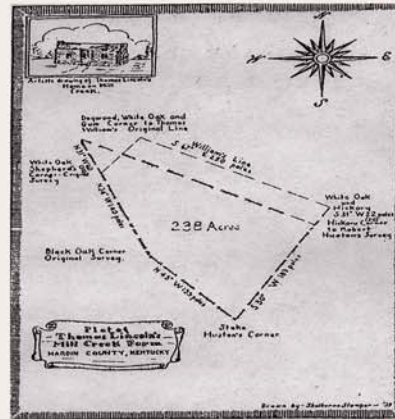


The Mill Creek Homestead

Thomas Lincoln Purchases First Farm

In 1803, Thomas Lincoln purchased a farm of 238 acres on Mill Creek. He paid 118 English Pounds cash, about \$575 in American Dollars, a considerable sum for that time. The farm included a dwelling, several outbuildings and an abundant water source.

Thomas Lincoln retained interest in this farm from 1803 to 1814. When he negotiated for the sale of the property to Charles Melton, a flaw was found in the deed. The survey, as recorded in Lincoln's deed, would not close. The property's sale in 1814 could guarantee only 200 acres in the deeded survey. A loss of 18 pounds was suffered in the transaction.

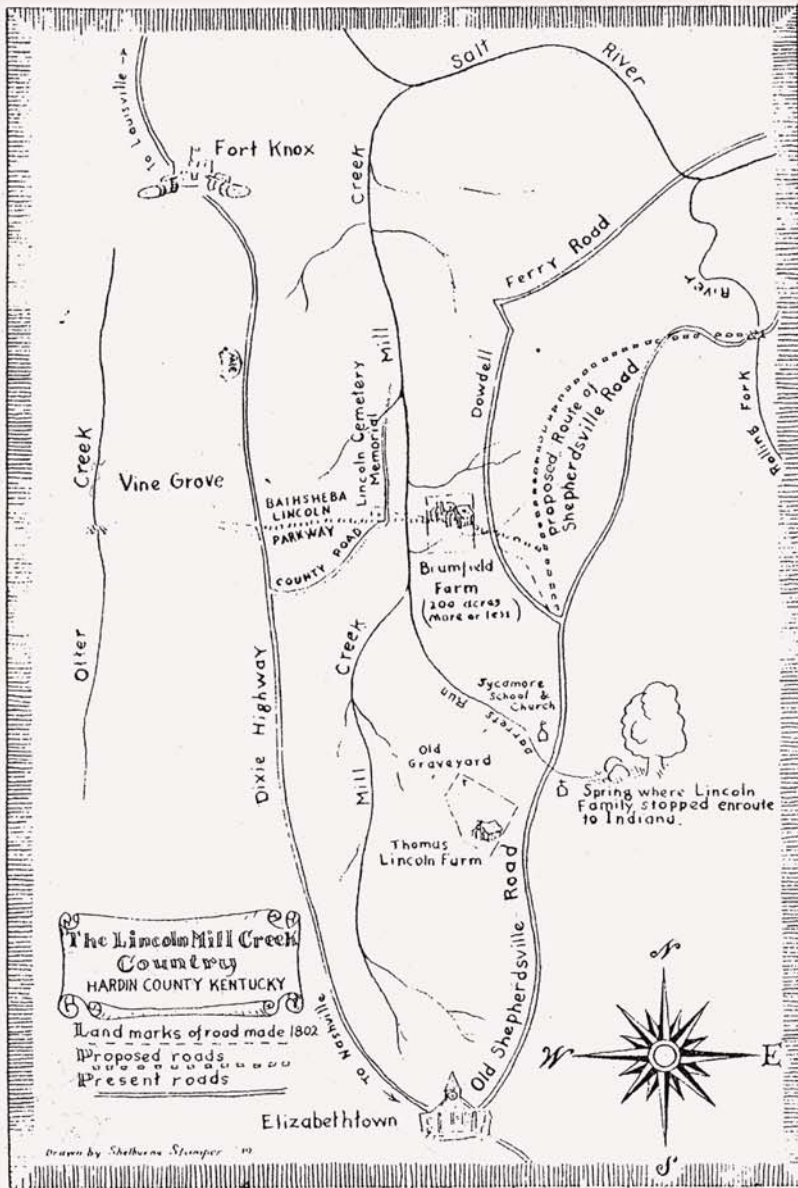


Mill Creek Cemetery

Five members of the Lincoln Family are interred in the First Mill Creek Baptist Churchyard. They include Bathsbeba Lincoln, grandmother of President Lincoln; Nancy Lincoln and William Brumfield, Bathsbeba's daughter and husband; Mary Brumfield Crume; and Frances Harrison French. The first stone marking Bathsbeba's final resting place was a simple field stone about three feet high, with the initials "B.L." carved on the smoothed surface. Time and vandals reduced it to a small rock. On May 17, 1960, Governor William G. Stratton of Illinois presented to Governor Bert Combs and the People of Kentucky a large granite monument to stand over Bersheba Lincoln's Grave. Embedded in the base is a stone from the 16th President's Tomb in Springfield, Illinois. (Photo to right.)



Left: Lincoln lot in the First Mill Creek Baptist Church cemetery showing the graves of the Lincolns. Center: Grave of Bathsbeba Lincoln, the paternal grandmother of President Abraham Lincoln. Right: Grave of Nancy Lincoln Brumfield, a paternal aunt of Lincoln.



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