



Freeing Dolly

Emancipation Day in Tennessee

Dolly, Andrew Johnson's first slave, holds his grandson. Although Johnson owned at least ten slaves, he freed them on August 8, 1863—still recognized as Emancipation Day in Tennessee. He freed all Tennessee's slaves in 1864. As thanks, freedmen gave him a watch inscribed, "...for his untiring energy in the cause of Freedom."

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