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MANUEL DOBSON, WELL KNOWN TOWN CHARACTER, DEAD

Aged Colored Man Passes Away After an Illness of Five Years—Born in Slavery, Fought for Union.

Manuel Dobson, one of best known old time colored men of Leavenworth, died at his home at 309 Cheyenne street at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Paralysis, of which he suffered three strokes, caused his death.

Manuel, as nearly every one knew him, had been in bad health for five years. After the first stroke he was seldom able to get down town to meet and talk with old friends.

He was 75 years old and was born in Missouri. He was born a slave and ran away from his master and joined a colored regiment in the Union Army in the Civil War. He was badly wounded in battle and one arm was helpless from a gun shot wound for more than fifty years before he died.

LIVED OFF HIS PENSION.

Manuel received a pension of $30 a month and in addition an allowance of $50 a year for an arm, supposedly to replace the one that was permanently crippled. He lived off his pension and seemed to fully appreciate the kindness of the government in taking care of him.

Manuel was a town character in his way. He was not quarrelsome, but had a way of talking very plainly to the young people of his race, when he thought they did not act as they should. However, in spite of this he was liked and respected by all of them.

Manuel was an ardent Republican. To question his Republicanism was an insult to him. He believed, very properly, that it was through the Republican party that his race was set free from slavery and that pensions were granted Union soldiers.

Manuel is survived by his faithful old wife, Betty Dobson, who nursed and took care of him in the five long years of illness. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Maggie Williams.

The date for the funeral has not been determined on yet.

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