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BULLOCK, Mrs. Eliza Dale is a
real pioneer. Her arrival antedates
that of J. B. Grinnell. She has
lived here 79 years coming June.
When her father David Dale lo-

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cated in Westfield, Latimers Tavern was the only building there. She remembers seeing the east and west road past the present location of Westfield school filled with covered wagons on their way west. Some drawn by horses and others by oxen, Many Mormans were among these western travelers. She attended the first term of Westfield school taught as she recalls by a Mr. Baker. Mrs. Bullock's Grandfather was Thomas Stevens, a native of Virginia. In the spring of 1851 he came to Poweshiek county accompanied by his three daughters and their families. The daughters were: Rachel (Mrs. Burtis Burd) Nancy Ann (Mrs. Daniel Van Treeze) and Maria (Mrs. Samuel Favor). He bought land of the Government for \$1.25 an acre. He went back to Ind. to spend the next fall and winter and in 1852 came to Iowa again with his son Ephraim and two married daughters. One of the daughters, Sarah (Mrs. Nancy Oakley) and her family settled on land in Sugar Creek twp. and it was in her home that J. B. Grinnell and his party boarded until they could build shelter in what was to become Grinnell. The fifth daughter Eliza Jane was Mrs. David Dale. She came with her husband and a little daughter Elizabeth, now Mrs. Bullock. She was the only child in the party and the only one still living. These are a few things which Mrs. Bullock remembers of those early days.