

THE
LINCOLN LOG
ON THIS DAY,

OCTOBER 9, 1857

In the Woodford County Circuit Court, located in Metamora, Illinois, a jury finds for Lincoln's client, Jacob Lahr. Lahr claimed that defendant John Swarens beat Lahr with various objects including a "steel rasp...[and an] iron rod." Lahr declared that the beating left him "permanently and incurable disordered." Lahr seeks \$500 in damages. Swarens claimed he acted in "self defence" after Lahr attacked him "with a large pair of iron tongs...an iron bar and with a club." The jury awards Lahr \$20 in damages.



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