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In the town of Lathrop in Clinton County, Missouri, they recently laid to rest one of the oldest if not the oldest ex-slave of that community, Uncle Earl Weston, as he was familiarly called. He was ninety-seven years old and a native of Platte County, Missouri, but since the Civil War spent many years among the "white folks" of Clinton county. He was one of four remaining well known former slaves living in Lathrop, all nearing the century mark. Those now surviving him are Bill and Frank Slaughter and Warren Tuman.

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