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## LINCOLN'S ASSOCIATES IN THE BLACK HAWK WAR

(Continued)

There are few periods in Lincoln's life which have been so open to controversy as the weeks which Lincoln spent in the Black Hawk War. This fact has been especially true with respect to the identity of the companies with which he was associated. This copy of *Lincoln Lore*, continuing the number of last week, attempts to clarify some of these difficulties.

It would appear from the official reports that Lincoln served in Capt. White's company from May 26 to June 15, but the fact is he served but one day. The day after he enlisted in White's company he evidently withdrew and joined the company of Captain Elijah Iles, as his time of service here begins on May 27 and continues to June 16. It is quite evident that he could not have been serving in two companies at the same time.

### CAPT. ELIJAH ILES' COMPANY

Called into service by the Governor of Illinois and served from May 27 to June 16, 1832.

Name and Rank	Residence
<b>Lieutenant Colonel</b>	
Henry, James D.	Sangamon Co.
<b>Captain</b>	
Iles, Elijah	Sangamon Co.
<b>First Lieutenant</b>	
Harrison, Jesse W.	Sangamon Co.
<b>Second Lieutenant</b>	
Roberts, Henry B.	Sangamon Co.
<b>Sergeants</b>	
Burch, Benjamin	Sangamon Co.
Glasscock, George W.	Sangamon Co.
Malugen, Zachariah	Sangamon Co.
Ward, James A.	Sangamon Co.
<b>Corporals</b>	
Darrow, Jesse	Sangamon Co.
Diamond, G. W.	Fayette Co.
Foster, G. W.	Sangamon Co.
Trent, Alexander F.	Sangamon Co.
<b>Adjutant</b>	
Oliphant, E. P.	Sangamon Co.
<b>Privates</b>	
Alley, James	Fayette Co.
Archer, Michael	Sangamon Co.
Bell, A. W.	Macon Co.
Brannan, John	Sangamon Co.
Brents, Moses	Sangamon Co.
Churchill, Lewis	Sangamon Co.
Cole, Elbridge	Fayette Co.
Coventry, John	Fayette Co.
Crow, William	Sangamon Co.
Deweese, Samuel B.	Macon Co.
Dickinson, David	Sangamon Co.
Earley, Jacob M.	Sangamon Co.
Bey, Jacob E.	Sangamon Co.
Esters, Asta	Sangamon Co.

Garret, Joseph F.	Sangamon Co.
Gateley, John J.	Sangamon Co.
Ginger, Miles	Fayette Co.
Grafft, John	Jo Davies Co.
Hankins, John	Fayette Co.
Hanks, Joseph	Macon Co.
Harrington, John	Fayette Co.
Hickerson, G. W.	Fayette Co.
Johnson, Henry	Fayette Co.
Kendall, John J.	Sangamon Co.
Keys, John	Sangamon Co.
Kirkpatrick, John	Sangamon Co.
Kirkpatrick, William	Sangamon Co.
Lane, Jacob	Macon Co.
Letcher, John	No county
Lincoln, Abraham	Sangamon Co.
Long, Thomas	Sangamon Co.
McAlister, Wm.	Sangamon Co.
McAlister, John	Sangamon Co.
McCoy, Joseph	Sangamon Co.
McJenkins, Hugh	Tazewell Co.
Malugen, Samuel	Sangamon Co.
Manley, John	Macon Co.
Mason, Noah	Sangamon Co.
Matheny, Lorenzo D.	Sangamon Co.
Morris, Achilles	Sangamon Co.
Neale, Winston M.	Sangamon Co.
O'Neil, Samuel	Sangamon Co.
Patterson, Joseph	Fayette Co.
Paul, John	Tazewell Co.
Pickerell, William S.	Sangamon Co.
Pierce, Thomas	Sangamon Co.
Potts, William L.	Sangamon Co.
Querry, James	Macon Co.
Reid, James F.	Sangamon Co.
Rusk, Benjamin	Sangamon Co.
Rutledge, James	Morgan Co.
Rutledge, John B.	Sangamon Co.
Saunders, Presley A.	Sangamon Co.
Shirley, John	Fayette Co.
Stuart, John T.	Sangamon Co.
Taulgee, Isaac	Fayette Co.
Ward, James M.	Sangamon Co.
Welch, Jefferson	Sangamon Co.
Wright, John D.	Macon Co.

There has been much speculation as to the acreage and location of the land which Lincoln received for his Black Hawk War service. An article prepared by Dr. H. E. Pratt on the administration of Abraham Lincoln's estate reveals that the inventory listed "forty acres in Tama County, Iowa, acquired in 1854 under an Act of Congress of 1850 providing bounties to participants in the Black Hawk War" also "patent to 120 acres more for services in the same war was issued to him in 1860. This land Lincoln located in Crawford County, Iowa, six miles northwest of Denison, the county seat."

A document referring to the last tract is herewith submitted.

"The United States Of America.  
"To All Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

"Whereas, In pursuance of the Act of Congress, approved March 3, 1855, entitled An Act, in addition to certain Acts, Granting Bounty Land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military services of the United States, There has been deposited in the General Land Office, Warrant No. 68645, for 120 acres of land in favor of Abraham Lincoln, Captain Illinois Militia, Black Hawk War, with evidence that the same has been duly located upon the east half of the northeast quarter, and northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section eighteen, in Township eighty-four, north of Range thirty-nine west, in the district of Lands subject to sale at Council Bluffs, Iowa, containing one hundred and twenty-acres, according to the official plat of the survey of the said land returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General, the said tract having been located by the said Abraham Lincoln . . ."

"In Testimony, whereof, I, James Buchanan, President of the United States of America, have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the seal of the General Land Office to be hereto affixed.

"(Seal)

"Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the tenth day of September, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-fifth.

"By the President: James Buchanan.

"By J. B. Leonard, Sec.

"G. W. Granger, Recorder of the General Land Office.

"Recorded vol. 468, page 53."

How closely Lincoln was associated with Zachary Taylor, Jefferson Davis, and Robert Anderson while he was serving in the Black Hawk War is a question which has often been discussed. With reference to the contact between Lincoln and Anderson, Lincoln, himself, had made testimony that it was Anderson as a young lieutenant who mustered him into service.

Mrs. Davis, in her memoir of her husband, states that Jefferson Davis as a young lieutenant, administered the oath to Lincoln when he enlisted. This statement is not so well confirmed but it does seem that if Lincoln would remember Anderson he would not forget Jefferson Davis. While it is known that Lieutenant Jefferson Davis did administer the oath to some recruits, it apparently lacks confirmation that Lincoln was one of them.