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SARAH LINCOLN.

Last Resting Place of Abraham Lincoln's Father and Stepmother.

IN THE GORDON CEMETERY.

The Thomas Lincoln Monument and the Poem Which Caused Its Erection.

THE LINCOLN HOMESTEAD.

At the Shiloh church, half way between the quiet country towns of Farmington and Janesville, in the southern part of Coles county, Ill., is a beautifully situated country burying ground known as the Gordon Cemetery, says a Greenup (Ill.) letter to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Here, among the modest headstones that mark the graves of other pioneers, towers the marble shaft of one who, while living, was reckoned no better or greater than the neighbors, yet, now that time is still adding luster to the fame of his great son, the name of Thomas Lincoln and all that pertains to his life, his death and place of burial is coming into historic prominence. The graveyard is a pleasant drive from Mattoon, Charleston or Greenup, and many visit it during the summer months, but as the grave is overgrown with weeds and no flowers



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are near, it would seem that the visitors are attracted more through curiosity to do honor to the dead.

grave of Thomas Lincoln was marked from the time of his death in 1820. After Abraham Lincoln became President he visited

... his characteristic way that he "guessed not," but her fears were realized. She died in 1869, and such was her fame that the whole surrounding country joined in the funeral procession. No stone marks her last resting place.



THE THOMAS LINCOLN MONUMENT.

Two miles southeast of the graveyard is the old Lincoln farm on Goose Nest prairie—so named in early days because the woods surround it in the form of a goose nest—to which Thomas Lincoln moved from Macon county, the only move he ever made after coming to Illinois. Abraham Lincoln helped build the old log cabin here, but never lived with his parents in it, having started in life for himself just at this time, but it was on this memorable ground that his father and step-mother spent their last days. John Hall, a landmark in the country's history, and a good type of the new almost extinct Illinois pioneer, owns this farm and makes his home here. His mother was a step-sister of Abraham Lincoln, and they rode in the wagon that brought the Lincoln family from Spencer county, Ind., to Illinois, in 1830, when he was but a year old, the future President driving the ox team that hauled them. After the death of Thomas Lincoln Mr. Hall bought the place of John D. Johnston, Lincoln's step-brother, and has held it since, Grandmother Lincoln making her home with him until her death. Mr. Hall is doubly kin to the martyred President, being a step-nephew on his mother's side and a second cousin on his father's, his mother, nee Matilda Johnston, having been a daughter of Thomas Lincoln's second wife by her first husband, Daniel Johnston, and his father, Squire Hall, a son of Elizabeth Hanks, sister of Nancy Hanks, Abraham Lincoln's mother. Mr. Hall has eight broth-

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