

Story from the Civil War  
as told to Nancy Coggin Watkins  
by Lukye Harper Evans

Like most plantations in the area, the Harper home was besieged with hungry soldiers from Sherman's Troops. Lukye told the story how the quick thinking black "mammie" who watched over her father, Esom T Harper, who was 5 years old at the time, tricked the soldiers by rolling the meat in flour and dirt, then throwing it out in the yard telling them it was rotten meat and they could have it !! Well, the soldiers didn't want rotten meat so they left it and it was promptly washed and hung back in the smoke house to feed the family.

