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**LINCOLN LOG**  
*ON THIS DAY,*

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Springfield attorneys Lincoln, Milton Hay, and Benjamin Edwards examine Henry Atkins prior to finding him “qualified to practice law.” Afterward, in a letter to his brother, Howard Atkins, of Jacksonville, Illinois, Henry writes, “I passed a thorough examination this afternoon before three of the best lawyers in Illinois.” Atkins boasts that he “only missed one question & that was a trivial mistake. The committee complimented me very highly, and said it had been along time since a student had passed so good an examination before them.”



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