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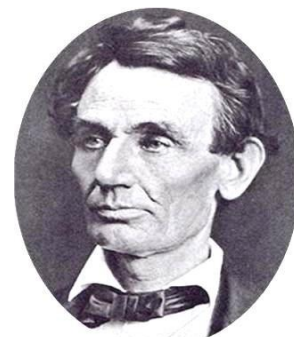
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**Spring 2025: April, May, June**

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**April 21: TBA**

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Members and readers who have a genealogical or historical story related to Logan County to tell can do so through the Roots & Branches. Stories can be submitted in writing or by email. These stories will provide a variety. **Bill Donath**, Editor

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## **Board Member Contact List**

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Many interesting promotions for the towns in Logan County have been written. Here is one from about 1900 for Lincoln. The publication is unknown. It includes information on medical, education, banking, and business opportunities for families and investors.



Lincoln, one of the beautiful and thriving towns of Illinois, is the County Seat of Logan County. It is beautifully located on the Chicago & Alton, the Illinois Central and the Peoria, Decatur & Evansville

Railroads, and is distant from Chicago about 165 miles. Logan County is one of the richest agricultural counties in the State, and that portion of its surrounding Lincoln, being an exceptionally fine farming country, which fact accounts for the remarkable growth, and prosperity of Lincoln during the past two decades. The farmers of this section hardly know what it is to have a failure of crops of any kind, and their continued prosperity has given to Lincoln its present importance as a grain market, and has acted as a constant impetus to the growth and development of Lincoln.

In early days, and while yet a village, Lincoln was known by the name of Postville, but as it grew in size and commercial importance, it finally in 1855 became the county seat of one of the richest and finest counties of the State, under the name of the City of Lincoln.



Court House where Abraham Lincoln Practised Law.



HOTEL WHERE LINCOLN STOPPED.

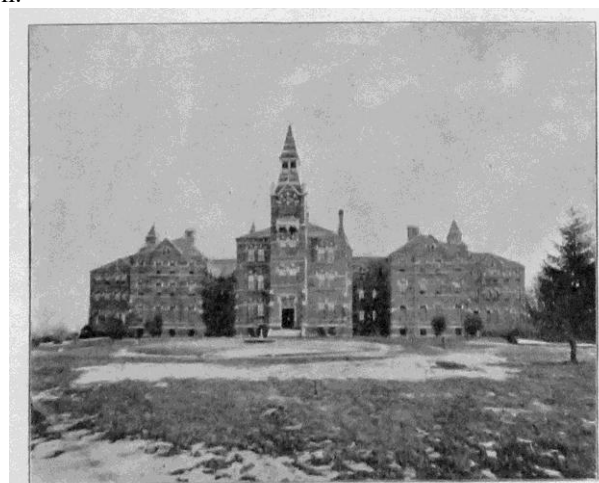
To the visitor of Lincoln the thrift and prosperity of the town are made apparent by the general substantial character of its business houses; its broad and well kept streets; its beautiful residences, surrounded with spacious and finely shaded lawns; by

the general air and activity which marks the place. During recent years Lincoln has grown considerably in importance as a manufacturing center, and with its present manifest advantages is destined at no distant day to take in this respect a leading position among the inland cities of the State.

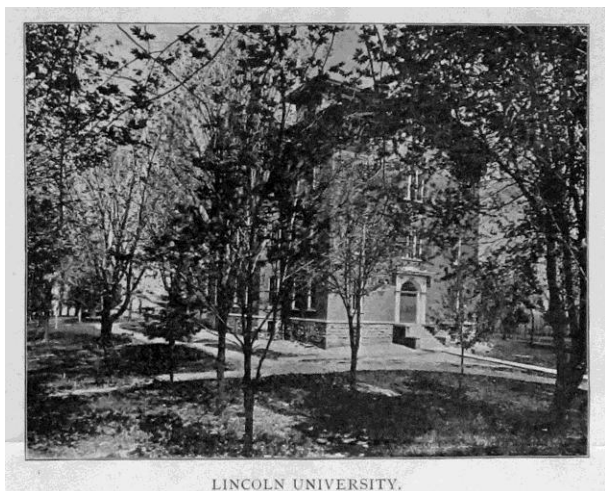
Among its more important industrial enterprises may be mentioned, a cork collar factory, several brick and tiles works, wagon factory, several well equipped printing establishments, flouring mills and grain elevators, etc. As forming an inducement to manufacturers to locate here, Lincoln has an abundant supply of excellent coal at its very doors, one of the largest shafts in the State being situated within the corporate limits of this city.

Being the commercial center of a large, rich and thickly settled farming district, Lincoln boasts of some of the largest and finest retail stores, covering all lines of trade, to be found in any city in this portion of the State. It has also three banks, the German American National, all of which are strong, well managed institutions and of the highest standing in the financial world.

Mention has been made of the general appearance of Lincoln, its streets, business buildings and residences, all of which form only a part of this really metropolitan little city. It has an excellent system of electric street railways, electric lighting plant, gas, well equipped police and fire department, water works and new city hall, which cost \$20,000. The State institution for Feeble Minded is also located here, and is one of the largest, best conducted institutions of its kind in the West. The educational advantages afforded by Lincoln are also of the best, embracing a complete system of public schools, graded and high, several well conducted private schools and including a university which is named after the town.



STATE INSTITUTION FOR FEEBLE MINDED YOUTH.



The religious life of the city is also represented by strong and flourishing churches of the leading denominations, many of the church edifices being really beautiful specimens of church architecture.

The social life of the city is abundantly represented in the social and fraternal organizations, all of which are in a flourishing and prosperous condition. Among other institutions belonging to the educational or intellectual features, is a large and well patronized public library, which was founded some years ago by popular subscriptions donated by enterprising and public-spirited citizens. It now contains several thousand volumes, is open to all citizens free of charge; the number of books taken out during the year being an indication of the intelligence and literary tastes of its patrons.

From what has been written it will readily be seen that Lincoln, with its splendid railroad facilities, abundance of cheap fuel, excellent water supply, and generally healthful location and surroundings, furnishes extraordinary inducements to men with capital as a point for locating manufacturing enterprises, while with its unsurpassed social, religious and educational advantages, it offers no less attractions to those who are seeking a desirable place for resident purposes. In short, it offers all the inducements to be found in any well-ordered community. Its business men are thriving and prosperous, enterprising and public-spirited, and will gladly welcome the introduction of new capital and new enterprises in their midst.

It would be impossible to write a history of the City of Lincoln, without embodying in its pages at least a brief sketch of the life and service of one of its oldest and most honored citizens, now passed to his final reward, and who was identified with its growth and progress during all the years of a long and eventful life. Col. Latham's identification with the beautiful City of Lincoln dates from the pioneer days of its history. He came with

COL. R. B. LATHAM, (Deceased.)

his parents, James and Polly (Briggs) Latham, who were members of highly cultivated and respected families of Virginia, when only a year old, to Elkhart Grove, from Union County, Kentucky, where he was born, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 1818. This was in 1819, and his family was among the earliest settlers of Logan County. Logan County was the included in Sangamon, as were many others of to-day at that time. James Latham was elected Probate Judge of the County, and the official appointment is signed by Shadrach Bond, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 1821. Later he was appointed by John Quincy Adams, Indian Agent at Fort Clark, now Peoria, where he died, December, 1826, greatly respected and lamented by the entire community.

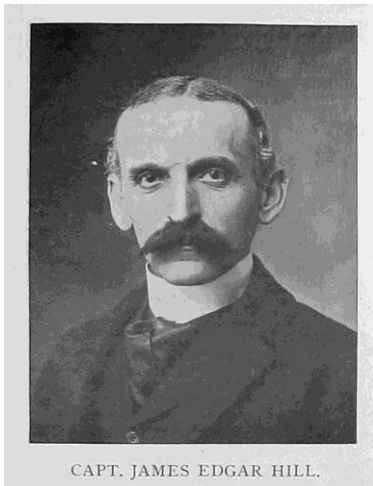
During the latter years of his life, and when he reached that period when men love to indulge in reminiscences of bygone days, he used to say that his earliest recollections were of his boyhood years spent on his father's farm at Elkhart Grove. When the conversation turned upon agricultural topics, and the wonderful progress and development of the agricultural interests of Logan County, he was wont to recall the primitive wooden plows with which the pioneer farmers in those days used to stir the virgin soil, and always with the most bountiful results. As a boy, too, he remembered and Pottawatomie were still inhabitants of Logan County. The inevitable onward march of civilization soon compelled them to yield their old-time hunting grounds to the possession of the white man.

In contrasting present times with those of his boyhood experiences he used to relate how his father and his pioneer neighbors were compelled to go 100 miles to the mill: and how, after some years of his sort of inconvenience, his father erected a small horse mill; the first in the settlement, and which at the time was looked upon as a most important, and which at the time was looked upon as a most important enterprise. That it was well patronized is learned from the fact that for miles around the settlers would bring their grist to the ground, many of them coming from distances which necessitated their camping out overnight, before being able to start on their homeward trips. In short, it was only from such experiences and reminiscences as Col.

Latham could give, that a younger and later generation was able to realized what marvelous achievements had been wrought during on man's lifetime in building up and developing a prosperous and civilized community.

When his parents settled in Logan County, Illinois, Now one of the greatest Commonwealths of the Union, had just been admitted to Statehood, and had less than 40,000 inhabitants. In the same year the total of the Union was less than 10,000,000. At the time there were no railroads nor telegraphs; no reaping nor mowing machines; Elias Howe had not even dreamed of that wonderful household aid, the sewing machine; while as for the telephone, the phonograph and the electric light, they were simply unheard of possibilities, and yet Col. Latham's life in its scope and span, covered all these wonderful inventions, which are now considered indispensable adjuncts of modern life.

His, too, was a life and career which in its energy, industry and progress kept pace with and fully abreast of the onward march of human events. From his early manhood he occupied a forceful and commanding position among those men who help to mold and shape the destinies of our State. When only sixteen years of age and while attending school at Springfield, he formed the acquaintance of Abraham Lincoln, which acquaintance of Abraham Lincoln, which acquaintance in after years ripened into a friendship which lasted until it was severed by an assassin's bullet.



Captain James Edgar Hill was born at Murphysboro, Jackson County, Illinois, March 24, 1848, being the third son of Thomas Bragg Hill and Harriet Logan Hill. His paternal ancestors came from Scotland to Maryland, thence to Kentucky. And his maternal ancestors from the north of Ireland in 1803. His father died before he was 2 years of age, while his mother, who now resides at Cairo, Ill., is 79 years of

age.

Her father was a brother of Dr. John Logan, who was a member of the State Senate from Jackson County at the time Logan County was made, and it was named in his honor. He was the father of the late Gen. John A. Logan.

When Mr. Hill was 2 years of age his mother removed to Chesterfield, Macoupin County, where there were good schools, and remained there until Mr. Hill was 10 years of age, when Mrs. Hill married the Rev. R. J. Nall, a minister of the Southern Illinois M. E. Conference. Up to 15 years of age Mr. Hill has a good schooling, attending for a year a private school taught by the Rev. Mr. Thornton, a highly educated Presbyterian minister. Then his only living brother, Randall Hill, a private in the Twenty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, was killed at Chickamauga, his stepbrother was kill by a circular saw, and Mr. Nall, his stepfather,

died – all very near together. He then had to support his mother and two half-sisters by day labor.

#### Military Record

Mr. Hill was one of the charter members of the Governor's Guard, a private military organization at Springfield in 1874, and which was afterwards assigned to the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Illinois National Guard, as Company C; and Mr. Hill, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1876, was commissioned First Lieutenant by Governor Beveridge. On the 26<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1890, he was commissioned Captain of Company G, of the same regiment, located at Lincoln, Illinois. On the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1897, he was placed on the Veteran Roll, Illinois National Guard, and received the decoration given by the state for long and meritorious services in the Illinois Nation Guard.

In 1867 he was appointed deputy U. S. Marshal for the Southern Illinois district by he uncle, Dr. John Logan, who was Colonel of the Thirty-second Regiment, Volunteer Infantry. This position he held for ten years. In 1874 he was married to Marie Katharine, the fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Gillett. Mrs. Hill is a sister of Mrs. R. J. Oglesby. In 1878 he removed to Lincoln, and in 1879 he was elected Mayor for one year. In 1893 he was again elected Mayor and filled the position with credit for two years. In 1881 he was appointed gauger in the revenue service and served until December, 1882, when he was again appointed deputy U. S. Marshal, where he remained until 1885, when he was appointed chief clerk of the Southern Illinois Penitentiary at Chester, remaining four years. Then he returned to Lincoln with his family and became interested in the Lincoln Excelsior Company, of which he is now manager. He has three children – Edgar Logan, John Dean and Katherine Lemira -aged respectively 14, 12 and 5 years.

During May Hill's administration in 1879 he looked up the city bonded indebtedness, and it was largely owing to his exertions that the debt, which had been drawing 10 percent, was refunded at 7 per cent.

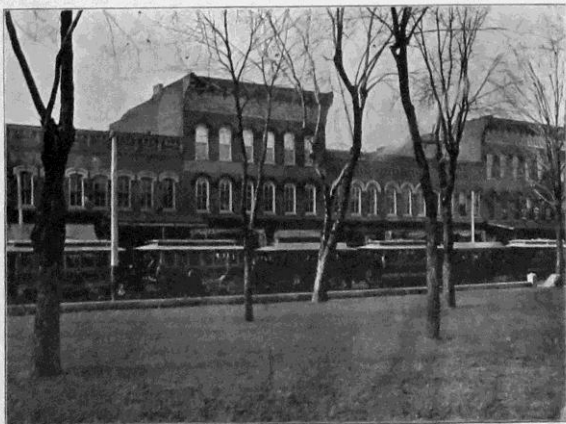
When Mr. Hill became Mayor in 1893 the total bonded debt of the city was \$63,000, of which \$9,000 was still bore interest of 7 percent and \$1,000 at 10. He was very active in the carrying out of a plan for reducing the debt by providing \$3,000 per annum for a sinking fund, and this proved a success, thus not only providing for reducing the debt by \$9,000, but also for saving \$630 per annum in interest.

During his second admi Mayor Hill originated the plan of building the city hall, which was afterwards carried out. The city was not in a financial condition to build at once, but by this plan was enabled to pay for the beautiful building in now has, in installments, and with very little more money than would have been expended in rents. Mr. Hill has been a great friend of the free library and has at all times actively promoted its interests. His record shows that he has made a study of the best methods of economizing the resources of the city, and the need of just such intelligent planning for the present and future was never more pronounced than it is today.

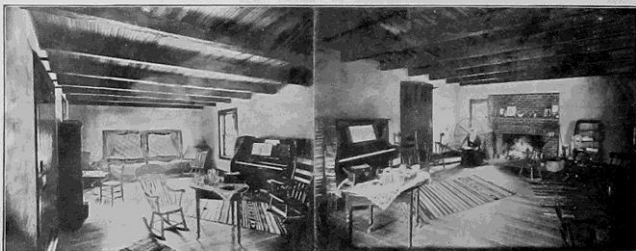


CITY HALL. FIRE STATION.

Mr. Hill is a Knight Templar, a prominent member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. He was made a Mason at Springfield, Illinois, in 1872, and soon thereafter a Knight Templar. He is now associated with the lodges in Lincoln, Illinois, and was Captain -General of Constantine Commandery, No. 51. His travels have been limited to that portion of the United States east of the Mississippi River. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and a stalwart Republican.



KICKAPOO STREET, FROM COURT HOUSE SQUARE.



TAN-TIVY LODGE (Interior).



TAN-TIVY LODGE (Exterior).



EX-GOV. OGLESBY.

Editor's Note: Latham, Hill and Oglesby all daughters of John Deane Gillette. While home on Elkhart Hill was being built, he and his family lived on Kickapoo street in Lincoln directly across the street from Latham's home.



EDWARD D. BLINN.

Edward D. Blinn, able and successful as a lawyer, and holding a leading among the members of the Logan County bar, is a native of the State Vermont, born at Johnsbury, September 12, 1844, the son of Charles and Lefee H Blinn. He was educated in the schools and in the academy of his native town after which he read law Cincinnati and was admitted to the bar in that city. In

1866 he located in Lincoln, where he has since resided and where in the practice of his profession, he has been eminently successful, being now one of the best-known country lawyers in the State. He has served three years as president of the Court of Claims of the State, in which office he acquitted himself with marked ability and credit. He has also been actively identified with various

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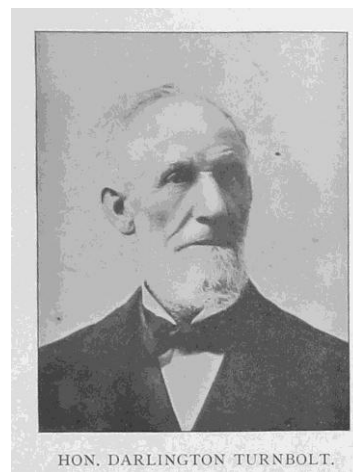
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public enterprises, among which may be mentioned the Water Works & Electric Light Company, of which corporation he was president, and also of the Lincoln Railroad Company, of which corporation he was president until he sold out his interest in the company. From this it will be seen that Mr. Blinn is as enterprising and successful as a business man as he is a lawyer. In this latter capacity he is noted for the care with which he prepares his cases and for the energy and loyalty he displays in protecting the interests of his clients. He is prominent in the Masonic body, being a Knight Templar and a member of the Commandery, and in politics has for many years been an adherent of the Republican party.

Mr. Blinn was married in 1869 to Miss Nettie L. Yountsey, of Cold Spring Kentucky. They have four children, one son and three daughters. Eva B., aged 14; Annett, aged 10; Edith, aged 21, who is now married and a wife of John Cosby, of this city; and Edward D., aged 8 years.

Hon. Darlington Turnbolt, Mayor of Lincoln and one of its foremost business men, was born in Chester County, Pa., September 14, 1826, the son of Albion and Margaret Turnbolt. He was educated in Washington County, Md., in which place in 1846 he embarked in the mercantile line in boots, shoes, hats and caps, etc. In 1855 he removed to Decatur, Ill., where he engaged in the hotel business, conducting the leading hotel of that city until 1866, when he



engaged in the business of building and operating gas plants throughout the country.

During his long residency in Lincoln, Mr. Turnbolt has always been counted among its leading and public-spirited citizens and has always taken and prominent part in any movements tending to advance the city's interests. He was elected Mayor of Lincoln in May, 1895, his office expiring in April of this year. He has made an excellent public official by the able, honest and conscientious manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office, and his services to the city are recognized by the citizens of Lincoln

removed to Pana, Ill., where he erected a large brick hotel conducting the same until 1868, when he embarked in the business of building and operating gas plants, locating at Carlinville, Ill., and taking charge of that plant in that place until 1869. In 1873 the company in which he was interested built gas works at Lincoln and in the following year Mr. Turnbolt removed to this city, where he has since resided, and where he is still



without regard to their party affiliations. In politics Mr. Turnbolt is a Democrat, belonging, however, to the wing of the organization which advocates bimetallism and issuance of paper money by the government. In religion his an Episcopalian, in which denomination, he has long been an earnest and active worker.

He was married September 7, 1848, to Miss Susan Hose, of Hagerstown, Md. They have had ten children born to them – seven daughters and three sons; of these five of the daughters and one son are living.

Timothy T. Beach, Lincoln

The gentleman whose name heads this sketch is one of the leading and successful members of the legal profession in Lincoln. He was born in Rosedale, Ulster County, New York, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 1843, the son of Phineas H. and Martha (Meldrum) Beach. The subject of our sketch was educated in the common schools of Poughkeepsie, and after the war finished his education at the University of Lincoln, from which institution he graduated in the class of 1869. Before emigration to the West, however, and while he was still a youth, he learned the trade of a carpenter, but before he had scarcely embarked in the calling he enlisted as a private in the 150<sup>th</sup> New York Regiment serving as a member of Company B until the close of the war, when he was mustered out of the service and honorably discharged. During his term of service in the army he participated in many important engagements, taking part in the memorable and historic Battle of Gettysburg and being one of those who accompanied Sherman in his famous March to the Sea. Returning from the war at the close of hostilities, he located in Lincoln, completing his education by graduation already mentioned, and afterwards studying law and entering upon the practice of his profession in this city. Mr. Beach, during the time that he has lived in Lincoln has been eminently successful as a lawyer; his ability in this direction having been recognized by his election to the positions of city attorney, State's attorney, and master in chancery, to which latter office he was appointed by the judge of the circuit of which Logan County comprises a part. In addition to his strictly professional work Mr. Beach is noted for his public spirit and enterprise as a citizen; being always foremost in his support and influence as a promoter of any enterprise tending to advance the material interests of Lincoln. He is no less prominent in social and fraternal circles, being a Master Mason, a Knight Templar, and a member of the Chapter and Commandery. In politics he is a Democrat, of which political organization he has been an active and consistent member for many years.

Mr. Beach has been twice married. First in 1870 to Miss Isabel W. Swing, who died in October, 1878, leaving a husband and two children to mourn her loss; of these Bessie L. aged 24, is the wife of W. D. Walter, and now resides in Lincoln, and Flora, now attending college at Jacksonville, this State. His second marriage occurred August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1882, to Miss Grace A. Turnbolt, of Lincoln, who is a daughter of the present mayor of the city.



Louis Charles Schwerdtfeger, County Judge of Logan County, and eminent both as a lawyer and jurist, was born in New Your City, July 30,

1856, the son of Henry and Pauline (Koehnle) Schwerdtfeger. When two years of age his parents removed to Jersey City, in the common schools of which the son of whom we write was educated. In 1877 they came to Illinois, locating in Lincoln, where he has since resided. In the fall of the years mentioned, Mr. Schwerdtfeger entered the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, graduating therefrom in 1879, and being admitted to the bar of Illinois, began the practice of his profession in Lincoln the same year. In 1881 he entered the field of journalism, becoming the proprietor of the Lincoln Daily Record, and changing its name to that of the Daily Journal. The following year he also published the Logan County Tribune, and conducted both papers until 1883, when he pursued with marked success, until January, 1887, when he took charge of the GermanAmerican National Bank, of which institution he was one of the organizers, and assumed its management as cashier. In 1894 he was elected Judge of Logan County, which office he still holds. Prior to this he has served his city two terms, 1890 to 1894, as a member of the City Council. He is still connected with the German National Bank as cashier.

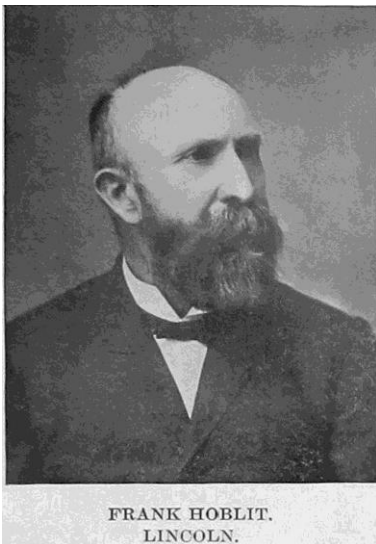
Of Judge Schwerdtfeger it may be said that as a judge on the bench he has distinguished himself as a wise and able jurist, and as bringing to bear in the discharge of his judicial duties all those qualities of probity, discernment and strict integrity that characterize him as a lawyer and a business man. Nor has his career on the bench been less successful than as a banker and a practicing attorney. He is a man of generous culture, of broad and liberal views and an indefatigable student of social, political and economical questions. He is also a lover of the sciences and is an active member of the American Microscopical Society. In religion his a liberal, and in politics a Republican, of which political organization he has been an active member for many years. As a citizen he is public-spirited and enterprising, being always found foremost in advocating any movement which has for its purpose the building up of the material interests of Lincoln. He is popular both as an official and as a citizen, and without intending any invidious comparison, is perhaps one of the best known and at the same time, one of the most popular men in Logan County.

Judge Schwerdtfeger was happily married in November, 1880, to Miss Amalie L Koehnle, of Lincoln, Ill. They have five children – Lucile P., Bertram H., Estelle A., William K. and James Harry.



Joseph Hodnett, one of Lincoln's prominent and successful lawyers, is a native of Ireland, born in the town of Glin, County Limerick, the son of Thomas P. and Elizabeth (Hallinan) Hodnett. He was educated in the Catholic University of Ireland, but at the age of sixteen years came to the United States, locating in Brooklyn and working in the City of New York. This was 1864. After remaining in New York for a short time he came West, went to Oregon, where he first worked on a farm and later taught school, clerked in a store, then came East. Locating in Wisconsin, and read law with Messrs. Barber & Clementson, of Lancaster, Wis. In 1872 he was admitted to the bar, and in the following year removed to Lincoln, where he has since resided, and where he has been engaged in the active and successful practice of his profession. During the twenty-two years that he has resided in Lincoln, Mr. Hodnett has built up a large and lucrative practice, and has won for himself an enviable reputation as a sound and able lawyer and as an honorable, upright and public-spirited citizen. During all this time, too, he has taken an active part in the social, religious and political life of the city. He was at one time Secretary of the Lincoln Improvement Association, and in this capacity he rendered excellent service in promoting the material interests of the city. For many years he was active as a member of the Republican party, having served four years as chairman of the Logan County Republican Central Committee. In 1892, however, his views of the tariff question led him to cast his fortunes with the Democratic party, with which political organization he is still identified. He is, however, an ardent advocate of bi-metalism. In religion he is a Roman Catholic, of which denomination he has been an earnest, consistent member all his life.

Mr. Hodnett married in 1876 Miss Mary E. Shea, daughter of William E. and Margaret J. Shea, who were old settlers of Logan County. They had nine children – three sons and six daughters.



FRANK HOBLIT.  
LINCOLN.

Frank Hoblit, prominent in business and banking circles of Lincoln, and one of its leading and influential citizens, was born near Atlanta, Ill., November 1, 1839. His parents, Samuel and Abigail (Downey) Hoblit, were pioneer settlers of Logan County, removing her from Ohio in 1829. Here they toiled and labored, enduring the privations and hardships incident to pioneer life, and contributing their full share towards developing the resources of this great

commonwealth, and living to enjoy the fruits of their labor and the esteem of all who knew them.

Mr. Frank Hoblit, the subject of this sketch, is cashier of the First National Bank of Lincoln, a wealthy and conservative institution in which he bought the controlling interest in 1882 and

since which time he has filled the office which he now holds. An evidence of the prosperity of the bank is found in the fact that it has paid generous dividends since the day of its founding, having doubled its capital out of the profits which up to the present time, including its capital amount to \$144,000. Its total net earnings since its organization in 1873, have been \$292,000, while it has distributed in dividends to its stockholders during the same period \$248,500. Mr. Hoblit has been ably assisted in building up the bank by its first president, Frank Frorer, now its president, and by Judge James T. Hoblit, the assistant cashier, and by its board of directors, who have always taken an active interest in its affairs.

Mr. Hoblit resided on his father's farm during the early days of his life, and began his business career in 1858 by accepting a clerkship in a general store. The following year, and after graduating from a Chicago Business College, he was appointed cashier in a private bank and well remembers those days of 'Stump Tail and Wild Cat Banking Methods,' then in vogue in this State. He next formed a partnership with a banker and engaged in business and general merchandise for five years. In March, 1866, he established the banking house of Frank Hoblit & Bros., at Atlanta, which business was afterwards merged into the First National Bank of Atlanta; also the Atlanta Bank at Atlanta, Ill., which latter was conducted until 1887, when himself and brothers sold out their interests to the other parties. In 1878 he, with others, organized the National Bank of Bloomington, he serving in the capacity of president and as a member of the board of directors, until 1882, when he resigned the presidency to take charge of the First National Bank of this city. Having been continuously engaged in the banking business for more than thirty years. Mr. Hoblit holds a prominent place in the Councils of Bankers, his standing and ability as a financier have been recognized by his election as one of the vicepresidents of the State Bankers' Association of Illinois, in which capacity he is now serving his second term.



SYLVESTER S. HOBLIT.  
LINCOLN.

Prominent among the self-made men and financiers of Logan County, is Sylvester S. Hoblit, the subject of this sketch. He was born in the county in which he still resides May 5, 1849, the son of Samuel and Abigail Hoblit. He was educated in the public schools of

Atlanta, including a course at the Bryant & Stratton Business College of Chicago. After graduating from the named institution, he entered the bank at Atlanta, which was owned

by himself and brothers, remaining here until 1887, when he removed to Carlinville, Ill., and in company with a brother and a nephew, started a bank in that place. Later this bank was reorganized and became the Carlinville National Bank, Mr. Hoblit still retaining his interest in it, and being one of the directors. In

1889 he removed from Carlinville to Lincoln, where he has since resided, and where he became connected with the First National Bank of Lincoln as assistant cashier, which position he still holds. Mr. Hoblit is noted for the enterprise and public spirit as a citizen, and has taken an active and prominent role part in the public and social life of both Atlanta and Lincoln. While residing in the former place he served several terms as alderman and one as mayor of the town. He takes a deep interest in educational matters and is now a member of the Lincoln school board. In addition to his banking business, he is also identified with The Cork Collar Manufacturing Company of Lincoln, being one of its principal stockholders. He is active and prominent in fraternal circles, being an Odd Fellow, Mason, Knight Templar, member of the National Union, Knight of the Globe and other fraternal bodies. In politics he is Republican, of which political party he has been a member all his life.

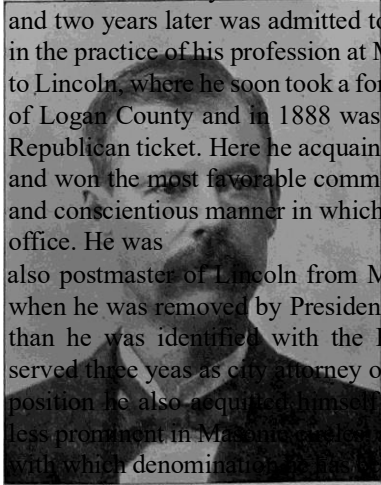
Mr. Hoblit was married, February 11, 1874, to Miss Adelaide Timmons, of Waynesville, Ill. They have three children. Charles T., aged 22, Samuel G., aged 20., and Mark, aged 16. Of these Charles, the oldest, is now reading law in Lincoln; Samuel is attending dental college of Indianapolis, and Mark is in school in this city.

Samuel L. Wallace, one of the leading members of the Logan County Bar, is a native of the State of Ohio, born in Pickaway County, August 9, 1849, the son of William B. and Mary Wallace. He was educated in the common schools of Indiana and Illinois and afterwards taught district school in the fall and winter of 1870 and 1871, in this county. In 1873 he began the study of law in Lincoln

and two years later was admitted to the bar after which he located in the practice of his profession at Mt. Pulaski. In 1880 he returned to Lincoln, where he soon took a foremost place among the lawyers of Logan County and in 1888 was elected State's attorney on the Republican ticket. Here he acquainted himself with marked ability and won the most favorable comment from the public for the able and conscientious manner in which he discharged the duties of the office. He was

also postmaster of Lincoln from March 1, 1893, to June 1, 1894, when he was removed by President Cleveland for no other reason than he was identified with the Republican party. He has also served three years as city attorney of Lincoln, in which responsible position he also acquitted himself with credit. Mr. Wallace is no less prominent in Masonic circles and in religion is a Universalist, with which denomination he has been identified for the past twenty years as an earnest, consistent member.

He was married September 5, 1871, to Miss Hannah F. Hall, of Logan County, Ill. They have five children, Elsie M., aged 23 years, Myrtle, aged 21. Mabel, aged 18, Beulah, aged 16, Dorothy, age 14 years.



SAMUEL L. WALLACE

Reuben Neal Lawrence, D. S., one of the leading dentists of Lincoln, was born in Logan County, where he still resides, July 13, 1839, the son of Edward G. and Prudence Lawrence. He was given a common school and academic education, after

which he worked on his father's farm until the breaking out of the Civil War, when he entered the service of his country as a private of Company F, 38<sup>th</sup> Illinois Volunteers, enlisting from Atlanta, in this county, in August of 1861. During

his period of service he was successively promoted to be a Corporal, Sergeant Major and First Lieutenant of Company F. in which he enlisted, and finally was made Quartermaster of his regiment. He participated in many important engagements, including the siege of Corinth, in May, 1862; Champion Hill, Kentucky, in October of the same year; Knob Gap, Tennessee, in December, 1862, and also the engagement of Stone River, Tennessee, a few days later, where he was severely wounded in the face. During the following year he took part in the battle of Liberty Gap, Tennessee, in the month of June, and participated in the engagement at Chickamouga. In September, where he was again severely wounded. He was in the Atlanta campaign of 1864, and was in the battle of Franklin and Nashville, Tennessee, during the month of December. About the time of mustering out of Sherman's army, Lieutenant Lawrence, with others and in the State of Texas, until he was finally mustered out of service on May 20, 1866, after having served continuously and actively for a period of four years and eight months.

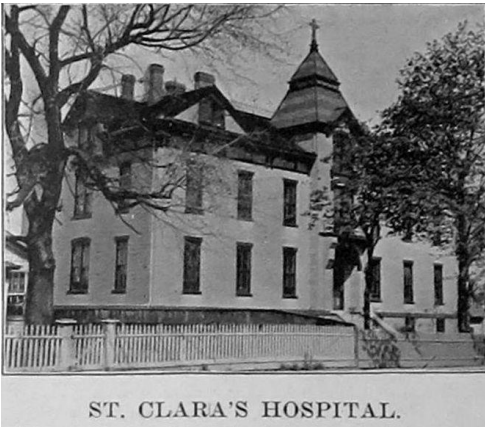
Returning from the war to his home in Atlanta, this county, he determined up the study of dentistry, which he began at the Ohio Dental College, at Cincinnati, graduating from the institution and taking his degree two years later. He began practice at Atlanta, in 1868, immediately after his marriage.

In 1869, Dr. Lawrence removed to Holly Springs, Mississippi, forming a partnership with his former preceptor, Dr. S. P. Cutler, who had previously been Professor of Chemistry in the Ohio Dental College. An interesting incident in his life in the South was his appointment by the United States Court having jurisdiction to be Supervisor of Registration and Election in his district, during the presidential campaign of 1876. In the year 1878, previous to the yellow fever epidemic, he removed his family to Lincoln, where he has since been engaged in the practice of his profession. He has aided largely in raising the standard of requirements in the State of Illinois for the practice of dentistry, having been appointed by Governor Oglesby a member of the State Board of Dental Examiners, and reappointed by Governor Fifer, and acting as President of the Board during four of the seven years of his service thereon, resigning upon the election of Governor Altgeld.

Dr. Lawrence has always taken a keen interest in local progress and affairs and served seven years on the Board of Education of Lincoln. He has been for many years a prominent Mason, having served for one year as Eminent Commander, and for sixteen years as Prelate, of Constantine Commandery, No. 51, Knights Templar, of Lincoln. He is an active communicant of the Episcopal Church, and for sixteen years has been Junior Warden, of Trinity Church, where he and his family attend.



Dr. Lawrence married Miss Mary C. Cool, a daughter of Rev. Daniel Cool, of Greenfield, Ohio. They have two children living – a son and a daughter, both grown.



ST. CLARA'S HOSPITAL.

Robert M. Wilson, M. D. is of eminent standing in the profession and recognized as a surgeon of the highest skill. The subject of this sketch was born in Morgan County, Illinois, and was educated in the public schools of his native county and at the University of Michigan. Dr. Wilson began his medical studies at the University of Michigan, attending a second course at the Rush Medical College, Chicago, and a third course at the Long Island College Hospital, from which institution he was graduated in 1873. In 1877, he located in Lincoln, where he has since resided, and where he has always been engaged in the successful and active practice of his profession. He organized the St. Clara's Hospital of this city, of which he has been Surgeon-in-Chief for the past fifteen years. He is a member of the leading medical societies, local and State, and has added no little to his professional knowledge and experience by extensive travels in Europe, where he visited the leading hospitals. He has also traveled extensively in this country. He is as popular as a citizen as he is professionally. He is noted for his enterprise and public spirit, being foremost in movements looking to the advancement of material interests of Lincoln.



HENRY B. BROWN, M. D.

Dr. Henry B. Brown, eminent both as a practicing physician and a writer on medical subjects, is a native of Kentucky, born December 6, 1851, the son of Patrick and Louise A. Brown. His educational advantages were limited to those afforded by the common school of his native State, after which he started in life for himself as clerk in a drug store. Two years spent in this occupation led him to determine upon

medicine as a profession. So after

several years of study and work in the hospitals, he graduated from St. Louis Medical College in 1876, after which he spent a year as assistant attending physician in the St. Louis City Hospital. He then removed to Lincoln, where he has since resided, and where he has been eminently successful in the practice of his chosen profession.

Dr. Brown during his long residence in Lincoln, has always, been noted for his public spirit and enterprise as a citizen, and for his activity and interest in the social and political life of the city. His intense loyalty as a citizen of Lincoln is marked by the active and prominent part which he has taken in any and all movements tending to promote the best interests of the city. As a physician he holds a foremost place in the profession, being noted for his profound knowledge of medicine and surgery, and being more often called in consultation on grave and important questions than any other physician in Logan County. He is a hard student, a deep thinker, and a close observer. He also wields a ready pen and has contributed many valuable articles on scientific subjects to the leading medical periodicals of the county. In addition to his general practice, he is also one of the consulting physicians of the State Institution for Feeble Minded located in this city, and has been for many years surgeon for the Illinois Central and Peoria, Decatur & Evansville Railroads.

Dr. Brown was married in 1883 to Miss Leila W. Wilbur, of Lincoln, Illinois. Mrs. Brown died April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1895, leaving her husband and one child, a son Charles Hodgen Brown, to mourn her loss.



L. L. LEEDS, M. D.  
LINCOLN.

L. L. Leeds, M. D., who is one of the old and wellknown physicians of Logan County, is a native of the state of Ohio, born April 23, 1831, the son of Peter T and Jane Leeds. He was educated in the common schools of Ohio, and at the age of eighteen began the study of medicine under the tutelage of his father, who was also a practicing physician, and with whom he practiced from 1852 until 1854. He then came to Chicago and entered Rush Medical

College, graduating

therefrom in 1856, after which he located in Lincoln, where he has lived and where for over forty years he has been engaged in the active practice of his profession.

In addition to his high professional standing, Dr. Leeds also holds a foremost place among Lincoln's leading and enterprising citizens. He is deeply interested in educational matters, being at the present time a member of the Board of Education of Lincoln, in which capacity he has served for the past nine years. He is also a member of the City Council. In addition to his high standing in the medical profession, Dr. Leeds is noted for his public spirit and

enterprise as a citizen, and for his earnest and active participation of any movement tending to advance the material interests of the city wherein he has so long resided. Nor is he less prominent in social and fraternal circles, having been a Mason since 1854 and having held all the offices of the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery. He is at the present time a member of Oriental Consistory of Chicago; Medinah Temple, of the same city, and is a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason. He organized the Brainerd District Medical Society, the Mississippi Valley Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. He is at present the Grand Treasurer of the Insurance Order of the American Legion of Honor, of the State of Illinois. He is highly esteemed both as a man and a citizen, and enjoys the respect and confidence of all who know him. Dr. Leeds was married, first in 1852 to Miss Susan Shoup, of Logan County. As a result of this union one child was born, a daughter, Sarah Alice, who is now the wife of Edward Spellman, Superintendent of the Logan County Poor Farm. His wife, Susan died in April 1854, and in 1855 he married again Miss Sarah Jane Shoup, of Logan County, who only lived ten weeks after the marriage took place. In 1856 he was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Wilson, of Logan County. To them were born three children – Anna M., Jenny M. and Hannah E. Of these the last mentioned is the wife of E. C. Randolph, a prosperous and wellknown grain merchant of this city. The other two daughters, whose mother died in 1884, live with their father.

Thomas M. Harris, who is one of the leading and successful lawyers of Lincoln, is a native of Illinois, born in Morgan County, October 21, 1865, the son of John L. and Susannah L. Harris. He was educated in the common schools of Bedford, Iowa, after which he taught for some years, when, having made up his mind to become a lawyer, he began the study of law in the offices of Blinn & Hoblit of Lincoln. He was admitted to the bar in 1893, and for two years following was in the employ of E. D. Blinn, with whom he formed a partnership in 1895, the firm name now being Blinn & Harris. Mr. Harris ranks among the rising and successful young attorneys of Logan County, being noted for his ability and industry as a lawyer, and for the care and all interests entrusted to his keeping. He is also prominent in social and political circles; being a Mason of prominent standing, and an active and earnest member of the Republican party, and having served as Chairman of the County Central Committee from 1894 to 1896.

He was married in October 1895 to Miss Belle Johnston, of Lincoln. They have one child, Homer B. Harris, aged eight months.



FRANCIS M. EWING, M. D.,  
LINCOLN.

Francis M. Ewing, M. D., who holds an eminent place in the medical profession of Logan County, where he was born in 1857, began the study of his profession shortly after he had attained his majority and graduated from Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia in 1882. Upon receiving his diploma he located at once in Lincoln, where he has since resided and where as practicing physician he

has met with a full measure of professional success. He is a member the medical staff of St. Clara's Hospital of this city and is universally recognized as a competent and well-equipped physician. He is unmarried and is as popular in social circles as he is able and eminent in his chosen profession. He has a large and growing practice and is highly esteemed by all who know him.

Illinois is distinguished for the number and excellence of its institutions for the care of the sick. There have been erected for the care of the sick, There have been erected in different parts of the State some of the finest establishments in the world, provided with every modern convenience of a sanitary nature which science has devised. Of these St. Clara's Hospital of Lincoln is a fair model. The building is constructed throughout will an eye to the to the comfort and convenience of guests.

The institution was established on July 9, 1884, by Sister Aurelia, assisted by four other sisters, in an old frame building, In 1886 the necessity for more room was demonstrated and the present building was erected. Sister Aurelia was installed as Superioress, and served in that capacity until 1894, when failing health compelled her to retire. Sister Candida succeeded her, and is the present Superioress. Drs. R. M. Wilson and F. M. Ewing are the surgeons of the Hospital.

Dr. S. Ellen Rourke is a woman whose whole life, dating from her girlhood, has been spent in honorable and useful work. At the age of sixteen she had so far completed her studies as enabled her to begin the profession of teaching, which occupation she followed until she decided to adopt the medical profession. This she did after having taught school for eight years, during which time she achieved for herself and enviable reputation as an able, earnest and conscientious instructor of the young. Having taken a preliminary course of reading, she entered the Iowa State Medical College at Keokuck, from which institution she graduated in 1896. Upon receiving her diploma she located in Lincoln, where she has since resided and where she has since been engaged in the active and successful practice for her profession, being associated with Dr. Leeds. She is recognized as a skilled and capable physician, combined with these qualifications the natural instincts of her sex as an excellent nurse. Her very presence carries cheer and encouragement to the sick room, which fact, together with her known skill in the treatment of human illnesses, has had everything to do with the success she has achieved and with having won for her the standing she now enjoys in the profession of which she is an honored and useful member.

Dr. Rourke was born in Menard County, Illinois, may 17, 1865. The daughter of William and Mary (Maxell) Rourke. She was educated in the public schools, but at the age already stated, she became herself a teacher, following that occupation until she entered the profession in which she is now engaged.

Dr. M. G. Owen, who is winning for himself an enviable reputation as an honorable and capable physician, is a product of Chicago, in which city he was born October 22, 1870, the son of John B. and Emily M. Owen. After completing his education in grammar and high schools of Chicago, he began the study of

medicine, graduating from Hahnemann College in 1894. Upon receiving his diploma he was appointed House Surgeon of Hahnemann Hospital, in which he served until 1895, when he removed to Lincoln, where he has since resided and where he has been engaged in the active and successful practice of his profession. He is a member of the Homeopathic Clinical Society of Chicago, and is recognized by his professional brethren as a more than ordinarily well equipped physician and surgeon. He has been very successful in his practice here and is highly esteemed as

William B. Mann, a graduate of Yale College; and now member of the Chicago bar, and a. Walter Mann, who resides in New York City, where he is engaged in the wholesale mercantile line.

## Lincoln's Own Town by James Hart

(Dedicated to Judge Lawrence B Stringer) (Contributed by Gary Freese)

a man and a citizen by all who know him.



WILLIAM BRAYTON MANN,  
(Deceased.)

William Brayton Mann, one of the pioneer settlers of Logan County, and eminent as a member of the legal profession, was born in Smithfield, Rhode Island, September 3, 1809. His grandfather and his greatgrandfather were also natives of the same town. His father, Samuel Mann, was born in Manville, a village of Smithfield County, which was named after him; his mother, Annie Brayton, was a native of Providence.

The son of whom we write as educated at Smithfield Academy and at Brown University, after which he studies law, graduating from Albany Law School. Upon receiving his diploma he located in New York City, where he practiced law for several years, or until 1857, when he removed to Illinois and located in Logan County. Here he invested largely in real estate and in addition to his law practice was, during his long residency in this county, always more or less prominent as a real estate dealer in this city and county.

Prior to his removal to the West, Mr. Mann was, in 1831, elected the Mayor of the city of Providence, which office he filled with marked ability and credit. Mr Mann during his long residence in Lincoln and Logan County was noted for his frugality, his industry and his enterprise. He was a man of plain, simple, unpretentious manner, concealed under and generous nature. In politics he was a Democrat.

Mr. Mann was married September 12, 1865, to Miss Rosina Ellen West, of London England. Six children were born to them four sons and two daughters. Of these three died in infancy. Cora W., one of the daughters and wife of the Rev. Henry Bassett, of Providence, R. I. died July 21, 1893, aged 24. Those living are:

Although a score of cities now bear his illustrious name,  
Their beginnings came after martyrdom had sealed his fame; Save  
one whose earlier honor itself proved mark of renown, And thus  
boasts the distinction of being Lincoln's own town.

'Tis no mere legend leaving doubts in cautious minds astute, The  
facts are in the records, of which there is no dispute;  
And Judge Stringer vouches for it, knowing his history well,  
They chose a more convenient spot where county seat should be

Colonel Latham was active, backed by Hickox and Gillett,  
Large landowners, substantial men, their eyes on the future set;  
In drawing up the prayers they would need expert advice And  
once more at his practice was trying to make ends meet.

Yes, Abraham Lincoln's prestige just then was rather low,  
For he had talked against the war we fought with Mexico;  
Through him scarce any patron had any Whigs secured, That  
he was done in public life most everyone assured.

And yet this 'washed up politician' such respect had gained, The  
friendship formed in traveling the circuit he retained;  
Adverse election fortunes some men's finish might import, But not  
with those who knew Lincoln at Mt. Pulaski court.

For they had not forgotten him since early Postville days;  
To them he still was neighbor; They admired his homely ways;  
They'd heard him swaying juries with his canny reasoning power,  
And maybe tossed quoits with him afterwards at recess hour.

So Latham and the others found the former congressman,  
Around his office table they informed him of their plan;  
He counselled them on legal steps to set procedure right, On  
such matters as were involved in any new town site.

Soon afterward they came back with preliminaries done,  
Nothing was lacking but the name-advised to suggest one,  
Latham as spokesman for the group replied prompt and direct;  
'I guess we'll call it Lincoln, sir, if you do not object.'

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It has been interesting to me how Logan County and the towns within it promoted themselves during the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The following information about Lincoln came from an unknown source. The pages were cut from a larger book that was likely printed during the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Although a date for the publication is not known we can surmise that it was between 1895, the date of Mr. Latham's death, and 1902, because there is no mention of the Carnegie library or the new courthouse. I hope you find it as interesting as I have.

### BOOKS

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**The Town Abraham Lincoln Warned**, Henson-2011-  
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**The History of Logan County, Illinois** - 1982  
\$150 + \$10 S/H

The lawyer quickly straightened up from slouching in his chair,  
And gazed blankly at his callers with much embarrassed air;  
'Well gentlemen,' he finally said, and smiled, his eyes twinkling,  
'Nothing named Lincoln ever can amount to anything.'

'That settles it; Lincoln it is,' was Latham's firm reply;  
They rose to go, and with a bow he bade each one goodbye, And  
promising to be on hand the day first lots were sold, When  
some kind of informal ceremonies they would hold.

The date was fixed in August, and Mr. Lincoln was there,  
He looked on where the auction was in progress on the Square;  
Or elbowing his way he'd stop to greet friends in the crowd, While  
bidding went on briskly despite the commotion loud.

Across the street a watermelon vendor pitched his stand,  
Drawing attention with the vocal strength at his command;  
As he described their merits as to flavor, size, and price, The  
visitor from Sangamon thought he would like a slice.

He purchased two ripe melons from a pile spread on the ground,  
First tapping the green surface to be sure that they were sound;  
Then with one tucked under each arm he turned and strode away,  
Saying they might as well make some observance of the day.

Those melons broken on pine boards were put to novel use,-  
Holding aloft the lucious fruit dripping its savory juice, 'I  
now christen this town,' he said as everyone could hear, And  
from spectators looking on there rose a hearty cheer.

Thus Lincoln, here in Illinois, had its auspicious start;

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2004 Lincoln College  
2005 Logan Co Courthosue  
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2008 Logan Co. Courthouse 2009 Logan Co. Courthouse  
2010 Lincoln Woman's Club  
2013 A. Lincoln's 1858 Speech  
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Abraham Lincoln -150 <sup>th</sup> Birthday	Sheers Building
Abraham Lincoln - Ashtray	Sheers Courthouse
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search. (Note: A membership of \$20 includes the quarterly publication, Roots and Branches, sent by email. Members are also eligible to get access to the Research portion of our website, which is restricted to members only.)

If, after receiving the results of the initial search, you decide you would like LCGHS to conduct further research, we ask \$20 per research hour plus the costs of mailing, the costs of photos and the amount we have to pay for documents from the Court House plus \$2 per document (if we pay \$5 for a death record, you pay \$7, since we go to the court house, look up the name in the indexes and fill out the request form.)

For additional research, you decide the number of hours by the amount of the check you send (\$60 will be requesting 3 hours of research.) In addition, you will be billed for documents, photos and copy fees.

Hard copies of items from our collection are twenty-five cents a copy for non-members plus postage. Members pay fifteen cents per copy plus postage.

For cemetery searches to take photographs of gravestone we ask \$5 for the first stone and \$3 for each additional stone in that cemetery.

Please mail your written request and a check to:

LCGHS  
114 N. Chicago St.  
Lincoln, Illinois 62656

Please include as much information as you can on each person to be researched so we do not use your research time gathering information you already have.

Include contact information for yourself. A phone number and an email address are required.