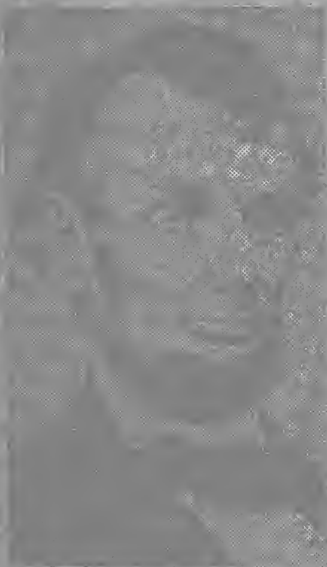


The Thomas Lincoln Mill Creek Farm
(THE MALL-LINCOLN SUBDIVISION)



The only farm President Lincoln's father ever owned in
Kentucky and had a clear title.

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Thomas Lincoln, the father of the Sixteenth President of the United States purchased this plot of land from Dr. John F. Slater on September 2, 1803. The original farm consisted of approximately 258 acres. The purchase price was the sum of one hundred and eighteen pounds. The original deed indicates that on this land there were numerous buildings and conveniences. The Washington Subdivision is of particular interest because the portion of the original Lincoln farm contains the old town site.

This was Thomas Lincoln's first Kentucky farm and he resided on this Mill Creek land with his mother and other relatives for a period of time before his marriage to Nancy Hanks. When the President's father died in Nancy Hanks on June 12, 1806, in Washington County, Kentucky, he immediately returned to Harrodsburg with his bride. It is believed the couple may have stayed at the Mill Creek place until he could build a home in Elizabethtown, the county seat.

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and that one-seventh of his total acreage and eighteen dollars of his original investment.

It is hard to imagine Abraham Lincoln ever visit this Mill Creek farm. It would seem probable that Thomas Lincoln and his wife's daughter, and small son residing on Knob Hill (now Larue County) would occasionally travel down Mill Creek to visit the childrens paternal grandparents, Bathsheba's Lincoln and their aunt and uncle, James and Wilson Brumfield, who lived on the farm until 1814.

Perhaps young Abraham traveled through the Mill Creek region of Hardin County late in the year 1816 when his father, Thomas migrated to Indiana. Surely while the caravan must have stopped and inquired of James, Bathsheba and his wife Sibba, of the extent of the travels of old friends, of the weather and Indiana.

It is hard to believe from their direct route to Indiana the Lincoln's would travel on a distance of about five hundred miles to visit the Brumfield farm, where Bathsheba and the Brumfields resided. Then the caravan would have to go to Indiana where Thomas would do some more business and where young Abraham would tread the soil of the future.

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The fact that Thomas Lincoln bought land on Mill Creek in Hardin County is well affirmed by the county records. While purchase does not necessarily imply occupancy, it has been accepted generally that Thomas resided there with his mother, sister and brother-in-law from 1803 to 1806. Now we are able, by the use of business records which are in this case just as authentic as the county records, to confirm the supposition that Thomas Lincoln actually worked his Mill Creek farm.

Bleakley and Montgomery, leading merchants of Elizabethtown, kept some day books which have been preserved and under the date of February 12, 1806, we find that Thomas Lincoln sold to this store 100 pounds of pork and 494 pounds of beef, for which he received a credit of 21 pounds, 14 shillings and 14 pence. The entry in the ledger clearly indicates that Lincoln was operating a farm with sufficient pasturage and timber for cattle and hogs.

Inasmuch as there lived on this place for a period of time, the father, grandmother and great-grandfather of Abraham Lincoln, one of the world's outstanding leaders, it seems proper to call attention to the historical significance of the place.

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