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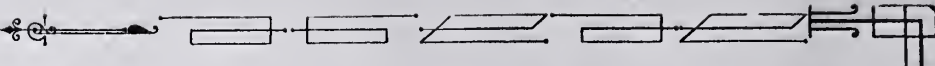
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← see letter

PORTRAIT AND BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD.

him. The family trace their ancestry back four generations, to John, Daniel and David Goldthwait, who came to this country in an early day. The father of Mrs. Farrant emigrated to Cleveland, Ohio, in 1834, but soon returned to his native State, where his decease occurred at sixty-four years of age. He was followed to the better land fourteen years later by his good wife, who bore the maiden name of Susan Curtis.

To Mr. and Mrs. Farrant has been born one son, his natal day being March 12, 1866. They located in Roscoe Township, this county, in May of that year, where they purchased sixty acres of improved farm land, to which they have since added seventy acres. The former tract was purchased from William and David Randall, who emigrated from England, and entered the land from the Government in 1844. Our subject has been engaged in the upholstering business at Beloit, Wis., much of the time since locating here, during which time he rented his property. He is now managing affairs himself, and cultivates the soil in a most intelligent and profitable manner. In early life an old-line Whig, Mr. Farrant became a Democrat at the time Stephen A. Douglas was nominated for the Presidency. His son, Henry Ross, was a student at Beloit for a number of years, but was compelled to abandon his studies on account of his health, and is now at home cultivating the farm.



EDGAR N. LINCOLN, who was the owner and occupant of a fine farm on section 3, Flora Township, Boone County, was born in Bonus Township, July 12, 1842. His father, Jedediah Lincoln, was born in Middletown, Conn., where he was reared and educated, and on leaving his native State went to Pennsylvania and made his home for two years in Erie County. In 1839, he came West to Illinois, locating in what is now Bonus Township, this county, and entered a tract of Government land. There he resided for three years, when, disposing of that property, he purchased land in Flora Township, where his death occurred October 26, 1888.

The maiden name of the mother of our subject

was Marion Nichols, a native of Chautauqua County, N. Y., and the daughter of Phincas Nichols. Her father, who was also a native of the Empire State, when reaching mature years removed to Ohio, and later came to Boone County, where he was classed among the pioneers. He was a man of considerable means, and invested his money in Government land in Bonus, Caledonia and Flora Townships. He only resided here a few years, however, and, returning to the Buckeye State, there passed his remaining years. The maiden name of his wife was Esther Gore. The mother of our subject died at the home of her daughter in Iowa, October 17, 1893. She reared a family of five children, viz.: Phoebe E., Oscar J., Edgar N., Alice M. and William P.

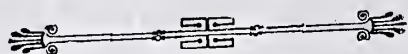
Edgar N. Lincoln attended the pioneer schools, and assisted in conducting the farm until September 4, 1862, when he enlisted in Company G, Ninety-fifth Illinois Infantry, and served in the Union ranks until February, 1863, when he was honorably discharged by special act of Congress. He re-enlisted the same day, however, in Company D, Mississippi River Marine Brigade, and served with that command until January 22, 1865, when the command was disbanded.

November 15, 1866, when our subject was married to Ellen H. Moss, he located upon a portion of the old home which he now owns and occupies. He has made excellent improvements upon the place and has the pleasure of knowing that his farm is one of the best cultivated in the county. Mrs. Lincoln was born in Spring Township, this county, while her father, Asa Moss, was born in 1818, in Washington County, N. V. His father, who also bore the name of Asa, removed from Washington to Chautauqua County in 1820, and resided there until 1836, at which time he came to Boone County, and made one of the first settlers in Belvidere Township. He secured a tract of Government land, improved his farm and made it his home until his decease. The maiden name of his wife was Sally Shirwood.

The father of Mrs. Lincoln was reared in Chautauqua County, and when a youth of eighteen years, came to Illinois with his parents, and secured a tract of Government land in Spring Township.

After his marriage, he sold his property, and, removing to Belvidere Township, purchased a farm which he occupied some years, and then lived retired in the city of that name until his decease, November 1, 1888. His wife was known in her maidenhood as Alvira Stewart. She was born in Erie County, N. Y., and was the daughter of Hosea and Phœbe (Aldrich) Stewart, natives also of the Empire State, where their decease occurred. Mrs. Moss came to Illinois with her brother Mathew, in 1843. She now makes her home with Mrs. Lincoln.

The following are the four children of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln: Carrie A., wife of Fred McCoy; Rosa N., Gracie E. and Walter E. The parents are both members of the South Side Baptist Church, and, in politics, Mr. Lincoln is a Republican.



LEROY L. KIDDER, who was born in Medina County, Ohio, February 12, 1832, is the son of Benjamin and Jane A. (Palmer) Kidder. The father was born in New Hampshire and died in Pecatonica when seventy-four years of age. While a resident of Ohio, he was engaged in the lumber business, which he sold out in 1854, and coming to Illinois purchased a farm in Seward Township, Winnebago County. In politics, he was in early life a Free-soiler and later joined the ranks of the Republican party. Religiously, he was a Congregationalist.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, Joseph Kidder, also hailed from New Hampshire and came West to Ohio in 1816, where he died when seventy years of age. The grandmother also died in the Buckeye State in her seventy-second year. Benjamin Kidder at one time walked from New Hampshire to Ohio on a pleasure trip. Mrs. Jane A. Kidder was born March 5, 1810 at Glens Falls, N. Y., and was a daughter of Hamner and Deborah (Lewis) Palmer. Her father came to Ohio in 1814, where he combined the occupation of a merchant and farmer and passed his last years, dying at the age of ninety-four years. His wife also died in Ohio in her fifty-fifth year. Mrs. Kidder departed this life at Akron after having become the mother

of nine children, three of whom died in infancy and four are now living. An uncle, Joseph Kidder, was a patriot in the War of 1812, and a brother of our subject, Benjamin Franklin, during the late war, was a member of Company K, Seventy-fourth Illinois Infantry.

Le Roy L. Kidder attended the schools taught in the old log cabin and remained at home until eighteen years of age. He then went West and engaged in mining in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, also in transferring goods from one camp to another. Later, he became a large cattle dealer in the West and in 1861, returning to Pecatonica, rode a mule the entire distance. Purchasing land in Seward and Pecatonica Townships, he added to his tract until he became the owner of four hundred acres of excellent land.

January 1, 1868, Mr. Kidder was united in marriage to Miss Celia Searls, who was born April 17, 1843 at Hinckley, Ohio, and is the daughter of Gilbert and Elizabeth (Halsted) Searls. The father was a native of New York, and on coming to Seward Township in 1858, here passed his last days, dying when forty-nine years of age. His wife, who was also born in the Empire State, is still living and makes her home in Pecatonica.

Mrs. C. Kidder is one in a family of eight children, seven of whom are living. By her union with our subject six children have been born, three of whom are deceased. Those living are: Nellie E., who was born June 25, 1868, is a graduate of the Pecatonica schools, and at the present time is conducting one of the best millinery stores in the place. Ernest R. was born July 10, 1876, and Lewis L., July 27, 1878. After his marriage, our subject removed to the village of Pecatonica, where he was engaged in the hardware business for two years, at the end of which time he resided for four years on his farm. He then returned to the village, took in as partner a Mr. Marston, and conducted a general store under the name of Kidder & Marston for two years, when our subject purchased the interest of his partner and operated the business alone for ten and one-half years. The firm style then became Kidder & Swartz and his present fine store building was erected. He of whom we write is interested in the shoe factory in

Lincoln, Marvin

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

A FRIEND OF JOHN BROWN.

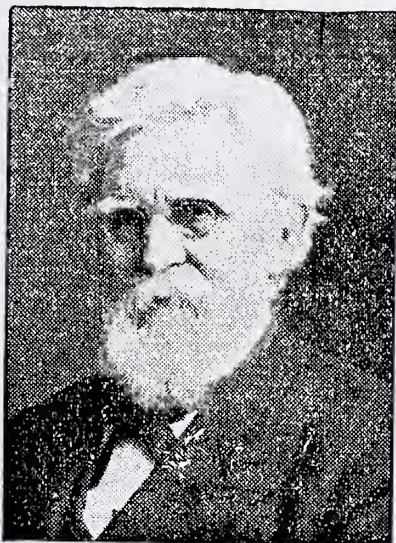
DEATH OF MARVIN LINCOLN.

ONCE A LOCAL ABOLITIONIST.

Springfield Republican 2-13-09

Reminiscences of the "Underground Railroad"—Inventor of the "Lincoln Arm" Dies at Washington at the Age of 95.

Marvin Lincoln, whose career was of great interest to people in this city, died at Washington, D. C., Wednesday, at the ripe old age of 95 years and nine months. He lived here during 15 years of his life, from 1844 to 1859. He was a member of the first city police here; he was a member of the city council in 1857, and he was well known in the business life of



MARVIN LINCOLN.

[Former Springfield abolitionist and friend of John Brown.]

Springfield. The story of his life is timely just now, also, when all the world does honor to Abraham Lincoln, for Marvin Lincoln was possibly a relative of the war president; he was a neighbor and a friend of John Brown when he lived in this city; he was an active worker in conducting slaves to safety on the "underground railroad" during the period of the fugitive slave law, and last, but not least, he made wooden legs and arms for countless veterans who sacrificed their limbs in the struggle to free the slaves and preserve the Union. He was an ardent abolitionist during the years before the war. Throughout his life he was a strict total abstainer, and for many years he was an active temperance worker. In 1859 he moved to Malden from this city and conducted his business of making artificial legs and arms in Boston. He was prominent in temperance circles and Odd Fellowship in Malden, and he was also town and city auditor for seven years.

The possibility that Marvin Lincoln was a relative of President Lincoln is remote. The relationship was never thought very probably by Marvin Lincoln himself, but nevertheless the relationship was entirely possible. Marvin Lincoln was born in North Windham, Ct., and spent his early life in that town. He used to recollect that he had an eccentric relative in the Connecticut town who was in the habit of disappearing from time to time and remaining away for long periods. On his return he used to say that he had been into Kentucky, where he had visited relatives. Just how much reliance could be placed on the statements of the peculiar relative Marvin Lincoln never knew, but he never presumed enough on the possibility of his relation to the president to call the connection a probability.

His Acquaintance With Brown.

When Mr Lincoln settled in this city he occupied a little two-story brown house on North Chestnut street nearly opposite what was then Chauncey Brewer's nursery. The nursery occupied the present site of the Sacred Heart church. A short time after coming to town he built a two-family house on Auburn street nearly opposite the old school building. He became an intimate friend of John Brown, who lived near by, and had many interesting talks with him. They worked together in aiding fugitive slaves to get from the South to Canada. Mr Lincoln described John Brown as a "stalwart, broad-shouldered man, brawny and able to throw any ordinary man over a fence if he so chose. His eyes would flash on occasion, and if roused his lips would come together almost with a snap, indicating his forceful character. He was cut out for a great man." Brown was a dealer in sheep and wool in Ohio, and came to this city to establish a sort of branch office. He brought with him a colored man and his family, who were settled in a house next to Mr Lincoln's. A son of that family was later one of the assistant assessors of the District of Columbia.

Mr Lincoln used to tell of his experiences in this city as a worker on the "underground railway." He said there were many sympathizers with the work of slipping the slaves on to freedom, who never publicly told of their interest in the work. They were, however, always ready to supply funds. He said that it was easy to get money in cases of emergency from Rev. Dr Samuel Osgood. Mr Lincoln would go to the doctor and tell him a certain sum was needed quickly for a case of great need that had just come to his attention. Dr Osgood never asked a question, but always gave the money. In one instance a fugitive slave named Isaac Dorsey, whose wife was a free colored woman, was forced to leave this city hastily. He had settled on Essex street and worked in the Brewer nursery. One afternoon a member of his family saw a squad of mounted men riding past and looking closely at the house. One of the men was recognized as a southerner. Dorsey was hastily notified and that night he was put aboard a train for Canada, the money having been raised by Mr Lincoln. When Dorsey stepped safely on to Canadian soil he could see his hunters on the other side of the Niagara. They had lost their man.

Mr Lincoln spent his boyhood in North Windham, Ct., where he was born. As a young man he traveled a good deal through the West and South for a millinery and dry goods firm. In those times, with railroad facilities lacking, his long journeys were full of exciting and interesting experiences. He spent two months at one time in New Orleans, where he had an opportunity to study the conditions surrounding the negro which later made him so outspoken as an abolitionist. His two-months' stay there proved futile, so far as business results were concerned. His employer had sent a ship with a large stock of dry goods to that port. The winds were unfavorable, however, and the ship was beaten far from her course. When at last the vessel reached port it was found that the goods had been ruined, and so Mr Lincoln, who was to sell the goods, had nothing to sell. In 1838 he traveled for Spaulding & Storrs of Hartford, Ct., who dealt in school books. He made as thorough a canvass as was pos-

sible of all the New England states, traveling from town to town with a horse and buggy. He sought every country school-house, interviewed the school committees, who varied much in their intelligence and interest in education, and he gathered a fairly good fund of knowledge of human nature.

The "Lincoln Arm" for Crippled Soldiers.

His experience, however, was such that after it was over he resolved to go back to carpentering, the trade he had learned when a youth. He came to this city in 1844 and hired out to do rough carpenter work in blocking out the willow used in making artificial limbs. He worked for B. Frank Palmer, who established an artificial limb factory in Bart's block on Main street. Mr Lincoln got acquainted with the late DeForest Douglass, who was working at the same business, and they worked together for several years. When the Palmer company in this city broke up Mr Lincoln moved to Malden, opening a business for himself on Green street in Boston, and Mr Douglass remained in business in this city. Mr Lincoln invented and patented a number of improvements to the awkward contrivances used in their time as artificial limbs. For several years during and after the civil war Mr Lincoln made the "Lincoln arm," which he had invented and which the government furnished to its crippled soldiers. DeForest Douglass, who continued the manufacture of artificial legs in this city, and who learned the business with Mr Lincoln, was, until his death some years ago, one of the old familiar characters hereabouts. He went for years with the prefix "Dr" to his name, and his characteristic dress and manner made him noticeable everywhere.

During the last few years of his life Mr Lincoln could recall people that he knew in this city. He recalled many of the cripples of his time who had been wont to go to him for help. He said that he made the first pair of wooden legs for the late Emerson Wight, four times mayor of this city. He also furnished limbs to P. B. Bascom, who was then in the insurance business here. He made with his own hands the first artificial leg worn by Maj-Gen William Francis Bartlett, in whose honor a statue stands in Boston. When that limb had been fitted the general walked out of Mr Lincoln's store and swung on to his horse alone. Mr Lincoln was married on January 1, 1837, and Mrs Lincoln died in 1898, after the two had lived together happily for 61 years. After the death of his wife Mr Lincoln moved from Malden to Washington, D. C., where he made his home with his daughter, Mrs Julia M. Green, a well-known physician in that city. Mr Lincoln also leaves a son, H. S. Lincoln of New York city.



17. Independence Mo. 9-5-47.

Minnie Lincoln Hale,

Mr. Dr. Louis Warren Lincoln.

Dear Sir,

I am writing
you in hopes to establish
our lineage to Abraham Lincoln.
My father in law's name was
Warren Wheeler Lincoln & he
gave me papers which was to
establish his lineage to A. Lincoln.
My father in law had 2 sons
my husband Alfred Forest
Lincoln and Charles Lincoln.
At the passing of my father
in law, I gave those papers to
Charles my brother in law as
my husband had preceded
his father. Please let the
vice destroy them so the

younger generation have
nothing to go by.

My son ^{George} Alfred Lincoln
grandson of Warren Wheeler
Lincoln is desirous of
establishing his lineage
to Abraham. His grandfather
Warren Wheeler Lincoln was
born in Vermont June 16-1834
died in Iowa Feb 9. 1924 at age
89 7 mo 29 da. When small boy
his parents moved on farm near
Waterloo Canada. Later moved
to Ill. here he enlisted in the
Union Army Oct 5-1864. Spent
almost yr. in Civil War. honorably
discharged Aug 14-1865.

Will you please advise
me as to what steps to
take to establish the

connecting link.

I'll appreciate your help -
Thank You -

Mrs Minnie Lincoln Hale
104 So Willis
Independence
Missouri.

Lincoln family

September 9, 1947

Mrs. Minnie Lincoln Hale
104 South Willis
Independence, Missouri

My dear Mrs. Hale:

I fear I am not going to be able to help you with your genealogical request about some earlier name and date than you have supplied.

If you could tell us who Warren Wheeler Lincoln's father was, we might be able to identify him.

Under separate cover I am sending you some pamphlets which may assist you in this quest.

Very truly yours,

Director

LAW:CM
L. A. Warren

Los Angeles Calif
June 10-1951

Dr. Louis A. Warren
Editor: of Lincoln Love Bulletin
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Sir:-

I find your name listed under "Recent Books published" in the New England Historic Genealogical Register. You are the Editor of the Lincoln Love Bulletin.

My progenitor was Polly Lincoln who m'd. 2 April 1794 Anselm Farr. She was of Cummington Mass. Anselm Farr was born 20 July 1772 & died 12 Feb. 1808 in Cummington Mass.

I've never found the parentage of my Polly. I got the above information from the Charles W. Sinnetts manuscripts on the Farr Family. (New England Gen. Society).

Anselm Farr & Polly Lincoln had the following children:

Benjamin Farr b. 2 Feb 1796

Zelophehad " b. 10 Oct 1801 died 23 May 1802.

mini X Elbridge Farr b 5 May 1803 m'd Sarah Russ

Page 136 in Abington, Mass. Vital Records I find a Mary Lincoln dau. of Joseph & Mary b. 9 Apr. 1771. But I've never found any proof that this Mary or Polly

was mine - Polly is sometimes
the nick name for Mary.

Have you ever recieved any
information by correspondance or
otherwise, which might help
on my Lincoln lineage.

I would be very happy to
hear from you in the near future.

Respectfully,

Lois J. Wickers
5317 West 116 st
Los Angeles 45 Calif.

Enclosed is an
envelope for your
convenience in
answering

Lincoln Family

June 14, 1951

Miss Lois S. Wickers
5317 West 116th Street
Los Angeles 45, California

My dear Madam:

I regret exceedingly that there is not available to me just now a microfilm which we secured on a Lincoln family of New England not included in the Waldo Lincoln Genealogy. As soon as I am able to refer to this film I will advise you whether or not we have any information about Lincoln-Farr connections.

Very truly yours,

LAW:JK
L.A. Warren

Director

Ida E. Culver • 9637 Prairie St. • Detroit, Mich. ⁴ May 5/54

Mr Lewis W. Warren

Some little time ago
I was in Mt Pleasant Mich.
and went to see Mr. Thompson's
collection on Lincoln memorials
and library. He gave me your
address and said you may give me the
information I have wanted for some
time. My grandfather Walter Ryckman
or Wriqman as he spelled it but rest
of family spell it Ryckman. He told
me before his death that his father John
Ryckman married Mary Lincoln.
Tom Lincoln's youngest sister and spoke
of her as his first cousin. Will you please
write me the record you have on the two
sides of Tom Lincoln and date and where
the marriage took place. Yours Respectfully
Ida E. Culver

May 7, 1954

Miss Ida E. Culver
9367 Prairie
Detroit 4, Michigan

My dear Miss Culver:

The name of Ryckman or Wrightman does not appear on the official genealogy of the Lincoln family. You will find attached a list of Abraham Lincoln's cousins and you will observe the name you suggested is not among them.

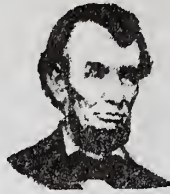
Very truly yours,

LAW:PE

Director

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DAVE BERGER TO HOST SOCIETY AND GIVE LINCOLN TALK; OFFICERS TO BE NAMED

The Society will meet again this year at its annual May meeting as guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Berger, at 5101 Overbrook Avenue. As always during the last regular meeting of the season, election of officers for next year will be held. The affair will also mark our host's birthday.

The meeting will be at 8:00 pm on 23 May.

David Berger himself will address the Society, on Lincoln the Lawyer.

Mr. Berger has said that he is not interested so much in the details of Mr. Lincoln's life as he is in the man himself, and in the development of his character. Certainly the years which Abraham Lincoln spent as an active member of the
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SOCIETY TO VISIT FREDERICKSBURG JUNE 6

Three times in eighteen months the Army of the Potomac, pushing "on to Richmond", crossed the Rappahannock River at or near the town of Fredericksburg. Each time they met and engaged the Army of Northern Virginia in a notable battle-- Fredericksburg in December 1862, Chancellorsville in May 1863, the Wilderness in May 1864.

On 6 June 1959, the Lincoln-Civil War Society of Philadelphia will see and study all three of these battlefields, under the leadership of Park Superintendent Northington.

Each field is worth knowing. Fredericksburg for its proof that "gallantry is not enough", as the heroic Union army battered itself against an impregnable position; and for its local interest on the Union right, as Philadelphia's George G. Meade led his solid Keystone division, the Pennsylvania Reserves, to the threshold of victory against Jackson. Chancellorsville for the brilliant flanking movement which won the day for R. E. Lee, and for the shot which may
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COINCIDENCE OR CONNECTION? THE LINCOLN NAME IN PENNSYLVANIA

The following advertisement was found in Benjamin Franklin's Pennsylvania Gazette dated Thursday, October 1, 1730, by Milton Kenin. Dave Keiser, was the advertiser an earlier relative of our Abraham Lincoln? Or is the name only a coincidence? Notice the coincidence in the place name, too.

Run away on the thirteenth of September last from Abraham Lincoln of Springfield in the County of Chefter, a Negro Man named Jack, about 30 years of age, low stature, fpeaks little or no Englifh, has a Scar by the corner of one Eye, in the form of a V. Whoever fecures the faid Negro, and brings him to his Mafter, or to Mordecai Lincoln living among the Upper Inhabitants on Skuykill, or to William Branfon in Philadelphia, fhall have Twenty Shillings Reward and reafonable Charges.

