Nathaniel Grigsby, the brother of Aaron Grigsby who married Nancy Lincoln, died at Attica, a small town in this county in 1890. During the latter part of Lincoln's life, he and Mr. Grigsby maintained something of a correspondence and some of these letters of Lincoln's have been preserved. In one of his letters, Mr. Lincoln tries at some length to dissuade his friend from risking his life by attempting to vote for him for President.

Mr. Grigsby was a man of little education but more than ordinary intellectual ability. He was very firm in his convictions. On his death bed, I have been informed, he told his children he had one request to make; that they put on his tombstone a certain inscription which he had prepared. They tried for days to have him withdraw the request but he was firm. At last they promised and he said: "I die in peace for I know when a Grigsby makes a promise it will be kept."

The following is the inscription which I have copied exactly without adding a mark of punctuation or changing a letter;

On the west side of the stone:

N. Grigsby
Died
Apr. 16,1890.
Aged 78 yrs 6 m 5 ds
2nd Lieut. Co. G.
10th. Ind. Cavy.

On the south side:

Through this inscription
I wish to enter my
dying protest against
what is called the
Democratic party
I have watched it
closely since the days
of Jackson and know
that all the misfortunes
of our nation has
come to it through
this socalled party
therefore beware of this part
this party of treason.

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Underneath this and separated from it by a line are these words:

"Put on in fullfillment
of promise to deceased."

This stone stands at the head of the grave of Nathaniel Grigsby in the little cemetery just west of Attica.

T. A. Noftzger,

Over 113 Main St.,

Anthony, Kansas.

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