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REV. JESSE HEAD, INCLUDING THAT OF
THOMAS LINCOLN AND NANCY HANKS
JUNE 12, 1806

Jesse Head returned as delinquent, is cleared
of Minister Role He having a Licence to preach
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Page 62. May 25, 1798.

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March 20th 1803 ~~Joined~~ Lewis Dudley & Elizabeth Gilly
April 8th 1803 Hugh McRobb & Elizabeth Waller
June 2nd 1803 Daniel Hetten & Elizabeth Sibert
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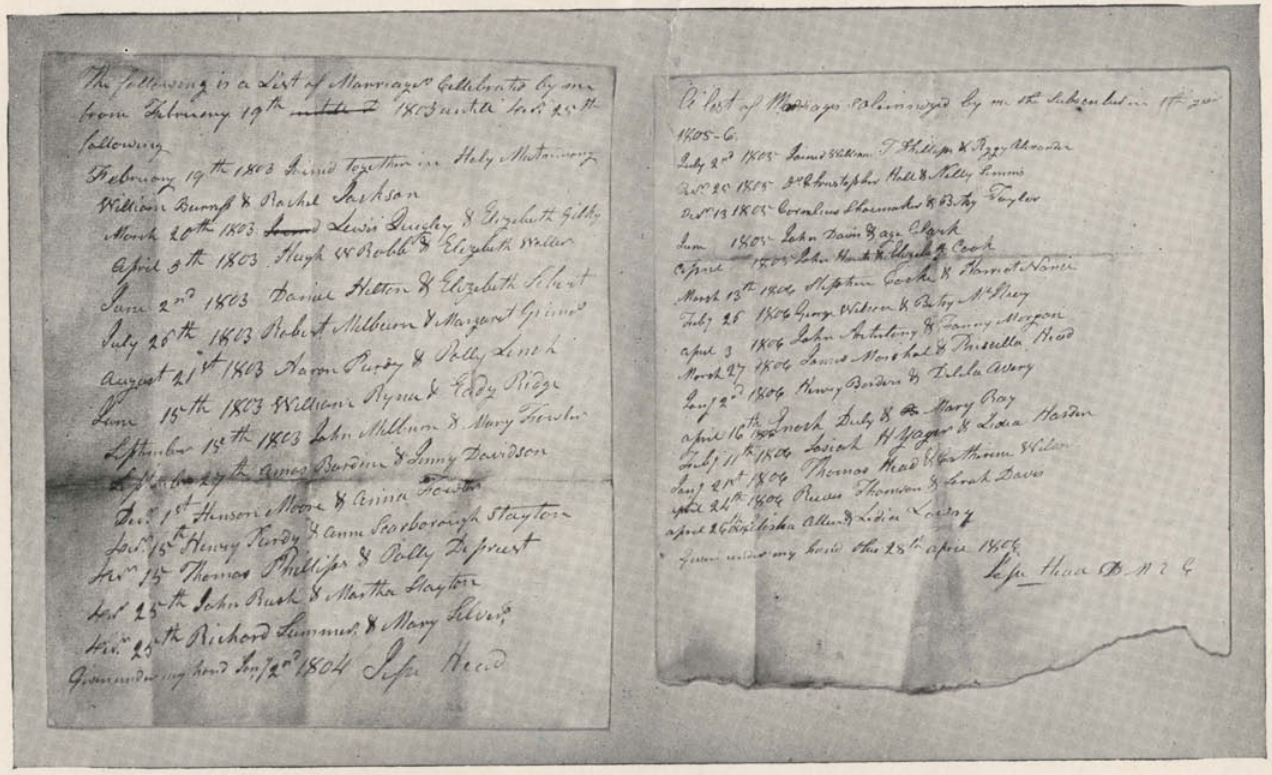

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MARRIAGE RETURNS OF REVEREND JESSE HEAD

Immediately preceding and following that in which the Lincoln marriage is recorded

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I do hereby certify that by authority of Licence
I red from the Clerks Office of Washington Co I
have solemnized the Rites of Matrimony between
Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks, June
12th 1806 A D. agreeable to the Rites and ceremonies
of the Methodist Episcopal Church witness
my hand

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MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE OF THOMAS LINCOLN AND NANCY HANKS.

From the original in the possession of Henry Whitney Cleveland of Louisville, Kentucky.

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Edited by Ida M. Tarbell.

EDITORIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

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