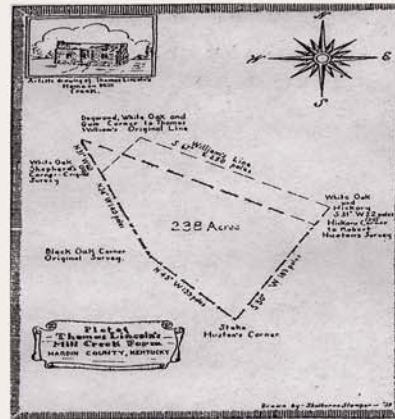


# The Mill Creek Homestead

## 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

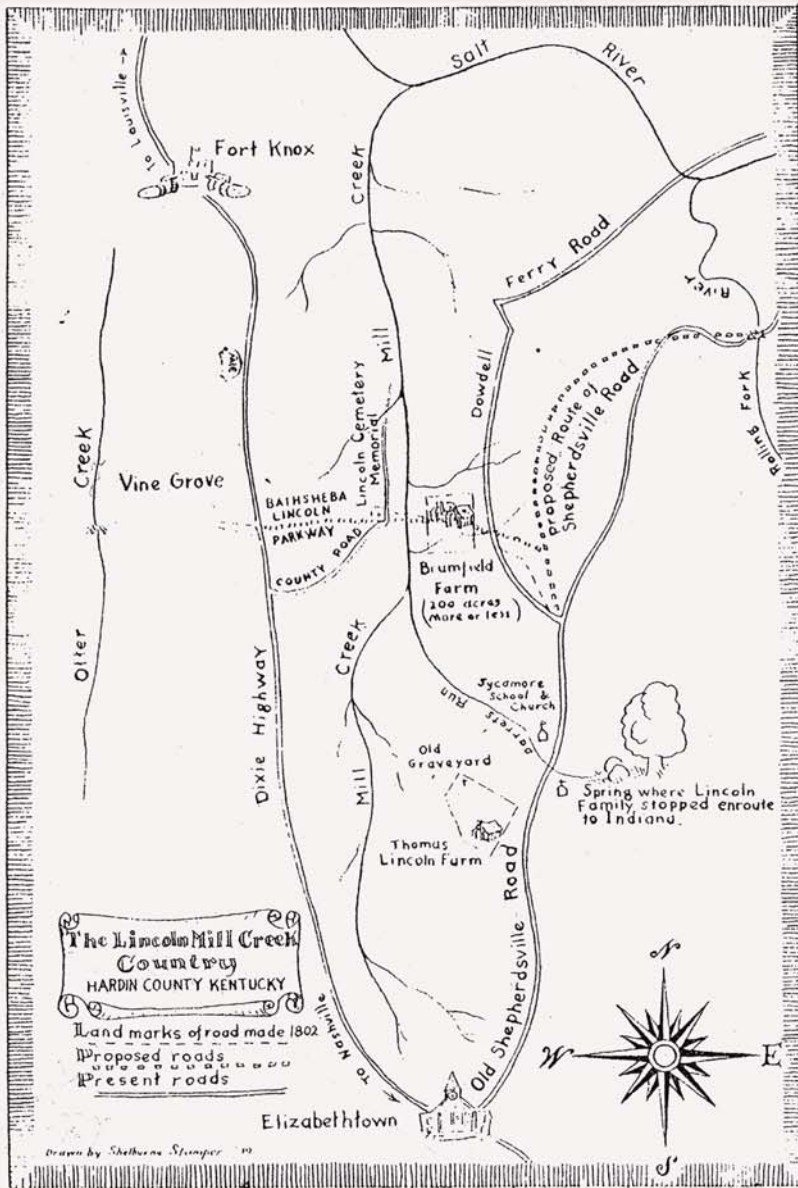
Five members of the Lincoln Family are interred in the First Mill Creek Baptist Churchyard. They include Bathsbeba Lincoln, grandmother of President Lincoln; Nancy Lincoln and William Brumfield, Bathsbeba's daughter and husband; Mary Brumfield Crume; and Frances Harrison French.

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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