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Madison, Wisconsin,
June 14th, 1865.

Mr. Jos. H. Bennett -

My Dear Sir:

I notice by the papers,
& also learn in correspondence
with Wm. H. Moore of Cin.; with
whom I have made some
publishing arrangements,
that Mr. Moore's house is
soon to issue a work by
you on President Lincoln.

In looking over to-day
some of Col. Dan. Boone's
old Md. Field notes & memo-
-randa of surveys of land
in Kentucky, I made
this discovery - which may,
possibly, interest you - viz:

"Abm. Linkhorn enters
500 acres of land on a T. W.

[Heasany Warrant] No. 5994, begin-
ning opposite Gaucy's upper
line on the south side of the
river, running south 200
poles, thence up the river
for quantity.

Copy. J. Marshall, S."

This has no date — the prece-
-ding entry is Charles Gaucy,
"on the north side of Licking"
— no date. In one ^{next} preceding
Gaucy's is dated Aug. 16th 1784 —
the first entry succeeding
Lincoln's, is one for Danl.
Boone for 300 acres "on
main Licking creek, on the
northside," & dated Aug. 16, 1784.

This will show the date.
"Linkhorn" means Lincoln
— for in the index (neither the
entry nor index is in Boone's writing)
it is plainly written in full — "the
- ham Lincoln" — I doubt not,

the President's ancestors.
The Heasany warrant, was,
of course a Virginia warrant
or Col. Th^s. Marshall (father
of the Chief Justice) Surveyor
of Fayette County, under V.A.
appointment could not
have made the entry.

Col. Boone at this period
was a deputy surveyor under
Col. Marshall, he evidently
made the survey — else
I cannot see why ^{this} ~~any~~ entry
was made in his book of
surveys. This book, & other
MS papers of Col. Dr. Boone's,
were given me in 1857 by
Col. Nathan Boone, ^{of Mo.} whom I vis-
-ited to obtain materials for
a work on his father.

I may add, that I once
met an old Revolutionary sol-
-dier — over 20 years ago, on

the borders of Mississippi
Tennessee, in speaking
of Gen. Benjamin Lincoln, who
commanded in the battle in
1780, under whom he then
served, said that the soldiers
always pronounced his
name "Linkhorn"

All this yarn may
be of no special interest
to you - yet thinking it might
possibly serve you some
historical purpose, if not
too late, I thought I wd.
send it.

Very truly yours,
Sylvanus Draper.

Madison, Wisⁿ

June 15th 1865.

Hon. Jos. A. Barnett -

My Dear Sir:

I wrote you yesterday
ab. an early land entry & sur-
vey on Licking river, Ky,
in behalf of Ab^m Lincoln,
the ancestor of Pres^t Lincoln.
I mentioned the peculiarity
of the ^{writing} ~~spelling~~, of the name,
& that though recorded in
a field book of surveys by Dan^t
Boone, as Deputy Surveyor under
Col. M^s Marshall, Surveyor of
Hayette Co, Kentucky - then
Va., yet the record was not
in Col. Boone's hand writing.
I notice this morning the
same entry in the same
book, on a subsequent page,

in Col. Boone's chirography
verbatim et literatim as
follows:

"Abraham Lincoln enters
500 acres of Land on a
treasury warrant No. 5994
beginning opposite Charles
Yancey's upper line on the
South side of the River
running South 200 poles then
up the River for quantity
11th December 1782"

The mis-spelled words
"upper" - "running" & "December"
I copy as I find them.

The date at the close is
the time of entry; the
survey was made by Boone
doubtless as indicated
in my yesterday's note,
Aug. 16, 1784.

I know this is a small
matter - yet knowing

the difficulty - nay, al-
-most impossibility of
obtaining reliable infor-
-mation of matters
eighty odd years ago,
I thought I wd. send
you the isolated fact,
however trivial it
might appear to others.

Very truly yours,

Syrnan C. Draper

P.S. - I find upon a careful
re-examination of the
Boone field book that I
am mistaken in saying
yesterday in my present
note that the preceding
succeeding ^{land} entry to
that of "Abn. Lin Khorn"
were surveyed Aug. 16, 1784
— that was the date
of entry: there is nothing

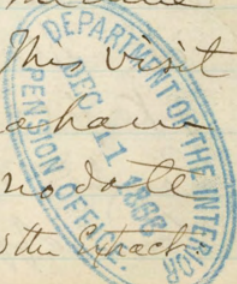
then certain as to the
date of survey of Lincoln's
Entry - it was, however,
most likely in 1783 or 1784,
as Boone was much en-
-gaged during those years
surveying on the Pickins
& Kentucky rivers.
A.C.D.

A.C. Butler
June 14, 1865.

Pheasant Branch, Dan Co. Wis.
Dec. 7th 1866.

Hon. Jos. H. Bennett -
My Dear Sir:

Rev. John D. Shane, late of Cincinnati
now deceased, made many MS.
historical collections - among
them, the following memoranda
respecting the captivity of Abra-
-ham Lincoln, near Fisher's
Station, within a mile (I think
about ~~rather~~ east) of the present
Danville, Boyle County, Ky. I give
the memorandum entire, &
precisely as Mr. Shane noted
it down from the lips of the
aged Mrs. Sarah Graham,
of Bath Co. Ky - who was, nine
years old & part, when the occur-
-rence took place, & residing
with her parents at the time
in Fisher's Station: This visit
of Mr. Shane to Mrs. Graham
was not far from 1845 - no date
is given in the notes. Now the extract



Abraham Sinkhorn, two or three weeks before the Blue Lick battle, had started one Monday morning to go in to Virginia. Had been out to look at the country, and make ready to remove his family. After he had started, he turned back to get something at Danville; [then, I think, Crow's Station - for the name Danville was not given to the place till several years after - H.D.] and saw five Indians. He ran & they took after him & caught him. He said they were spies. If he hadn't run, they wouldn't have troubled him; but when he ran, they knew he had seen them, & called him a d—d fool for it. Made him run the gauntlet & kept him ^{about} 18 months. [The Indians] laughed heartily after they had gotten him off at those little devils they

had seen run from the sink-hole the day before. We were forbidden to wander off from the Station [Fisher's], but on the day before this, one Sunday, a parcel of us had gone off to gather wild cherries and paw-paws, & then came to this sink-hole, where was a spring, ^{in it}, to drink. The boys saw the ^{Indians} tracks in the edge of the pond [near the sink-hole, Infer-H.D.], and told us to fly for our lives; that the Indians (who were in the cave at that time) were in the sink. The boys were soon out of sight, and I was left the last behind, and had to guess my way home. When I came in, I could hear them - they were all talking about it. But it was Sabbath, & I never let on, or told a word of it; my parents would have read me such a lecture, I would have wished myself

Some where else. Spy Indians,
were about every year."

Such is the entire memorandum
of this case. As the Blue Dick battle
was Aug. 19th 1782, this capture of Ab.^m
Lincoln must have been the last of
July or early in August - probably in
August - hence that, it seems to me, wd
be rather early for paw-paw - maybe not.
He is called Linkhorn. I once met
an old Revolutionary soldier - in 1841 or '42,
on the borders of Tennessee & Missis-
sippi, who had served under Gen.
Beigh Lincoln at Saco and Charleston
in 1779-80, the invariably spoke
of him as Gen. Linkhorn. That
seems to have been a Southern
pronunciation.

It is most likely Lincoln was
captured by the Shawanoes, as they
were most active in their warfare
against the Kentucky people.

I am thankful for yr. kind promise
to try to furnish me with copies of all
papers in the Pension Office relating to Gen.
E. B. Clark - first sending a list to avoid du-
=pli cating abt. I say already have.

I wd. have written you before, but have
been at Toledo attending my aged father in his
last sickness. - Very truly yours,
Eugene C. Draper.

Lynman ~~Draper~~ Draper.

Pheasant Branch,

Dane Co: Wisⁿ, May 24th 67.

Hon. Jos. H. Bennett,

My Dear Sir:

Your kind favor of
the 1st ult^o. I duly rec^d., & have
to thank you for it. I have no
doubt of your sincere good wishes
in my behalf, & of your earnest
desire to aid me, for the furtherance
of my historical aims & purposes,
in securing a clerkship in your
Bureau. You mention that
Wisconsin is in excess of its quota
of clerks - of that fact Ex-Ev. Camp-
bell, late M.C. from Tenn^t, who
wrote me that he had called
on both you & Secretary Browning,
was fully aware - He aviate that

Difficulty, & at Mr. Brannin's suggestion,
wrote & filed with him his
recommendation of me,
& his consent that I should
be charged to Tennessee,
a State wh. had few or no
clerks in the Department.

While since I wrote to
Senator Doolittle about the
matter - he sent me a
strong endorsement ad-
dressed to Secretary Brann-
in; but I have not
forwarded it - I have no
intention of doing so.

I have concluded that it
is not best for me to seek
the position - the difficulties
in the way of getting a place
have had their influence

with me - & another reason, my
health is not firm, & to go
regularly into the working harness
would probably tend still
more to break me down. I must
nurse myself as well as I
can for work & usefulness.

I now think of making a
jaunt in Ill., Iowa, Missouri,
Kansas, & perhaps Kentucky, in
the latter part of summer &
Autumn for health & history;
& if possible, you remain in
your present position, next
year to visit Washington,
see what I can find, with yr
permission, in the Pension Bureau
appropriate to my purposes.

A few weeks since I
sent you by mail, two

Lets, of our Wis. Hist. Society
Reports & Collections, & hope
they reached you safely. My
wish was, that you should
do with them as you may wish
— retaining one set, at least,
for yourself. I am now
preparing & editing Part 1, of Vol. 5th
of our Society's Collections, for early
publication — will bear in mind
send you a couple, or more
if you desire them.

In haste — Very truly yours,
Sydney (Draper)