

Insert after description of Mrs Lincoln's funeral sermon.

The place where Mrs. Nancy Hanks Lincoln rests can scarcely be called a cemetery as there are but few graves beside hers on the hill.

Yet inside the iron enclosure is another body laid to rest & until judgment day it will not be positively known under which mound lies the mother of Abraham Lincoln.

Mrs. Broomer a neighbor, was very sick & Mrs. Lincoln called to see her. The sick woman was very despondent & said: "Mrs. Lincoln I am going to die. You will not see me again while living." "Tut tut, you must not say that. Why you will live longer than I, so cheer up" answered Mrs. Lincoln.

Then after a few parting words Mrs. Lincoln went home. The next day she was very ill & in two weeks she died. Mr. Thomas Lincoln made her coffin from green timber: this took two days; then the neighbors bore her to her narrow home on the hill.

A few days afterwards Mrs. Broomer died & they who were such good friends were buried side by side. When the tombstone was

placed at Mrs Lincoln's grave no one could state positively which was Mrs Brooner's grave & which Mrs Lincoln's.

Mr. Allen Brooner gave his opinion & the stone was placed, but the iron fence incloses both graves. // The U. S. government owns one-half acre of land on the hill - this is simple justice.

Mr Allen Brooner became a minister of the United Brethern church & he moved to Ill. & received his mail at New Salem when Abraham Lincoln was the postmaster at that place. //

Mr. Brooner is also authority for the story that is told about "Abc" walking six miles before breakfast to make right a five cents mistake he made the day before in a trade with a woman. // "Then the Lincolns were getting ready to leave Ind. & move to Ill. Abraham & his step brother, John Johnson came over to our house to swap a horse for a yoke of oxen. "Abc" was always a quiet fellow. John did all the talking & seemed to be the smartest of the two. If anyone had been asked that day which would make the greatest success in life I think the answer would have been John, But Abc, God bless him, went up to the president's chair, & John drank himself to death." Mr. Brooner was

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ill - he was just recovering from a stroke of paralysis
when I asked if he would allow me to take his
photograph ^{his answer was} "If it will add one bit of
interest to the article on Abraham Lincoln I would
let my picture be taken if I were ten times as sick.
And ^{if} I can do to honor Abraham Lincoln I am
not only ready, but glad to do."

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