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Mrs. Mary Crawford Adams lives on the old farm where her parents, Mr & Mrs Josiah Crawford dwelt when Abraham & Sally Lincoln worked for them. When Abraham Lincoln became famous & his wonderful feats at rail-splitting became a mimic feature in every campaign procession, people applied to Mr. Crawford for the rails which the hero of the hour had split when young. Mr. Crawford searched over his farm for the rails that had been used in building the corn crib. These rails had been notched at the ends, or saddle-shaped so that they would fit firmly & strong; & these alone was he sure Abe Lincoln had made. After a most diligent search, Mr Crawford was rewarded by finding about twenty rails. Before parting with the rails he had canes made for his children.

A chair, which is still in Mr. Joseph Gentry's possession, was made from other rails & these articles are all the remains I could find of Abraham Lincoln's rail-splitting in Spencer Co. Ind.

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