Note. The Road from Chaptico towards St. Joseph's. page 120.

Sept. 1854. During the Easter holidays of this year, the old residence of Barton Goddard (a Soldier of the Revolution) was burned down, and a negro living in the Neighbourhood was suspected of being the incendiary.

The track of the suspected Negro was very remarkable the toes pointing very much outward; — The ground was very soft at the time of the fire, and a foot track precisely such as the suspected Negro made, was recognised the day after the fire, in various places around the house.

The Track left the public road and entered through the gate leading into the plantation lying west of the burnt house, took a N.E. Course through the field, entered the Goddard place by climbing the fence, and then, the land having been ploughed and the ground being very soft, turned up the fence, leaving one foot print all the way in the soft ground, the other on the narrow list or headland by the fence side. In this manner the footman made a semi circle around the house, until abreast of the farm yard he went over into the ploughed land again, and immediately retreated to the pasture field. To the North East of the house, the track was seen in the meadow, and there also, the footprints of a little child ~~which~~ such as the suspected Negro had with him on the night of the fire. The track was seen also to the Eastward of the burned house, apparently in fast retreat.

The Negro was arrested upon suspicion, and a white man with whom he lived, made oath that he (the Negro) was at home at 7 o'clock that night.

The prosecutor proved that he was in Chaptico about day light down, and ordered the road to be surveyed and measured, in order to show the impossibility of a crippled negro travelling the distance, between daydown and 7 o'clock P.M. of an April Evening

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