

(Note for picture)

Mrs. Simeon Francis.

From a photograph owned by Mrs. H. R. Taylor, Springfield, Ill.

Mrs. Simeon Francis, wife of the editor of the "Illinois Journal", is said to have brought about the reconciliation between Lincoln and Mary Todd after their estrangement in 1841. Her maiden name was Eliza Rumsey. She was married to Mr. Francis at New London, Conn., before ~~leaving~~ going to Illinois in 1851. She died at Portland, Oregon, May 2, 1898, over ninety years of age.