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Some Platte County History

Uncle Jim Tatman came into The Landmark office Wednesday and gave us some interesting early history of Platte County. He says there were five persons born in Platte County in 1837. Platte County, you must remember, was not organized as a county until March, 1839. These five persons were Ben F. Jacks, R. N. Harrington, Nrs. Noah Berry, daughter of Axiom Farmer, all now passed to that other land, and two now living —Leander Wells of near Weston and Ephraim Sanders, a colored man, livin Platte City. Eph was a servant of Miles Harrington, who preempted a large body of land near Settle Station, part of which is now owned by Mrs. Jeff Rarrington. Miles Harrington came to Platte in 1836 and hauled his family on a sled. The colored people walked from Clay and drove the stock. Mr. Harrington with the aid of his sesvants soon cleared seven acres of land. John B. Walls, father of Lee Wells, came to Platte County probably before 1837. There was no such a place as Weston then. Mr. Wells built a cabin on the lane known as the Wells farm, one-half mile east of Weston on the Weston and Platte City turnpike. This was Indian country then and the soldiers from Fort Leavenworth came over and burned Mr. Wells cabin and those of the other pioneers. Mr. Wells built another cabin and got an old Indian woman to claim the ownership of it and for this reason he was never molested by the soldiers.

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