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Wash was an elderly dignified gentleman in the Providence communitee. Somehow he acquired a pet(?) alligator and kept it in a cotton house near the store. He would put a rope around its neck and take it down to the creek for a drink. Once a week or so he would put a chicken in with the pet and before the week was out the chicken disappeared. Wash was crippled and slow and if the alligator had decided to attack him he had no defense. This was a big thing in the area. Most people after they had been to Dr. Minters 12 room clinic would stop by to see Wash's alligator.