

I will here state that I went to Springfield in Nov. 1840 as a member of the Legislature from Merce-
r in the Joe Davis list composed of the ten (10)
North West counties of the state. The late Judge Tru-
mond of the U. S. courts in Chicago, then a citizen
of Galena my colleague - At that time Galena was
the money town of the state. Mr Lincoln took
charge of me on my arrival in Springfield
and secured boarding for me at Dr. R. G. Harris who
was chairman of the Whig state committee. Col John
J. Hardin who was killed at the battle of Buena
Vista was also a boarder, he was a noted man
scarcely a day but what Mr Lincoln with us during
the four months - I very often accompanied
Col. Hardin to the residence of Mr Simian Edwards
to see Mr Cyrus Edwards a brother of Simian Edwards
Father the Gov. Mr C. Edwards was an elderly man
member of the Legislature very highly respected -
In making these calls with Col. Hardin I be-
came quite well acquainted with the Edwards
family

family including Miss Todd and Mr Byrns
 Edwards daughter these two spending the winter
 there. In fact Miss Todd's home was then with her
 sister Mrs Minnie Edwards. Both very bright
 young ladies in the Edwards home and in
 society. Col Hardin was highly esteemed and
 a devoted friend of the Edwards. I always en-
 joyed their calls with Col. Hardin. In this
 way I became quite intimately acquainted with
 Mr Lincoln and Miss Mary Todd some time
 before their marriage. Of course I have always
 felt a deep interest in their after lives. I will
 add to this as our mail will soon have
 for Toledo our Railroad town. My home is 7
 miles from there.