Statement: Mr. Lincoln at the head of a procession

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Mr. Lincoln at the head of a procession was driven from Malden to Charleston in a carriage drawn by two cream colored horses purchased by a wealthy citizen of Cole County for that express purpose. The carriage had scarcely reached the town limits of Charleston before Mr. Lincoln began to make inquiries for his step-mother. The old lady, it seems, had been brought up from her farm in the country for the purpose of meeting him. She was staying with her son-in-law in the second story of a frame building in the business part of the town. When the carriage reached the place where her hotel was, Mr. Lincoln hailed the driver, stepped from the dais into an hurriedly run up stairs. The meeting was a very affectionate one.

From J. W. Weil.