

The Vocations of Thomas Lincoln

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He was no toiler but from all accounts an ignorant shiftless vagabond. Coleman,page 8.

He went to Elizabethtown and learnt the trade of his cousin Joseph Hanks. Hitchcock,page 53.

He was hospitable,shiftless,restless and unsuccessful working now as a carpenter and now as a farmer. Britannica,page 703.

Nobody ever accused him of building a house or to pretend to do more than a few little odd jobs connected with such an undertaking. Lamon,page 9.

He was a carpenter by trade and essayed farming too; but in this as in almost every other undertaking he was singularly unsuccessful. Herndon,page 12.

The father was by calling a carpenter, but not good at his trade,a shiftless,migratory squatter by invincible tendency, and a very ignorant man. Morse,page 10.

He reached the age of 27 the year of his marriage a brawny , wandering laborer, a poor white,unlettered and untaught except for the trade of Carpentery. Strunsky,page 3.

He never fell in with the routine of labor,was what some people would call unfortunate or unlucky in all his business ventures,if indeed he ever made one. Herndon,page 12.

Thomas Lincoln a poverty stricken man whom misfortune had seemingly chosen for her own,and whose ambitions were blighted and hopes almost dead. Peters,page 3.

I never could understand how a great and good man as "Old Abe" could have descended from such a low breed and entirely worthless vagabond as Thomas Lincoln. Cathey,page 239.

His (Abraham Lincoln's) father a typical "poor southern white shiftless and improvident,without ambition for himself or his children,constantly looking for a new piece of ground where he might make a living without much work . Schurz,page 12.