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Mrs. Mary Crawford Adams lives on the old farm where her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Josiah Crawford, dwelt when Abraham & Sally Lincoln worked for them. When Abraham Lincoln became famous this wonderful feats of rail-splitting became a feature in every campaign procession. People applied to Mr. Crawford for the rails which the hero of the hour had split when young. Mr. Crawford searched his farm for the rails that had been used in building the corn crib. These rails had been notched at the ends, or saddle-shaped so that they would fit firmly & strongly; these alone was he sure the Lincoln had made. After most diligent search, was rewarded by finding about twenty rails. Before parting with the rails he had canes made for his children. A chair, which is still in Mr. Joseph Gentry's possession, was made from other rails. The other articles are all the remains I could find of Abraham Lincoln's rail-splitting in Spencer Co., Ind.