

## The Passing of the Pioneers

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So a new impetus has been given to the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of Sergeant Floyd over his remains, and the appeal is and will be made to the people of this great State, and of the Nation, to furnish the means of accomplishing this purpose at no distant day. It is the business of the present to make history, but it is also the duty of the present to see to it that the history that has been made in the past be properly preserved and the memory of those who made it perpetuated for the future. The Association appeals to the present to perform this duty for Sergeant Charles Floyd.

#### THE PASSING OF THE PIONEERS.

Almost before they can realize the transition those who a few short years ago constituted the strength, sovereignty and citizenship of this goodly county, find themselves a scattered remnant among the on-surging hosts who are already upon the ground to take the place of those who fall. And while the rear guard of the receding generation are tenaciously clinging to the tenure by which they have heretofore held their places, they cannot but realize, as a melancholy fact, that their few remaining years must be spent in the midst of "a generation that knew not Joseph." Other generations may follow them who will have more in the way of luxuries, educational advantages and refinements. But there were privileges, advantages and experiences, enjoyed by the pioneers, that can never come to any succeeding generation. They had a monopoly of new country life upon the extended prairies and grand old forests of Hamilton County. Theirs was the heritage of all its primitive glories. They enjoyed many things that can never be duplicated on the same territory as long as the sun moves forward on the dial plate of civilization. But the pioneers will soon be gone. He of the snowy beard and sharp scythe is close upon their tracks.—Hon. Isaiah Doane, in *Webster City Freeman*, December 4, 1895.

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