

Lincoln's Visit to His Step-Mother.

From the "State Journal", Thursday, Jan. 31, 1861:

"Mr. Lincoln left town yesterday morning by the Great Western road for the purpose of making a visit to his step-mother, who resides near Charleston, in Coles County. He expects to return on Friday evening's train."

From the "State Journal", Saturday, Feb. 2, 1861:

"Mr. Lincoln returned from Coles County yesterday morning. He reached Charleston on Wednesday evening, and spending the night at Senator Marshall's rode out the next morning six miles in the country to the residence of his step-mother, where he remained the rest of the day. While there he paid a visit to the grave of his father. In the evening he rode back to town in company with his aged relative, and at the urgent request of the citizens of the place held an impromptu reception at one of the public halls. A very large number of ladies and gentlemen took advantage of the opportunity to shake him by the hand. Though called upon, Mr. Lincoln declined making any remarks shadowing forth his views of the present state of the country or the policy of the incoming administration. His visit was pleasant, and in every way most satisfactory."

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