

By far the most notable volume which
has been published so far this year in
honor of the one hundredth anniversary
of Abraham Lincoln's birth is Lea and
Watkinson's "Ancestry of Abraham
Lincoln" * The authors have performed
several important services. They have
discovered and here publish documents
which carry back the English ancestry
of Lincoln three generations further
than heretofore established. They show
by direct and indirect evidence that
the English family had substantial
claim to be numbered among the
minor gentes and that of Samuel
Lincoln the great-great-great-great
grandfather of President Lincoln did
come to this country as a weaver's
apprentice his father probably wrote
gentleman after his name.

They for the first time present fully
in orderly and convincing fashion
the American pedigree from Samuel
Lincoln down. They establish

from at least
two points
of view

by documentary evidence a new
and important fact in the American
chain; viz, that Abraham Lincoln's
grandmother, the mother of Thomas

Shipley

Lincoln was not Mary Shipley as
 heretofore believed but Bathsheba
 Herrick ^{Herrington} - a second wife. They give much
 valuable information about cognate-
 American families all of which
 helps place the Lincolns in that
 intelligent and enterprising pioneer
 class to which they really belonged
 If the authors have left a few
 points unsatisfied they are minor
 points - nice tasks for future
 genealogists - and all so clearly
 indicated as to be easily attacked
 Not the least merit of the volume
~~is its real interest in the character~~
 is its surprising interest in genealogy.
 The material is presented with such
 charm and with so much pride
 and pleasure in the task the authors
 had set themselves - a patriotic service they
 evidently felt it as it was - that one reads
 from start to finish with deepening ~~the~~ satis-
 faction.

The Publishers deserve the thanks of all
 Lincoln lovers for the handsome volume
 they have made. It looks as if they had
 intended this for their contribution to the
 Lincoln centenary.

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