

Princeton: July 13-1893

Saw ~~Frank~~ Henderson this afternoon
near 5 o'clock - rather an hour
a half -

Definitely saw Lincoln when I
was about 15 or 16 yrs old. This
was in 1840. My father took me
down to Springfield to a big
mass meeting to be held there
(was spoke) there must have
been 50,000 people people in
the town - My father was
at that time a member of the
legislature. I soon after this
went to Springfield ^{with} a couple
of months. While my father
and at this time I saw
Mr Lincoln frequently and
^{well as} a boy know him I can know
a man. I remember that
it was during this visit I
heard Mr L & Mr Ricketts
~~debating~~ discussing the
bill then before the legislature
repudiating the debt the state
had taken on itself for interest -

and improvements. Mr L. wanted
the debt credit of the state
insured & bonds issued to pay
interest on the debt. Mr R. was
for repudiation & he made
a great deal of sport of Mr L.
telling him a ~~proposition~~ an old
man he knew had been ho-
pind of liquor and had finally
fallen ill. ^{after a year} they had ~~offered~~
offered him various things
and he refused everything
finally some one ^{gave} him
a "little brandy". Immediately
he amused himself. "Brandy
did you say?" yes I think
that will do.

Now it is issuing bonds
that has gotten the state
into trouble - yet here is
Mr L. saying for more bonds
like the man for brandy.
Mr L. got up to reply of
"Mr R." he said a reminder

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me of a story I once heard
of a couple of hotters who
~~went out in the woods to~~
lived together - one of them
went out to shoot & the other
heard him firing again &
again at something. At last
he went out & there was
his brother too gazing up
into a tree at something &
aiming.

"What are you firing at?"
"That squirrel up there!"

"What squirrel?"

There in the tree -

I don't see it -

But I do see it.

But the hotters could
see nothing & turning to
look at his brother left
diverged in his heavy
- weary eye hairs at

horse which ⁴running about
had produced the impression
of a squirrel in the old
man looking up through the
mahogany flock.

It was in this (?) session
of the Legislature that
a farmer's session ~~was~~
where the Whigs tried to
avoid voting on the
question of the state bank.

4) Lincoln & Collier were
left by the Whigs in the
chamber to look after
affairs & the rest absented
themselves. & his friend
were to keep off the bill by
slurping no quorum. But the
sageant at arms was sent
out to get together the
Whigs. The third hotters

See this story well told by Collier himself in
"The Whigs of the West" -
"The Whigs of the West" -
"The Whigs of the West" -

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were driven in 2 M2. 2 found
law the game was up. They
tried to get out at rear door but
the sergeant prevented & lifting
the windows out they went
stuck 2 full of tricks, no corruption
was there

Enhance rule politics of
letters give an account
my first visit in letter
In 1887 (?) Mr 2 went to

Mr Lincoln to talk with
him about a bill that
before the legislature for funding
paying a member of old
claims against the
state. Mr H. Andersen was
suspicious of the bill & went
to Mr L. to ask advice. I don't
want to say much about
it - he said I have been offered
a large sum to vote paid - I have
refused. It will be a looking into

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* Tell story told by his father
of the night meeting in hallway
of capitol & his refusal to
do a thing "of which I disap-
prove to run an end & desire"

In '56. Mr H. heard the Blooming
speech - he too considers it - the
greatest speech he ever heard
make. His excitement was intense
& by the time he reached a climax
he was perched on top of the
first person I have found who re-
members any of the making of
speech - : L. O. H. (the Republican)
do not form opinion. We do not
intend to dissolve the union - nor
do we intend that anybody else
shall dissolve the union by the
time he reaches this he was on
up - he - so was his audience.
Mr H. had gone to Blooming in
a Mr Cockrell of N. Y. who

who told Mr H. that he had heard
all the great speakers of the day
(enumerated) but never a speech
of such true & stirring eloquence.
It was in this campaign that Mr
H. felt that Mr L. ought to speak at
Portland in the — part of the
state. He made him that he must
come & L. finally consented. There
was no word ~~leaving~~ to Portland
Mr H. met him ^{at} ~~the~~ ^{in the house} ~~city~~
About 2 miles out they were met
by bands & procession ~~came to meet~~
~~which~~ ^{which} ~~formed to accompany him~~
to the town. When Mr L. saw what ~~for~~
coming he said ~~that~~ ^{in a} ~~very~~ ^{low} ~~voice~~ ^{voice} ~~"I am~~
~~glad to see you here"~~ ^{"I am}
~~glad to see you here"~~ ^{glad to see you here"}
and when the ladies who led
the procession threw a wreath about
him he was thoroughly awed.
Mr H. was to preside and on the
way was he asked Mr L. if he
should make some complimentary
remarks in introducing him
or if he would prefer that he
said nothing. "Well, Tom," he answered

8.
if you have a nice little speech
all ready - you may deliver it -
but if not I would a good deal
rather leave the time."

Mr H. rather with Mr L. on this
trip about the full army speech
telling him what L. had said
and what impression he had
made. Mr L. asked about facts
L. had misrepresented them.

"Well Tom" he said "the truth
is Douglas is a liar"

"If there ever was a truthful man
and scrupulously exact it - was
A. L. He never said I know unless
he was sure and he qualified
every statement. I want a point
is he? he would say but to the
best of my knowledge it - is so"
(Look this up in letters & debates)

Mr H. says he believes he was
just man in connection to
know that L. was elected. He
added the number of votes

9.
came, adding ~~not~~ each to the
lagging sum. When the last
minute came he cried out
"that gives it - to Lincoln" - not
by a damn "sight" cried a
Beward man next to H. but
in another minute it was
certain that it did.

Before nomination in con-
sultation with Mr L. Mr H
asked him if he would
take the vice-presidency
well I am the better is R
have been a little too prominently
mentioned for the first place to
think of accepting a second.

After ~~election~~ ^{negotiations} at Springfield
H with a party of friends while
Mr L. was there. They had finished
their business and were going
away when Mr L. called them
"Hello boys. I want to talk

10.
with you a moment. We are going to
have a terrible struggle, I do not
know that I shall survive it. We
have been friends for years in
politics, I do not believe this
coming trouble will be settled
by arms but by the ballot
pledge yourselves that if I fall
before it is over, you will
carry this on by the ballot."
"He realized" said Genl H. "all
the magnitude of what was
coming - its shadow was
over him" - the very shadow
of the assassin was over his
head. (See farewell speech at
Springfield, also at flag raising
at Harrisburg.)

Genl H. was in active service
once received letter from Lincoln
when he asked permission to go
home to see sick relative - this
letter Genl H. cannot find

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Genl H. was at Raleigh when
the word of the assassination came.
met a Kentucky officer in the
street who told him of it. "If this
is true" said the officer "I am
in favor of the trial & the sword
must not a man or woman is
left." The dispatch was dated
the 11th and the newspapers of
the 12 & 13 said nothing so there was
a slight hope that it was not
true but soon it was discovered
it was. The indignation was
unfathomable & effluvia pickets were
placed for fear the soldiers
might seek Raleigh. Genl H.
drew up resolutions which
he took now. "For two days says
Genl H. I was fast so much as if
there was no sunshine in the world".

Genl H. says that the intense
life of these 3 yrs active service
brought up his past nearly. When he
came back to his law suit he had
forgot even the statute law of
his state & things he had known
familiarily once came back as if
he were in a dream.

Skeleton of Henderson in Headly
- Illinois Biography.

Genl H. was in Springfield one
summer when the Union was
raging - 15 or 20 funerals a day.
He sat in hotel steps under
a disheveled - other the same.
He would come along &
stop a few moments, telling
a jolly story & go on - gentle-
ly to the depression. Genl H.
does not believe 2. was always
telling tales - says he would
stop a little while 10 or 15
mins. & then go to his books
studied a great deal.

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