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The place where Mary Blankenship and her two children lived was burned. Mary was killed when the fire began. Her husband, Abraham, was not at home and was not able to save the house from burning. Abraham was very upset and was not sure what would happen next. His neighbor, Mr. Brown, called to see him. Mr. Brown wanted to know if Abraham would be able to live without a house. Abraham said he would do the best he could to help Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown was very helpful and gave Abraham some advice on how to rebuild his life. Abraham said he would do the best he could to help Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown was very helpful and gave Abraham some advice on how to rebuild his life.
placed at Mrs. Lincoln's grave no one could state positively which was Mrs. Brooner's grave & which Mrs. Lincoln's.

Mr. Allen Brooner gave his opinion & the stone was placed, but the iron fence encloses both graves. If the U.S. government owns one half acre of land on the hill - this is simple justice.

Mr. Allen Brooner became a minister of the United Brethren church & moved to Ill. He received his mail at New Salem when Abraham Lincoln was the postmaster at that place. If Mr. Brooner is also authority for the story that is told about "Ab" walking six miles before breakfast to make right a five cents mistake he made the day before in a trade with a woman. If "When the Lincolns were getting ready to leave Ind. & move to Ill. Abraham & his step brother, John Johnson came over to our house to swap a horse for a yoke of oxen. "He was always a quiet fellow. John did all the talking & seemed to be the smartest of the two. If anyone had been asked that day which would make the greatest success in life I think the answer would have been John. But the Lord blessed him went up to the president's chair & John drank himself to death." Mr. Brooner was
ill—he was just recovering from a stroke of paralysis when I asked if he would allow me to take his photograph. He answered, "If it will add one bit of interest to the article on Abraham Lincoln, I would let my picture be taken if I were ten times as sick. Anything I can do to honor Abraham Lincoln, I am not only ready, but glad to do."

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