

THE
LINCOLN LOG
ON THIS DAY,

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Lincoln writes to his friend Jesse Fell, who prompted Lincoln to provide an autobiography that could serve to promote Lincoln's political career. Lincoln recalled, "At twenty one I came to Illinois, and passed the first year in...Macon county. Then I got to New-Salem...where I remained a year as a sort of Clerk in a store. Then came the Black-Hawk war; and I was elected a Captain of Volunteers—a success which gave me more pleasure than any I have had since."



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