

Today in Columbus History: On Wednesday, May 14, 1845, an ad appeared in *The Columbus Enquirer* for the sale of land parcels in Russell and Barbour Counties — over 3,000 acres belonging to one Cullen Battle, a physician from North Carolina, who moved to Alabama after the Indian Removal, by way of Hancock County, Georgia. He settled first in Eufaula, but then moved to Russell County, where in 1860 he owned around 2,900 acres of land and had 111 slaves. Many Columbus-area African Americans named "Battle" had ancestors who were enslaved on the Battle plantation. They took the surname "Battle" because that is where they were from; they were not all related. Dr. Battle died in 1879 and is buried in Shorter Cemetery, Eufaula. Of his children, 3 survived to adulthood. His daughter married John Gill Short, Governor of Alabama, one son became a major general in the C.S.A., and another son became president of Mercer University.

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**Alabama Lands for Sale.**

**I** WILL sell at low prices, (to wit) 2240 acres on north Cowikee Creek, Russell county, about half cleared and ready for cultivation, with a Gin house, Screw and all necessary buildings— 350 or 400 acres rich bottom lands, and some 5 or 600 acres yet to clear. These Lands cost me in the woods, from 8 to 10 dollars per acre; and in order to pay debts, I now offer them, well improved, at 5 dollars per acre. Also, 320 acres of excellent wood lands, near north Cowikee, at 4 dollars per acre, they cost 5 or 6 dollars at low times. Also, on middle Cowikee creek 480 acres, in Barbour county, near Spring Hill, Ala. and the best lands in the county. Also, East half of Sec. 26, adjoining F. Lee, Esp. in Barbour county, rich bottom lands mostly.

All of which Lands I will sell low for cash, or on a credit of one and two years for bonds and approved securities. My Overseers on the Cowikees will show the lands.

**CULLEN BATTLE,**  
Of Eufaula, Barbour county, Al.

Jan 22, 1845 8 11 Oct.