

THE
LINCOLN LOG
ON THIS DAY,

NOVEMBER 6, 1852

In the Shelby County Circuit Court, located in Shelbyville, Illinois, a jury hears the evidence and finds in favor of Lincoln's client Mary Jane Stewardson, who seeks a divorce from William Stewardson. The Court orders William to pay \$50 per year alimony. Mary Jane claimed that William "abandoned" her and left her dependent "upon the hospitality and kindness of strangers." William asserted that he left Mary Jane because "she was petulant, fretful...abusive...violent...quarrelsome... [and she] complain[ed] almost from morning until night."



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