

OLDEST RESIDENT
of
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VA.

"Aunt Grace Fitchett"
109, Was Highly Respected Old
Negress

Northampton County's oldest resident, "Aunt" Grace Fitchett, 109, highly respected colored woman of Cheapside, died on April 15th ¹⁹²⁴ at her home.

"Aunt" Grace's descendents are among the outstanding Negroes of the county, with five of them teaching in the schools of this section: they are: Mary Nottingham Smith, supervisor of Negro schools in Accomac; Martha N. Bailey who has taught for 35 years in Northampton; Naomi Wright Stevens who has taught for 15 years; Cornelia I Wright, who has taught for 12 years and Vivid Banks, who has taught for the past several years in Accomac. Others of her descendent have been prominent in the community life in which they lived.

The old Negress was for many years a member of the Capeville A. M. E. Church and she is buried in the church cemetery. Born a slave she is said never to have held any resentment and to have always advised her children and grandchildren to respect members of the white race.

She is survived by a son, a daughter, 39 grandchildren, 88 great-grandchildren and 23 great-great-grandchildren.