

HARRIET

(crying)

The smelly one cut my sister with a big knife. Then he tried to grow a plant on her stomach. I'm scared.

As HARRIET tells her story NATHANIEL FRANCIS joins the audience. He sees JOHN CLARK TURNER.

NATHANIEL

John!

JOHN CLARK TURNER

Nathan! Good to see you alive and well.

NATHANIEL

Only half way. The niggers destroyed my place from what I hear. Killed my overseer and ran off.

JOHN CLARK TURNER

Your wife?

NATHANIEL

For a while I thought she was dead. She's right over there.

JOHN CLARK TURNER

Thank God. It's not just here either. I heard they burnt down Wilmington, massacred everybody and two thousand Negroes are marchin' on Raleigh.

NATHANIEL

You don't say. I heard even more niggers were supposed to rise up on the fourth Sunday of this month, but somehow our slaves started one week early. This could get worse.

JOHN WHEELER and his men, the MURFREESBORO TROOPS tie STEPHEN and CURTIS to a TREE.

JOHN CLARK TURNER

We found these two over by Dick Darden's yet they claimed they were going back to Ridley's.

(to STEPHEN)

How many white folks did you kill?