

NEGRO MOUNTAIN

COL. THOMAS CRESAP made his home at Skipton or Shawnee Oldtown on the Potomac. One night the settlement was attacked by Indians; the settlers defended themselves until morning when the red men withdrew, but a family had been murdered and some horses stolen. Col. Cresap ordered his men to prepare to pursue the fleeing savages.

His body-servant, Nemesis, a big negro, was cleaning his gun, and the Colonel said to him: "Well Nemesis, are you ready for the fight"? The negro replied, "Yes, massa; but I don't come back." Col. Cresap jestingly said, "Well, Nemesis, if you are afraid of being killed, you can stay here with the women, and I will go on without you." Nemesis hesitated, then replied, as he continued to clean the rifle, "Massa you know I's not afraid; where you go, I will go; where you fight, I will fight; but Nemesis will not come back."

With the morning light Cresap and his band were upon the Indians' trail, pursuing them over the Savage and Meadow mountains to the next mountain, where they overtook them and had a severe fight, killing several of the enemy. Fighting bravely at his master's side, Nemesis was slain and buried on the mountain, which has since borne the name of his race.

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