

# Lincoln's Boyhood WARD HILL LAMON. His Friend,

Lincoln's Birthplace

Abraham as a Hunter.

toffice was established tryville in 1824 or 1825. Dennis Hanks helped to hew the logs used to build the first storeroom. The following letter from Mr. David Turnham presents some interesting and perfectly authentic information regarding the village and the settlements around it in those early times:

When my father came here in the spring of 1819 he settled in Spencer county, within one mile of Thomas Lincoln then a widower. The chance for schooling was poor; but, such as it was, Abraham and myself attended the same schools.

We first had to go seven miles to mill, and then it was a hand mill that would grind from ten to fifteen bushels of corn in a day. There was but little wheat grown at that time, and when we did have wheat we had to grind it on the mill described and use it without bolting. as there were no bolts in the country.

Abe and I had to do the milling on horseback, frequently going twice to get one

The country was very rough, especially in the lowlands, so thick with bush that a man could scarcely get through on foot. and abounded in game. At that time there were a great many deer licks, and Abe and myself would go to those licks sometimes and watch of nights to kill deer, though Abe was not so fond of a gun as I was. The people in the first settling of this country were very sociable, kind and accommodating, there was more drunkenness and stealing on a small scale, more immorality, less religion, less well placed confidence.

For two years Lincoln continued to live along in the old way. He did not like to farm, and he never got much of his land under cultivation. His principal crop was corn, and this, with the game which a rifleman so expert would easily take from the woods around him, supplied his table. It does not appear that he employed any of his mechanical skill in completing and furnishing his own cabin. It has aiready been stated that the latter had no window, door or floor. But the furnitureif it may be called furniture—was even worse than the house. Three legged stools served for chairs. A bedstead was made of poles stuck in the cracks of the logs in one corner of the cabin, while the other end rested in the crotch of a forked stick sunk in the earthen boor. On these were laid some boards



at Gen- and on the boards a "shakedown" of some of which were sadly needed in his been made by working for day's wages N were a Dutch oven and a skillet. Abraham slept in the loft, to which he asholes in the wall.

Partner

Bodyguard

and

"The Milk Sickness."

In the summer of 1818 the, Pigeon creek settlements were visited by a fearful disease called in common parlance "the milk sickness." It swept off horse team and moved Mrs. Johnston, the cattle which gave the milk, as well as the human beings who drank it. It seems to have prevailed in the neigh- band in Indiana. borhood from 1818 to 1829, for it is given as one of the reasons for Thomas Lincoln's removal to Illinois at the latter date. But in the year first mentioned its ravages were especially awful. Its most immediate effects were severe retchings and vomitings and, while the deaths from it were not necessarily sudden, the proportion of those who finally died was uncommonly

Among the number who were attacked by it and lingered on for some time in the midst of great sufferings were Thomas and Betsy Sparrow and Mrs. Nancy Lincoln. It was now found expedient to remove the Sparrows from the wretched "half faced camp," through which the cold autumn winds could sweep almost unobstructed, to the cabin of the Lincolns, which in truth was then very little better. Many in the neighborhood had already died, and Thomas Lincoln had made all their coffins out of "green lumber cut with a whip saw." In the meantime the Sparrows and Nancy were growing alarmingly worse. There was no physician Matilda-but Abe and his sister Nancy. in the county, not even a pretender to the science of medicine, and the nearest regular practitioner was located at strangers to her blood, were given an Yellow Banks, Ky., over thirty miles distant. It is not probable that they ever secured his services.

At length, in the first days of October, the Sparrows died, and Thomas Lincoln sawed up his green lumber and made rough boxes to inclose the mortal remains of his wife's two best and oldest friends. A day or two after, on the 5th of October, 1818, Nancy Hanks Lincoln rested from her troubles, few weeks all had changed, and where Thomas Lincoln took to his green wood everything was wanting now all was again and made a box for the mother snug and comfortable. She was a woof the future president. There were man of great energy, of remarkable about twenty persons at her funeral. good sense, very industrious and sav-They took her to the summit of a deep-, ing and also very neat and tidy in her ly wooded knoll about half a mile person and manners and knew exactly southeast of the cabin and laid her beside the Sparrows. If there were any especial liking to young Abe. Her love burial ceremonies they were of the for him was warmly returned and conbriefest.

later an itinerant preacher named Da- his stepmother. She soon dressed him vid Bikin, whom the Lincolns had up in entire new clothes, and from that known in Kentucky, wandered into the store on he appeared to lead a new Mis. settlement, and he either volunteered Ho, was specuraged, by bit to which.

which should commemorate we as virtues and pass in silence the few frailties of the poor woman who slept in the forest.

Thirteen months after the burial of Nancy Hanks and nine or ten months after the solemnities conducted by Elkin, Thomas Lincoln appeared at Elizabethtown, Ky., in search of another wife. Sally Bush had married Johnston, the jailer, but was now a widow. Both parties being free again, Lincoln came back, very unexpectedly to Mrs. Johnston, and opened his suit in an exceedingly abrupt manner.

"Well, Miss Johnston," said be, "I band. I came a purpose to marry you. I knowed you from a gal, and you knowed me from a boy. I have no time to lose, and, if you are willin', let it be Mrs. Lincoln, "Abe was about nine done straight off."

be paid."

Thomas Lincoln Marries Again. "The next morning," says Hon. Samuel Haycraft, the clerk of the courts and the gentleman who reports this quaint courtship, "I issued his license, and they were married straight off on that day and left, and I never saw her or Tom Lincoln since."

From the death of her husband to that day she had been living "an honest, poor widow," "in a round log cabin" which stood in an alley just below Mr. Haycraft's house,

Dennis Hanks says that it was only "on the earnest solicitation of her friends" that Mrs. Johnston consented to marry Lincoln. They all liked Lincoln, and it was with a member of her family that he had made several voyages to New Orleans.

Mr. Helm, who at that time was doing business in his uncle's store at Elizabethtown, says that "life among the Hankses, the Lincolns and the Enlows was a long ways below life among the Bushes. Sally was the best and the proudest of the Bushes, but, nevertheless, she appears to have maintained some intercourse with the Lincolns as long as they remained in Kentucky. She had a particular kindness for little Abe and had him with her on several occasions at Helm's store, where, strange to say, he sat on a nail keg and ate a lump of sugar, "just like any other boy."

Mrs. Johnston has been denominated a "poor widow," but she possessed goods, which, in the eyes of Tom Lincoln, were of almost unparalleled magnificence. Among other things she had a bureau that cost \$40, and he informed her on their arrival in Indiana that. in his deliberate opinion, it was little less than sinful to be the owner of such a thing. He demanded that she should turn it into cash, which she positively refused to do. She had quite a miserable cabin in the wilds of Indi ticoats. The table was a hewed punch- ana. Dennis Hanks speaks with great eon, supported by four legs. They rapture of the "large supply of house had a few pewter and tin dishes to eat hold goods" which she brought out with from, but the most minute inventory her. There were "one fine bureau, one of their effects makes no mention of table, one set of chairs, one large knives or forks. Their cooking utensils clothes chest, cooking utensils, knives, Sunday. forks, bedding and other articles."

It was a glorious day for little Abe cended by means of pins driven into and Sarah and Dennis when this wondrous collection of rich furniture arrived in the Pigeon Creek settlement. But all this wealth required extraordinary means of transportation, and Lincoln had recourse to his brother-in-law, Ralph Krume, who came with a four now Mrs. Lincoln, with her family and effects, to the home of her new hus-

> When she got there Mrs. Lincoln was much surprised at the contrast between the glowing representations which her husband had made to her before leaving Kentucky and the real poverty and meanness of the place; sense of Christian duty saved her from hopeless and uscless repinings. On the contrary, she set about mending what was amiss with all her strength and cabin with tolerable decency. She made depth of winter, and the children, as election. they nestled in the warm beds she provided them, enjoying the strange luxury of security from the cold winds of

"A Little More Human."

She had brought a son and two daughters of her own-John, Sarah and whose name was speedily changed to Sarah, the ragged and hapless little equal place in her affections. They up for her own. They were dirty, and she washed them; they had been ill used, and she treated them with motherly tenderness. In her own modest language, she "made them look a little

more human." "In fact," says Dennis Hanks, "in a how to manage children. She took an tinued to the day of his death. But few But it happened that a few months children loved their parents as he loved

and any wish on his part was gratined when it could be done. The two sets of children got along finely together, as if they had all been the children of the same parents. Mrs. Lincoln soon discovered that young Abe was a boy of uncommon natural talents and that, if rightly trained, a bright future was before him, and she did all in her power to develop those talents."

When in after years Mr. Lincoln spoke of his "saintly mother" and of his "angel of a mother" he referred to this noble woman who first made him tana, dated April 17, conveys the feel "like a human being," whose goodness first touched his childish heart have no wife, and you have no hus- and taught him that blows and taunts and degradation were not to be his only portion in the world.

"When I landed in Indiana," says years old, and the country was wild and desolate." It is certain enough that

To this she replied, "Tommy, I know her presence took away much that was you well and have no objection to mar- desolate in his lot. She clothed him derying you, but I cannot do it straight cently and had him sent to school as off, as I owe some debts that must first soon as there was a school. But, notwithstanding her determination to do the best for him, his advantages in this respect were very limited. He had already had a few days' or perhaps a few weeks' experience under the discipline of Riney and Hazel in Kentucky, and, as he was naturally quick in the acquisition of any sort of knowledge, it is likely that by this time he could read and write a little. He was now to have the benefit of a few months more of public instruction, but the poverty of the family and the necessity for his being made to work at home in the shop and on the farm or abroad as a hired boy made his attendance at school for any great length of time a thing impossible. Accordingly, all his school days added together would not make a single year in the aggregate.

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#### JOUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

OAK GHOVE.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Steele, of Suver, pent Thursday in Albany.

Will Adams of Buena Vista, was callog on friends at Oak Grove Thursday.

W. K. Lewis came out Thursday and ook a birds-eye view of the country, al-o went on to his farm near Wells to ook after his interests there.

Mrs. Drury Hodges, of Wells, who has been sick for some time is reported as being no better.

Dr. Hodges and wife, of Albany, were ading on relatives at Wells, Thursday. Wm. Bailey has bought the David Bai'ey farm consisting of 20 acres, for which the former paid \$800. This shows lot of other articles, however, which he | what a boy cangdog who works for wages thought well enough in their way and and saves his money. This money has and accumulated in the last four years. Mayor on the day of November pro-What we need is more boys built like

grests of Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson,

Miss Stella Williamson is the happy owner of a brand-new wheel. She attends school at Albany and rides to and rom home nights and mornings

Lawrence Congill, of Albany, spent Sunday with Oak Grove friends.

The remains of the infant babe of Mr. and Mrs. 1rve Cady, was intered in the Palestine cemetery Wednesday, F. W. Luner, of Albany, conducted the luner-

Clyde and Elmer Williamson, OAC students, come down and spent Sunday with the home folks.

The voter who passes a day without meeting several candidates is to be conbut, though sadly overreached in a bad gratulated, as there are many men seekbargain, her lofty pride and her high ing office who seem to think the porper thing to do at this stage of the game is to get personally acquainted with the \$10.00 dear people" and to learn their wants energy. Her own goods furnished the and wishes so that they will be better able to carry out] the desire of their con-Lincoln put down a floor and hang stituents. We hope that every candiwindows and doors. It was in the date will be as good after as before the

Mr. Editor: I am in favor of spelling reform. I have always insisted that December, must have thanked her from my natural way of spelling is as good the bottoms of their newly comforted as anybody's. The only trouble has been that it is not popular.

Irvin Cady, of Albany, spent Sunday with his parents at Palestine.

J. B. Williamson returned home Satorday evening from a week's sojourn in Linn county. He reports grain as looking fine and stock doing nicely.

When you see a man going by headed were half naked, and she clad them for the mountain streams with a ten-foot from the stores of clothing she had laid fishing pole sticking out behind there is no indication that the good wife who is spending the day at home will have fish for supper.

BEAVER CREEK.

Mr. Daniel and family visited last Sunday with Doc McBee and family.

Elder Goode of the Evaxgelical church preached a very able sermon at the sbhool house last Sunday.

Mrs. G. A. Peterson is reported to be in a very critical condition.

ness and is now ready to begin logging. Chas. Davis and M. Burnap, of Philomath, were Bald Mountain visitors one

J. S. Ireland bought a new horse la

Wedne-day.

Wright hauled rails las week and is now making fence.

Mr. Owens, who bought the Manning place, is now domiciled in h s new home. Mr. Winters has just completed a nex rail tence along the bank of the creek.

#### Accepted the Call.

A dispatch from Helena, Mont e information hat Rev. Frank Powell, who formerly occupied he pulpit in the Christia. burch in this city has accepted call to fill the vacant pulpit of he First Unitarian church of Helena. Since leaving Corvals Rev. Powell changed creed nd went over to the Unitarian aith. Of late he has been tationed at Salem. The dis aich in question reads:

The trustees of the First Uni arian Society of Helena, the ioneer and largest Unitarias ociety in Montana, today tenderd a call to Rev. Frank Powell, of Salem, Or. The call has been ccepted. Rev. Mr. Powel reached here Easter and the previous Sunday, making such favorable impression that his gagement followed today to fill the vacancy caused by the esignation of Rev. E. S lodgin, who has been called to Minneapolis. Mr Powell lef oday for Salem, preparatory to issuming his new pastorate the first Sunday in June.

The rood that should be used for furnishing energy for making milk is used up in keeping the shivering cows from freezing to death. It does not pay to treat the old cow that way. Turn her out during the best part of the day long enough to walk around a bit and get a chew from the straw pile and a drink of water with the chill off it. It takes more money out of your creamery dividends in a year to let her heat up her water after she drinks it than it would to buy directly a good common sense tank heater. Don't let her out in damp, snowy weather either or expose her to that sharp, biting wind that comes in our cold spells.

#### Notice of Assessment.

. By virtue of authority vested in me a Police Judge of the city of Corvallis and by Ordinauce No. 185, which passed the common council on the 20th day of viding for the improvement of certain streets in said city at the cost of the property abutting upon the same; I Mr. and Mrs. Groves, of Alban . were hereby give notice that there is assessed and levied upon each lot or parcel of land herein described the amount set forth as follows:

Lot 1 in block 12 Dixon's 2d addition to seid city of Corvallis, owned by Geo. B. Wills and Miles Hendricks.

Lot 7 in block 12 Dixon's 2d, addition to said city of Corvallis, owned by Geo. B. Wills and Miles Hendricks, the sum of \$22,60.

Lot 5 in block 5 original town of Marysville now city of Corvallis, (owner unknewn) \$10. Lot 6 in block 5 original town of

Marysville now said city of Corvallis, owner unknown) \$11.20. Lot 6 block 1 original town of Marysville now said city of Corvallis, (owner

inknown) \$22.60. Lot 7 block 13 old town of Marysville new Corvallis owned by E. H. Taylor,

Lot 1 block 14 county addition to said city of Corvallis (owner unknown) \$32 60. Lot 2 in Block 14 County addition to

said City of Corvallis, owner unknown, Lot 3 in block 14 county addition to

said city of Corvallis (owner unknown) Dated April 17th, 1906. J. F. YATES,

Police Judge.

#### Good Judgement.

Is the essential characteristic of men and woman Invaluable to good busiess men and necessary to housewives. A woman shows good judgement when she buys White's Orean Vermifuge for her baby. The best worm medicine ever offered to mothers. Many indeed are the sensible mothers, who write their gratitude for the good health of their children, which they owe to the use of White's Cream Vermifuge. Sold by Graham & Wortham.

#### Human Blood Marks.

A tale of ho ror was told by marks of human blood in the home of J W. Wil liams, a well known merchant of Bac Ky. He writes: "Twenty years ago l had severe hemorrhages of the lungs and was near death when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery. 1t completely cared me and I have remained well ever since. 'It cures hemorrhages, Chronic Coughs, Settled colds and Bronchitis, and is the only known cure for weak lungs. Every bottle guaranteed by Allen & Woodward druggists. 50e and Ed Hawkins now has his logging har- \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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#### Notice to Creditors.

Notice is here by given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Benton County, administrator of the estate of Henry Holroyd, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same at the office of J. F. Yates, properly verified as by law required, at Corvallis. Oregon, within six mouths from the date hereof.

Dated this 13th day of February, 1906.
W. S. McFadden,
Administrator of the Estate of Henry Holroyd, deceased

#### Is the Moon Inhabited.

Science has proven that the moon has an atmosphere, which makes life in some form possible on that satellite; but not for human beings, who have a hard time on this earth of ours; especially those who don't know that Electric Bitters curee headache, Billiousness, Malaria, Chills and fever, Jaundice, Dyspep-sia, Dizziness, Terpid Liver, Kidney. Complaint, General Deahility and female weaknesses. Unequalled as a general tenie and appearing for weak persons and tenie and appearing for weak persons and