Birthplace of Stephen A. Douglas as it appeared about 1860.

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Boulder found in Patridge Tp. selected by Woodford County Historical Society to mark the site of speeches by Douglas and Lincoln at Metamora, Illinois, September 30, and October 4, 1855.

BRAIT
The Woodford County Historical Society has done well to select so noble a monument as it has done to commemorate a most important historical event. The boulder which you have chosen is a fine specimen of granite, or rather cyanite, since as a third element it contains hornblend instead of mica. It is similar to the rock chosen for the casing of the Pyramids of Egypt and for the monoliths and statues which adorn the Valley of the Nile. The boulder started upon its pilgrimage many thousand years ago when the great ice-sheet which crept down from the north reached the granite ledges which appear upon the surface in Quebec and Ontario. Becoming entangled in this glacial mass, it moved slowly with it, progressing at a rate of four or five hundred feet a year and perhaps much less. The glacier upon which it was transported filled the bed of Lake Huron, advanced over the southern peninsula of Michigan, obliterated for the time being, the deep depression of Lake Michigan, and bore its burden of boulders as far as Princeton, Peoria, Clinton, Decatur, Mattoon and Paris, Illinois.

Your boulder is now safe and has already proved in a remarkable manner its power to resist the corroding tooth of time. Without doubt it has lain for ten thousand years in the place where you found it awaiting the service which it is now permitted to render to the world. Doubtless, also, it was exposed for ten thousand years more on its slow journey to witness the memorable occasion when the two intellectual giants of the Prairie State contended for the highest prize within reach of a citizen of the American Republic. Happy it is that it is now permitted to perpetuate the memory of this great occasion to the end of time.

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