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The remarkable old man was born October 27, 1817, in Bourbon County, Ky., and came to Missouri in 1837. He first lived at Boonville, and then went to Johnson County, where he farmed several years. Finally he went to Lexington, where he began active life as a business man. He came to St. Joseph in 1848 and for many years was engaged as a slave trader.

Once he was banished from St. Joseph, and went to Denver, where he remained nearly a year. He was accused of recruiting for the Southern army. He was married three times and was the father of seventeen children, four of them still living.

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