

THE
LINCOLN LOG
ON THIS DAY,

AUGUST 2, 1859

In a pre-trial hearing at the Sangamon County courthouse, Lincoln and several other attorneys represent Peachy Harrison, whom the state's attorney indicted for the murder of Greek Crafton. On July 16, in Pleasant Plains, Harrison and Crafton fought; Harrison pulled a knife and stabbed Crafton. Crafton died two days later. On this day, the attorneys for both sides question "quite a number of witnesses." A newspaper reports, "The case excited unusual interest...The defence urge the plea that Harrison acted wholly in self defence."



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