BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS. May 25, 1900.

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New York, N.Y.,gent,

Permit me to call your attention to an inaccuracy in Mr. Tarbell's Life of Lincoln July 1876 p. 179. The Eight Judicial Circuit, Ill., the year 1838. The Circuit Court was given 14 counties. Jacob Bakerius who is given as an authority has quoted it as the Circuit. It was constituted in 1838. See Session laws 1838 p. 155 with the following Counties:

Sangamon, Macou, Woodford, Tazewell, Menard, Logan, and Dane. 7 counties.

In 1841, Session laws 1809 it was made to consist of Sangamon, Tazewell, Woodford, Livingston, DeWitt, Macou, Shelby, Christian, Logan, Menard, Macon, Piatt, and Champaign, 14 counties.

In 1843, Session laws 1827 it was changed to Sangamon, Tazewell, Woodford, McLenz, Livingston, DeWitt, Champaign, Piatt, Macon, Monroe, Shelby, Christian, Logan, Menard, and Macon.

In 1847 it was changed to Sangamon, Tazewell, Woodford, McLenz, Logan, DeWitt, Piatt, Champaign, Vermillion, Edgar, Shelby, Monroe, Macon, Christian.

This is what is commonly known as the 8th Circuit when used in Speaking of Lincoln. Mr. Lincoln attended this Circuit until he was nominated for President.
In 1853 election laws, the 1st Circuit was reduced to Sangamon, Logan, Menard, Woodford, Tazewell, DeWitt, Champaign & Vermillion.

In 1857 Session laws, the 8th Circuit was reduced to Logan, Menard, DeWitt & Champaign.

Even after his home county, Sangamon, was dropped from the 8th Circuit, he attended the Court of the 8th Circuit. He attended the Circuit from 1860 of the Menard Circuit Court, only a few weeks before his nomination.

Very respectfully,
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