

1850: Murder strikes Greene County

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The widow further said in the court that her husband told Bland to kiss an unmentionable portion of his anatomy. It was the knife in Bland's hand that alarmed Walker's wife, and she yelled a warning to him as she ran toward the tobacco

patch. Incredibly, Bland stabbed Walker then and there, repeatedly.

To the widow's credit, she tried to come between her husband and Bland. But she was violently shoved aside while the stabbing continued.

Bland's parting remark would have been humorous, if the event had not been so tragic. His attor-

neys might well have used it as evidence of insanity, if they had been given the time to develop a defense.

According to the widow, she called out to Bland that he had killed her husband. The man's reply was simply, "I am a horse."

Next week: The testimony of Walker's children.
