

Lincoln Born In 2-Story House, Not Cabin, Claim

Judge Takes Issue With Historians; Father Man of Means, He Says.

New York, Oct. 8. (AP)—The Evening Post says today that Judge Harvey H. Smith, 70, living in retirement at a New York hotel, took issue today with historians who say Abraham Lincoln was born in a one-room log cabin on Nolin creek, Kentucky.

As a matter of fact, the newspaper quotes him as saying, Lincoln was born in a comfortable two-story house owned by his father, who was not poor but a man of means.

Judge Smith, the Post said, has written to the congressional committee on appropriations that maintenance of the enshrined cabin on Nolin creek "supports a myth which does not add to Lincoln's reputation or the sound sense of Congress in continuing the error."

"Contrary to popular belief," the judge wrote, "Thomas Lincoln, the President's father, was not a poor man, but a man of means. He owned a vast farm on Mill creek, which he acquired in 1803 and sold in 1814. On this property he built a large, comfortable two-story house.

"On December 12, 1801, which is sixty days before the President was

born, Thomas Lincoln secured a contract for the deed to Nolin creek. It is inconceivable that the President's father would have moved his wife from a warm, comfortable house on Mill creek to a one-room shack on Nolin creek.

"Actually the log cabin was built after Abe Lincoln was born and was used by Thomas Lincoln as a temporary residence during the summer months, when he farmed land in Nolin creek."

Judge Smith, the Post said, was born and raised near the Lincoln homestead and his ancestors were in close touch with the Lincoln family as far back as 1766.