WAS LINCOLN'S TUTOR.

BIRTH OF DENNIS F. HANKS.

The Friend of the Martyred President Passes Away at the Residence of His Daughter in Paris, Ill., Aged 93 Years—Other State News.

Special to the Chicago News Record.

PARIS, Ill., Oct. 21.—Dennis F. Hanks, the early tutor and life-long friend of Abraham Lincoln, died at 1 o'clock at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Nancy Huff, in this city, aged 93 years 5 months and 6 days. For the last three years he has made his home with his daughter in this city, and, while quite feeble, he was able to walk about the house and yard. Sept. 22 he was induced by his friends to attend the Emancipation-day exercises at the fair grounds, near this city, and while returning home was run over by a buggy, receiving injuries from which he never rallied, and since that time he had been confined to his room.

Dennis F. Hanks was born on the south fork of Notions creek, three miles southeast of Hodginsville, in Hardin county, Ky., May 15, 1799. His parents were natives of Virginia and were among the first settlers in Kentucky. It was in the same neighborhood in Hardin county that Abraham Lincoln was born, he and Hanks being boys together. Thomas Lincoln, father of Abraham Lincoln, emigrated from Hardin county to Spencer, Ind. After a year's residence in Indiana his wife died and he returned to Kentucky, where he subsequently married his second wife, Sarah Johnston, whose daughter Dennis F. Hanks afterward married.

Taught Lincoln to Read.

Thomas Lincoln then returned to Indiana, accompanied by Mr. Hanks, and it was here the latter taught the boy Abraham Lincoln to read and write. After residing in Spencer county for sixteen years the families of Thomas Lincoln and Dennis F. Hanks, sixteen in number, moved to Illinois.
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Hennis H. Hanks was born in Hardin County, on the tributary branch of the South Fork of Ohio on the old Richard Tracy farm in the old peach orchard in a log cabin 3 miles from Hazel Hill. Thence we moved to Mercer County and there I remain until the civil war. George Washington

William, I have seen a book which states that Sambo was quicker. I say this is true, for I have spent all my time with them. They are a religious people, and they try to make them out. But this is not the case.

You asked me what kind of work I am doing now. I am working the land. I am very busy doing this work. The government has given me this land, and I am very grateful.

My sister was born in 1877. She was 48 years old as of 1866. I have no letter from my friends at the reason. I would like to hear from them. I think of them very often.

My first schoolmaster was Mr. Davis. He taught me to read and write. I think he was a good teacher. I will never forget him.

I have to run now. I will write to you soon. Please let me know how you are doing.

Yours truly,

H. Hanks