

July 4, 1864 - The 4th of July in Columbia

The cannon was heard in Town of Columbia celebrating the day. . . a greate many negro men[,] women & children with there flags & flag poles[.] [A] dinner was prepared for many at White's Spring but the black ladies was marched to the Table[.] [T]he soldiers pitched in & devoured it & so the blacks was quite unlucky (they got none). In the evening the soldier was sent all over Town & pressed & captured all the able bodied negro men that could be gathered, several hundred, to gone somewhere to work. . .

Nimrod Porter Diary, July 4, 1864.

