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A FEW OF THE HUNDREDS OF TIMES BARTON HAS USED THE WORD "PROBABLY" IN HIS "PROOFS" OF STATEMENTS IN HIS LIFE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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BARTON'S "PROBABLY" PROOFS

"He probably owned a horse".."the inference is unmistakable"..

"in all probability there was a fiddle" Nancy might have

said"..Not improbable that the widow rode"..."Mary may have

been there"..."Not likely Aunt Elizabeth was absent".."Possibly

Aunt Polly and even Aunt Nancy were there.."

"But I have not been able to stop with these probabilities"

"I wonder if the woman who was called her aunt was there"

"Her name was probably Bathsheba Herring"

"It is more likely to have been Hannaniah Lincoln"

"As to the probable situation of the grave of 'Abraham Lincoln'Sr."

"It is rather more than probable that the brick building covers the remains"

"Hers was a son above 16 and under 21 who must have been Josiah"

"The progenitor of the President's family may have been Thomas Hancks"

"He may presume to have been the same"

"Their sons and daughters probably born in Richmond Co."

"They married about 1718-1714 - Katherine died about 1779"

"Joseph Hanks probably was there...he apparently collected a portion"

"It precisely meets the numerical requirements"

"Why did they leave Virginia? Nancy was born that year."

"Nancy must have shed tears alas not the first tears of her childhood."

"Perhaps 500 were related to Abraham Lincoln" .. in the Sparrow's nest.

"If they produce a shoe box ..there is a picture of Lincoln.. he is of their kin"

"Lucy was born in Virginia about 1765"

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"President Lincoln <u>believed</u> him to have been"

"Lucy <u>must</u> have continued to have lived in the home of her parents"

"<u>Whether</u> her parents turned her out or not we do not know"

"<u>Save</u> for the misbehaviour of Lucy..I am reluctant to tell about it"

"There is <u>no</u> record that the sheriff served the summons upon Lucy"

"By May Lucy <u>must</u> have appeared and been publicly branded with an unpleasant name"

"Here we have no orchestra to strike the cymbals or blow the bugles..Enter a Hero"

"I can <u>imagine</u> Henry's saying to Lucy"

"I can <u>imagine</u> that Lucy herself"

"I can <u>imagine</u> she deeply appreciated the knightly offer"

"After almost a year of probation in which we have <u>good reason</u> to believe"

"The <u>Sparrows</u> all know their gt.gt. grandfather married Lucy Hanks...but they never heard there was a scandal about it."

"She <u>apparently</u> died in 1825 <u>about</u> sixty"

"There is every <u>reason</u> to suppose Nancy lived with Joseph and Ann Hanks"

"By this time his mother <u>probably</u> was dead"

"It can hardly be <u>doubted</u> that it is the name of Ann Hanks the mother"

"It is <u>probable</u> that for a time Nancy lived with this aunt and uncle"

"It <u>appears</u> almost certain that she went"

"Now I <u>wonder</u> if I do not see two other guests"

"They are there during the ceremony I am <u>almost</u> sure of it."

"Yes they have good <u>right</u> to be present"

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"The songs Nancy probably sang.."He rode past fair Eleanor's abode, and he tingled at the ring".."Of the Romish Lady brought up in Popery"..Long religious ballads such as 'Wicked Polly'.. "when I am dead remember well your wicked Polly screams in Hell"

"You should have seen Nancy bake bread"

"Its site has been identified with reasonable certainty"

"The Lincolns may have had a small garden"

"While actual details are lacking we have no difficulty in supplying the essential facts"

"We know with reasonable accuracy"

"It is not probable that Nancy had a button to her back"

"One or two pins may have been used at the throat"

"She probably wore a horn comb..always slipping from its mooring and coming loose"

"It is not to be doubted for a moment that Henry and Lucy Sparrow"

"Let no one suppose that Nancy was overworked"

"If indeed the Knob Creek Cabin had such a floor"

"Abraham Lincoln may not have done that sort of thing"

"Both Lucy and Nancy kept these things and pondered them in their hearts (probably)

"Abraham Lincoln probably did not go many times to any one of them"

"Thomas and Nancy probably attended..church"

"Thomas and Nancy doubtless rode around to monthly preaching"

"Nancy almost as certainly had a local church membership"

"I am confident that the church home of the Lincolns was"

"There is a legend that he sang out of it with Ann Rutledge"

"We are not at liberty to suppose that Ann and Abraham sang 'Legacy'"

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"Lincoln may or may not have composed the parody"

"Aunt Sallie Saunders said
'The owner..turned mother out..It was John Hanamer.
He was the man who turned mother out' (Aunt Sally over 80
years old)"

"Thomas Lincoln stood awkwardly beside the bed of Nancy" (probably)

"Nancy might have said of her"

"Abraham Lincoln played 'Muggins' (probably) and beheld his face
streaked in black in most ingenious patterns."

"The probable origin of the phrase 'government of the people by
the people for the people' as used by Lincoln was a sermon by
Theodore Parker.."

"It has been conjectured that Lincoln inserted the words 'under
God' at the suggestion of Seward."

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