Story of Birmingham Is Like Romance

The first white man to brave the perils of the wilderness which surrounded the territory now known as Birmingham and Blountfield Township, was John Hunter. The most available and accurate records have him settling here in 1817. From his home in Nashville, N. Y., he traveled in the winter through Canada, crossed the Detroit river on a sled, took possession of the land and planted his corn. He returned to Nashville a wealthy man, and in a few years passed away peacefully.

Our story is like many others of this kind, a true tale of the pioneer spirit which carved a path for civilization. It was a time when the wilderness was a place of danger and hardship, but the determination and courage of those who ventured forth made it possible for others to follow in their footsteps.

The story of John Hunter is just one example of the many tales of courage and perseverance that can be found in the history of Birmingham. It is a testament to the power of human determination and the ability of the human spirit to overcome even the most difficult obstacles.

We invite you to learn more about the history of Birmingham and the stories of those who have come before us. It is a story of adventure, courage, and perseverance, and one that continues to inspire us to this day.