Letter of the Late Col. W. M. G. Torrence

W. M. G. Torrence
Mississippi; and if you dare to jump one of my claims, die you must. My name is Simeon Cragin, Sir, all the way from Bangor, and you must leave these diggings, with but few remarks.” The increasing rage of “Simeon” became alarming to the young Sucker, and he found the shortest road possible to the State of Illinois, and we presume has never since visited Iowa with a view at least of “jumping claims.”

There are also many striking reminiscences of the Indians and their sojourn, both before and after the whites took possession of the country, that might be interesting, and may be added hereafter. There are those now living in Le Clair who remember with what satisfaction the Indians often returned to their forest home at the head of the rapids. In 1837, over one thousand were encamped where the city now stands.

[to be continued.]
It is the wish of the Regiment that you forward them to the State Historical Society, there to be retained subject to the order of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. M. G. TORRENCE,
Colonel Commanding.

Copy: N. B. BAKER, Adj’t Gen’l of Iowa.

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