

“Uncle Dooley” Littlejohn

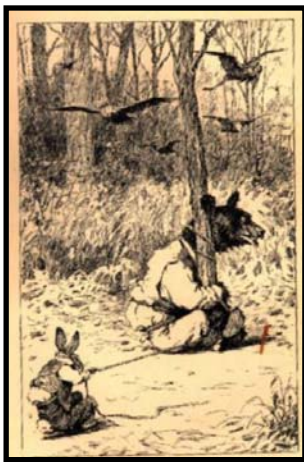
“Uncle Dooley” Littlejohn was a well-known person to the [grammar school students in Pacolet](#) during the late 1940s and early 1950s. His visits to their classrooms were eagerly anticipated and enjoyed. “Uncle Dooley” visited the classrooms a few times each year. His visits were not scheduled but he was received by the teachers and the students with open arms. His purpose in visiting the classes was to read to them his beloved stories from the *Tales of Uncle Remus*. He would read to the class about the antics of Brer rabbit and other characters from the book. The children loved, it both for the stories and the fact that it broke up the normal classroom routine. The teachers treated “Uncle Dooley” with the utmost respect despite the fact that he had interrupted their class without notice.

“Uncle Dooley’s” real name was Ernest Nuckolls Littlejohn and he was a retired math teacher who had taught at [Pacolet High School](#). Mr. Littlejohn was born in 1877. He was married to Catherine Davis (Kate) and they had 4 children: Mary Elizabeth (Mary Beth), Catherine Margaret, Davis Carlisle and Samuel Ernest.

Mary Beth Littlejohn attended Limestone College and became a missionary for the Methodist Church. She is buried at the [Pacolet Methodist Church Cemetery](#). You can read more about her at [Mary Beth](#). Catherine Margaret Littlejohn married Loyless West. Davis Carlisle Littlejohn married Mary Miller. Samuel Ernest Littlejohn died when he was about a year old.

Ernest Littlejohn passed away in 1964 at the age of 86. He is also buried at the [Pacolet Methodist Cemetery](#). Click on [Burial Site](#) to read more. “Uncle Dooley” brought many happy hours to the children of [Pacolet](#) by reading the stories.

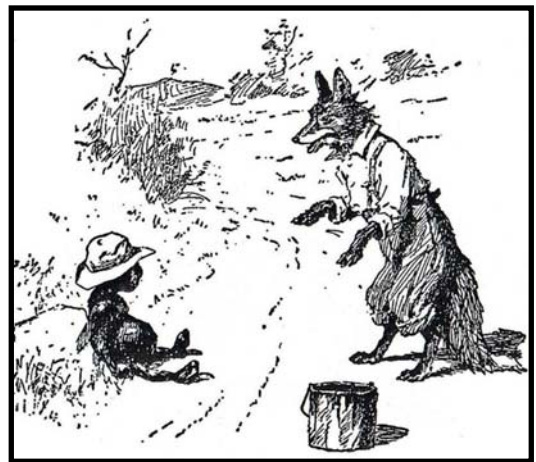
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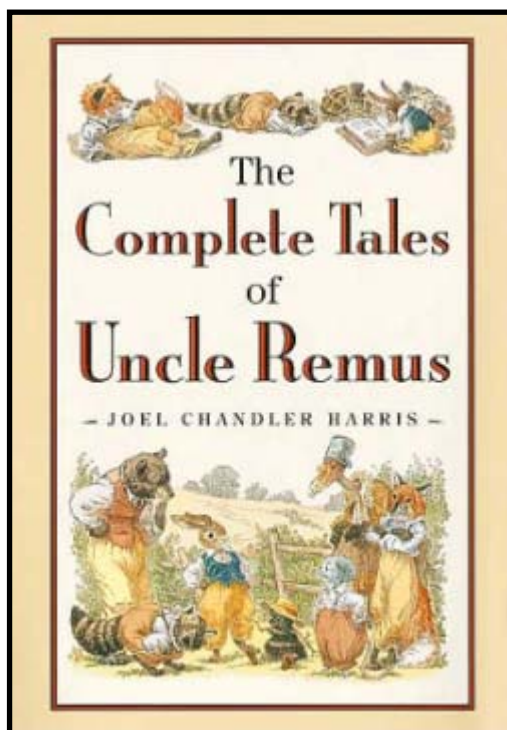
Brer Rabbit and Brer Bear



Brer Fox and Brer Rabbit



Brer Fox and the Tar Baby



The Tales of Uncle Remus was a book by Joel Chandler Harris first published in 1881. It was based on African folktales told to Mr. Harris by slaves when he was growing up in Eatonton, Georgia. The book was very popular and Mr. Harris went on to write seven Uncle Remus books in total. In 1946, Walt Disney made a movie based on the books “The Song of the South”. In more recent, politically correct, times, the movie has become controversial because of its association with slavery. It has not been re-released like almost all other Disney movies.

