

(Note to accompany picture of William Butler)

From a photograph owned by his grandson, Hon. William J. Butler, Springfield, Ill. William Butler was a native of Kentucky, being born in Adair County, ~~xxxxxx~~ that state, December 15, 1797. In the war of 1812, he carried important dispatches from the Governor of Kentucky to Gen. Harrison in the field, traveling on horseback. He went to Sangamon County, Ill., in 1828. In 1836 he was appointed clerk of the circuit court by Judge Logan, whom he had known in Kentucky. In 1859, he was appointed by Gov. Bissell state treasurer of Illinois to fill a vacancy, and in 1860 was elected to that office. He was married to Elizabeth Rickard Dec. 18, 1863. He died in Springfield, Jan. 11, 1876.

Soon after ~~making up his~~ becoming a resident of Springfield, Lincoln went to William Butler's house to board. There he was like a member of the family. He lived with Mr. Butler until his marriage in 1842. The two men were ever the warmest personal and political friends.