

"Stampede Among the Negroes of Hardin County,"
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'STAMPEDE' AMONG THE NEGROES OF HARDIN COUNTY.—The Elizabethtown Register of the 13th, says: Since the last election some nine or ten different negroes have attempted to escape from their masters in this county. During the progress of the Campaign at the head of Rough creek, two negroes were apprehended from that vicinity, but whether they were apprehended or not, we have not been able to learn. On Sunday week, four others started from this neighborhood, belonging to Messrs. S. V. Leedom, Thomas Swain, H. Kennedy, and G. W. Strickler. The one belonging to Mr. Leedom was apprehended by Irwin, and this so alarmed the others, that they all turned home. Three others, belonging to Mr. Swain and Mr. Young, of Westpoint, started on the same day. They were overtaken near Louisville, and one of them, who was armed with a shot-gun, threatened to shoot the pursuing party, if they attempted to apprehend them, and was in the act of firing, when he was stopped by Mr. Applegate. The shot struck him in the leg and wounded him so severely, that his recovery is doubtful. The three negroes were then apprehended without further difficulty.