

home, nearly frozen, we found Fred and Cars awaiting us. The storm had driven them from the lake.

After a short conference, the boys decided to quit hunting for the season. I was called in to be paid off. They handed me six dollars as pay for the past two weeks—thus ending my “career” as a Market Hunter.

Oldest Greybeard

The 37th Iowa Regiment, now doing guard duty at St. Louis, is almost exclusively composed of men over 45. Among the number is Charles King, who is 81 years of age. He is six feet eight inches in height. He was born in Culpepper county, Va., and claims to be a lineal descendant of Pocahontas, and this statement is verified by his physiognomy, which betrays the characteristics of the Indian. He has been married twice (first when only 19 years of age), and is the father of twenty-one children, one of which was, two weeks since, only fifteen months old when it died. He claims to be able to repeat every word of the Bible from the beginning of Genesis to the end of Revelations, and can *neither read nor write!*—a daughter having read the book to him, his wonderful memory enabling him to retain it after committing it to memory. The daughter commenced her reading to him at five years of age, he then being twenty-six. In 1815 he emigrated to Ohio, resided there some twenty-five years, and then removed to Wapello, Iowa, where his home now is, and where he enlisted. Mr. King’s family is somewhat celebrated for longevity, his mother having lived to the age of 103, and one grandfather to 105 years.—*Exchange* quoted in *Muscatine Daily Journal*, February 10, 1863.

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