Lincoln note

For Miss Tarbell

Note - Lucy Kemple

The Courts Martial Records of Augusta Co. Va. shows that in the years 1776, 1777, and 1778, Abraham Lincoln, Grand-Father of the President, was Judge Advocate of the Court. This Court was composed of the Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, Major and the Captains of Militia of Augusta County, Va. They represented the best Element of citizenship in the County. Among the Captains at that period were Daniel Gaird, afterwards a Captain in the Continental Line; Capt George Moffett and Capt. Armand Anderson, all of whom are known to have been ~~of~~ men certainly of good common School Education, and the fact that Captain Abraham Lincoln was chosen from a large Group of Captains as the Judge Advocate certainly indicates a certain eminence for him and leads to the conclusion that he was the best speaker among them.

Captain Lincoln continued in such in the Augusta Co. Va. Militia until Oct. 1778

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Where Rockingham County, Va., was formed from Augusta Co. Va.

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There is a Court record in Augusta Co. Va. in which Abraham Lincoln was the defendant, and his autograph signature to a bond filed in the Cause shows that he was a man of good Education for that period.

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The Court order books of Rockingham Co. Va. show that in 1782 Abraham Lincoln, grandfather of the President, sold his lands in Rockingham County, Va., and this marks the year of the Lincoln nondal to Kentucky. The marriage bond of Thomas Lincoln to Nancy Hanks on file at Harrodsburg, Ky. shows the fact of their marriage by Rev. James Head a Baptist who had also been a resident of Augusta and then of Rockingham Co. Va., and the records at Harrodsburg show that he removed to Kentucky about the time of the Lincoln nondal in ~~1782~~ 1782 or 1783

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The Lincolns came to Va in 1767 and acquired valuable lands on Anvilles Creek, one of the most fertile sections in Rockingham Co.

The records of Augusta Co. Va indicate that ~~the~~ from the first the standing of the family in the old County of Augusta was good.

They matched themselves well with the McDowells, Trimbles, Anderson, Craigs, Crawfords, Lands, Mappets, Christians, and many other of the Scotch-Irish families whose descendants have ~~acquired~~ even known in the states of the South and West. No ill fortune pursued them in Va. They were honored and prosperous family in Virginia, and the descendants who have remained in Virginia have borne the family ~~[illegible]~~ name worthily.

During the civil war the Va Lincolns were devoted Southerns and furnished more than one gallant soldier to appear the armies of their great kinsman in Washington

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