

(Note for Lincoln & Herndon law card)

Lincoln & Herndon's Professional Card.

Lincoln and Herndon became partners sometime during the fall of 1844. The precise date is not known. ~~They first~~ The firm's name first appears in the court records in October of that year. Mr. Herndon was not admitted to the bar until Dec. 9, 1844. But it was not an uncommon thing in the early days for impatient lawyers to begin practicing sometime in advance of securing a license from the Supreme Court. There was not a very strict observance of the law governing the admission and enrollment of attorneys. Lincoln's first partner, Maj. John T. Stuart, who was admitted in Kentucky, and who began practicing in Illinois in 1828, was ~~not~~ ^{not} formally licensed in the latter state, and did not get his name on the roll of attorneys until Feb. 10, 1844, when he was "enrolled by order of the court."--J. McCan Davis.