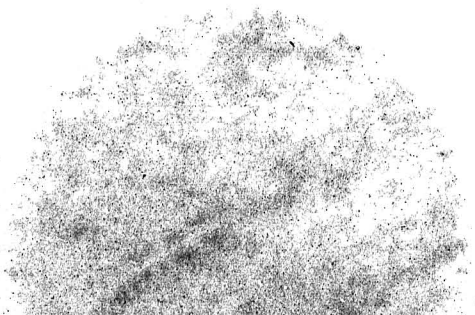
To picture the life of a pioneer in even an unsatisfactory and sketchy way, we must be able to locate them in a definite place. Then you know whether they were living in a valley or on a hillside, whether the nearby streams were big or little, whether roads had been opened. You can find, too, from the old records the names of their neighbors and thus reconstruct something of their probable life. It is impossible to make even the crudest sketch of the life of Abraham and Bethsheba Lincoln and their children for the first three years that they were in Kentucky for we do not know where they were. We do know that late in that year Abraham took up more land, 500 acres. We do know that in 1784 he had his land on the Green river surveyed and also that in May of 1785 the 400 acres near Linville Creek, the first land he took up in Kentucky was surveyed for him, he being the marker and his cousin Hananiah and his son Josiah carrying the chains. The probability is that after this survey the Lincolns came to live on this tract of land. Not in a house of their won. There were hardly twenty families in Kentucky at that time living in their own cabins. The Indians were still so hostile that the settlers gathered in stockades or stations, the character of which is very well shown in the illustration of Hughes Station in which Abraham and his family now went to live.



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