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From Capt. William Jones I learned that the last winter Abraham Lincoln spent in Indiana he worked in Mr. Jones' Sr. pork packing warehouse, using an old fashioned plow with as much dexterity as he used the ox yoke. Before leaving the Indiana home Abraham invested all his money, some thirty odd dollars in notions. Mr. Jones says that a set of knives and forks was the largest item entered on the bill; the other items were needles, pins, thread, buttons & other little domestic necessities. When the Lincolns reached their new home near Decatur, Illinois Abraham wrote back to his parents stating that he had doubled his money on his purchases by selling them along the road. Unfortunatly we did not keep that letter, not thinking how highly we would have prized it years afterwards. It met the fate of many a letter, may and many a poem, and we learn their value too late.