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LINCOLN, ILL. MAR 24 1896

Miss Tarbell,

Dear Friend:- I mailed (registered) today the original Capps ambrotype, as per your request of the 19 th inst. Since mailing the same I have found a negative I have been looking for and thought to be lost. It is a picture of the old Postville tavern.

Yours truly,

W. O. Paisley

POSTVILLE TAVERN.

This building stood on Postville hill and across the road from the old Postville courthouse until five years ago at which time it was about to fall down and was removed to prevent a possible accident. The old tavern was one of the first buildings erected in the village which was the county seat of Logan County from 1839 to 1848. It was at this hostelry that Mr. Lincoln, and other attorneys who attended the Logan County court, found a stopping place during court time.

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OLD POSTVILLE COURT HOUSE.

The old Postville court house was erected at the time of the location of the county seat at thaht point in 1839. The building was used as a court house until Mt Pulaski became the county seat of Logan county in 1848. Since that time it has been used as a dwelling house. After the removal of the county offices, the village gradually declined and after the founding of the city of Lincoln in 1853 it was taken into its limits.

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The court house picture I send is a clearer one than the one I before to Mr. Davis for you so I send the duplicate.

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JABEZ CAPPS.

Jabez Capps was one of the friends of Mr. Lincoln who lived in Mt Pulaski , where the county seat of Logan County was located from 1848 to 1855 . During that time Mr. Lincoln was a regular attendant of the sessions of court held there , and was an intimate friend of "Uncle Jabez" who was the founder of the town.

Jabez Capps was born in London England on September 9, 1796, and died April 1,1896. Although he did not quite complete his century yet he saw one hundred returns of Christmas and New Years days. He came to this country as soon as he reached his majority, landing at Boston, from which place he went to New York and Philadelphia and soon afterwards went to Pittsburg, etc, crossing the mountains on foot. From there he went by flat boat to Louisville and after walking to StLouis he crossed to Illinois in1820. The village of Calhoun stood where Springfield now stands and there Mr. Capps opened the first school in Sangamon County. There he afterwards entered into mercantile life and became the owner of a considerable quantity of land, the ground on which Lincoln's monument stands being his property at that time.

In 1836 he moved to Logan county where he founded the town of MtPulaski at which place he afterwards lived and died.

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CAPP'S' PICTURE OF LINCOLN. first time published

This is a copy of a daguerreotype given to Jabez Capps of Mt Pulaski during the early part of the fifties. Mr. Capps, who was the founder of the village of Mt Pulaski in August 1836, was a close friend of Mr. Lincoln and who presented him with the above picture during the time when that place was the county seat of Logan County. This was from 1848 to 1855, but Mr. Capps (who is now in his one hundredth year) cannot recollect as to the date.

It was while attending court at this place that Mr. Lincoln first noticed that his eye sight was failing. It was his habit to read his law books when he had retired for the night and before arising in the morning . On one occasion while at Mt Pulaski he turned to his bedfellow after drawing the light up closer on the stand table, and said "Stuart, my eyes are failing me, see how I am pushing my book away from me."

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MT PULASKI COURT HOUSE.

This build ing was used as the Logan County court house from 1848 to 1855. From sketch made in 1873.

PICTURE OF JABEZ CAPPS.

Jabez Capps, who founded Mt Pulaski in 1836, was born September 9,1796. At the celebration of his 99th birthday last September seventy seven of his decendents were present.

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