaquemine the seat of Iberville Parish. Taking ~~license~~ <sup>license</sup> to marry. And as the approaching hour drew near for the Priest to appear whom was going to perform the ~~Mat~~ ceremony the nearer he kept his Winchester to his side, until Father Gomez had performed the ceremony. He kiss the bride and wished them success & a long & happy life. He then bid the happy pair good - night.

Answer to his wife.

Dave how about traveling on the Train in those separate cars? My Winchester or my revolver will serve there as it did here to night. The first thing there is no law to divide husband & wife. And the next thing since the 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> amendment to the constitution which <sup>makes</sup> every man a man

like God made them. There is no law that a Legislature can make to discriminate on account of color, for the Legislature has no more right to make that law than it had for Whites to walk on the side walk, & the colored to walk in the middle of the street. And all such laws like those will surely disappear & scatter like the Autumnal Foliage and scatter before the great wind.

May 2<sup>nd</sup> Now following the same sad wedding during her husband absent, she was bulldozed by four of the last trash, in this County, by entering and breaking down her yard fence. But she were as brave as you make them.

When they burst open her window and told her to come out of there. You damn negro Bitch, we are going to hang you or whip you to death. She seized the Pistol and snapped at them four times, only the fifth chamber <sup>was</sup> ~~was~~ loaded, and she fired one shot and the four cowards broke and ran off, firing their revolvers as they ran. When she left her house broke through the woods and made to her brother's home for protection. On making her report the next day, she was supplied with all the ammunition she needed.

from the best Element of this community.  
 And was tolded if any ~~further~~ <sup>further</sup> attempt  
 was made to molest her to report at  
 once. And she should have all the protection  
 she needed if it caused our blood to flow  
 to do so. both by white & colored. Also  
 her brother were notified, should she  
 stay at his home for protection, and  
 there were any attempt on the part of  
 those cowards to molest her in his home  
 to drop them right in the gate. And he  
 shall have all the protection he need  
 by the best people of this Country.

For it is no ones business <sup>if</sup> she  
 married.

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 Rose Dale La.

P. S. Slap that - right in print  
 for we want see it.

My dear

And answer to your correspondent.

Mr. Matine what did you keep your Winchester so near your side for? Well my mother on hearing of my wedding she fainted, so I kept my Winchester near at hand.

For I have roamed the world over and seen more that I could love, until I met the cruel fancy, Emma Bonshy one of the bright daughters of Africa which only death could have prevented me from marrying. That why I kept my Winchester so near my side.

Please term this as you think it should be.