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While Abraham Lincoln was living in and around Gentryville, there resided in Boonville - Warrick County, Indiana, a very distinguished lawyer named John C. Breckenridge. Mr Breckenridge was employed by the defendant in a murder trial, and thus came Lincoln walked in his bare feet from Gentryville to Boonville, to hear Mr Breckenridge make his plea for the defendant.

In 1854 or 1855 - Mr Breckenridge removed to Texas, and located in San Antonio, where his son Geary and daughter Eleanor, still reside. In 1861 - Mr Breckenridge and his son George visited Washington City and called at the White House

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Sending in his card to the President, Mr Lincoln directed the usher to show Mr Brackenridge in at once. Mr Brackenridge remarked to Mr Lincoln, "possibly, Mr President, you have forgotten me." "I formerly lived in Boonville."

Mr Lincoln remarked to Mr Brackenridge, "no indeed Mr Brackenridge; I remember you well; I walked in my bare feet from Gentryville to Boonville, to hear your speech in that murder trial."

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