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DIRECTORY OF NEW SALEM AND ENVIRONS

The very commendable program which the state of Illinois has been pursuing with respect to the reconstruction of New Salem has created a nation-wide interest in this community where Abraham Lincoln lived from 1831 to 1837. Replica's of most of the buildings have been erected and the furnishings of many of the original cabins have been reclaimed.

With the material surroundings of the town now recreated, the personnel of the community becomes more significant. This directory of New Salem and environs is in no wise complete, but it does attempt to list most of the people with whom Lincoln frequently came in contact and who in some way or other influenced his life.

- Abell, Dr. Bennett—An early New Salem physician.
- Abell, Owens (Mrs. Bennett)—Sister of Mary Owens with whom Lincoln kept company.
- Allen, Dr. John—Temperance advocate who influenced Lincoln.
- Allen, Col. Robert—A brother of Dr. John Allen.
- Alley, Nelson—Operated Rutledge Tavern from 1832 to 1834.
- Armstrong, Hannah—Wife of "Jack" Armstrong and mother of "Duff" Armstrong.
- Armstrong, John ("Jack")—Wrestled with Lincoln.
- Bale, Hardin—Son of Jacob who operated ferry.
- Bale, Jacob—Purchased mill in 1832 which Offut had operated and where Lincoln had worked.
- Berry, Rev. John M.—An early religious leader of New Salem and father of William F. Berry.
- Berry, William F.—Lincoln's business partner in New Salem during 1832 and 1833.
- Burner, Isaac—Resident of New Salem as early as 1832.
- Camron, John M.—Joint founder of New Salem with James Rutledge.
- Camron, Polly Orndorff (Mrs. John M.)—Lincoln boarded with these Camrons in 1831.
- Chrisman, Isaac—Storekeeper, postmaster at New Salem in 1831.
- Chrisman, St. Clair—Brother of Isaac.
- Clark, Henry—Had a fight with Ben Wilcox in which Lincoln was his "second".
- Clark, Charles J. F.—A cobbler and cabinet maker near New Salem.
- Clary, William ("Bill")—Operated grocery and ferry.
- Duncan, Dr. Jason—Resident of New Salem for short time.
- Ellis, Abner Y.—A New Salem merchant for whom Lincoln clerked.
- Ferguson, Alexander—The village cobbler.
- Ferguson, John—Brother of the cobbler and ferry keeper.
- Godbey, Russell—Lincoln made his first survey for Godbey.
- Gulihier, Isaac—A New Salem resident who served with Lincoln in the Black Hawk War.
- Graham, Mentor—Assisted Lincoln in education.
- Green, Bowling—Justice of Peace and political leader. Half brother of "Jack" Armstrong.
- Green, Nancy Potter (Mrs. Bowling)—Befriended Lincoln during New Salem residence.
- Greene, Felix—On his farm was located the first school near New Salem.
- Greene, Lynn M.—Brother of William.
- Greene, William G., Jr.—Owned store purchased by Lincoln & Berry.
- Herndon, James—Cousin of William Herndon. Opened store in partnership with brother J. Rowan Herndon.
- Herndon, J. Rowan—Sold store partnership to Lincoln.
- Hill, Parthena Nance (Mrs. Samuel)
- Hill, Samuel—Storekeeper and postmaster at New Salem. Partner of McNeil.
- Johnson, Robert—New Salem's wheelright and cabinet maker.
- Johnson, Mrs. Robert—Wife of the wheelright and a religious devotee.
- Kelso, John (Jack)—The village philosopher who contributed to Lincoln's interest in literature.
- Kelso, Mrs. John (Jack)—Lincoln boarded with her for a short time.
- Keltner, Michael—Operated the Rutledge tavern about 1834.
- Lukins, Gregory—Brother of Peter.
- Lukins, Peter—New Salem cobbler who later founded Petersburg.
- McHenry, Henry—A Clary's Grove friend of Lincoln who married Nancy Armstrong, sister of "Jack."
- McNabb, Babb—A New Salem roustabout given to cock fighting.
- McNeely, Robert—Early settler, brother of William.
- McNeely, William—A brick layer and plasterer.
- MacNamar, (McNeil), John—Partner of Hill and engaged to Ann Rutledge.
- Marsh, Matthew—Wrote letter franked by Lincoln.
- Miller, Joshua—Blacksmith and wagon maker of New Salem.
- Morris, Philemon—Early New Salem tanner.
- Offut, Denton—Owner of mill and store where Lincoln clerked.
- Onstott, Henry—The New Salem cooper.
- Onstott, Susan Smick (Mrs. Henry)—With her husband operated the Rutledge Tavern with Lincoln as a boarder.
- Pantier, James—Eccentric religious critic of community.
- Potter Edward (Ned)—Owner of a famous maple grove.
- Potter, Mrs. Edward—Maker of maple sugar.
- Radford, Reuben—Sold his grocery stock to Lincoln and Berry.
- Reavis, Charles—Punished by Lincoln for swearing in the presence of ladies.
- Regnier, Dr. Francis—Physician in early New Salem days, then moved to Clary's Grove.
- Richardson, Allen—An owner of the New Salem ferry while Lincoln lived in the town.
- Rutledge, Ann—Lincoln's New Salem sweetheart.
- Rutledge, David—Ann's brother. Lincoln his surety on bond in 1833.
- Rutledge, James—Founder of New Salem. Proprietor of Rutledge Tavern. Father of Ann.
- Rutledge, James McGrady—Cousin of Ann. Helped build dam at New Salem.
- Rutledge, Mary Ann Miller (Mrs. James)—Mother of Ann.
- Short, James—Bid in Lincoln's surveying instruments.
- Sinco, Henry—Saloon keeper of New Salem and constable.
- Smoot, Coleman—Loaned Lincoln money to buy clothes.
- Spears, George—Asked Lincoln for receipt for postage on paper.
- Taylor, John—Engaged Lincoln to survey town of Petersburg.
- Trent, Alexander—Purchased Lincoln-Berry store.
- Trent, Martin S.—Joined with brother in purchase of Lincoln-Berry store.
- Vance, John C.—Loaned Kirkham's grammar to Lincoln.
- Waddell, Martin—Maker of hats and caps in New Salem.
- Warburton, George—Put up second store building at New Salem.
- Watkins, Thomas—Sold Lincoln a horse on credit.
- Whary, David—Early settler of New Salem.