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Respected Negro Dies

William Boyd, one of our old and most respected colored men, died in Platte City last Sunday, May 13, 1917. "Bill" Boyd was a true type of the old-time negroes, of whom there is sadly too few left, their places being taken by an entirely different species —the honery, smart-aleck, pert, lazy kind that are bringing calumny and reproach upon their race. "Bill" was respectful and industrious, polite and law-abiding, and we chronicle his passing with more than usual regret, knowing that the passing of his kind but hastens the extinction of a class of colored people that will be greatly missed. He was 62 years old and was the father of 18 children, a majority of whom, with his wife, Annie, survive him. The funeral was Tuesday.

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