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under the hand the 23rd day of June 1807 until
the date hereof.
June 20th 1806 bound together in the Holy estate
of Matrimony according to the laws of the M E.

Morris Berry & Peggy Simms
Nov. 24th 1806 John Rod & Hannah Rule
March 5th 1807 Charles Clarke & Anna Davis
March 21st 1807 John Rod & Sally Clark
March 28th Benjamin Clark & Polly Rule
Dec. 22nd 1806 Silas Chambers & Betsey Skeet
June 19th 1806 John Pringer & Elizabeth Parker
Jan. 10th 1807 Thomas Lincoln & Nancy Banks
Sept. 23rd 1806 John Cameron & Hannah White
Oct. 7th 1806 Anthony Lyke & Hannah Parker
Oct. 23rd 1806 Aaron Hordine & Hannah Hattie
Feb. 5th 1807 Daniel Ramey & Clarissa Hines
July 22nd 1806 Benjamin Clark & Polly Clark
May 1806 Hugh Harman & Betty Dyer
Sept. 24th 1806 John Graham & Catherine Jones

Given under my hand this 23rd day of April
1807

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List of Marriages Performed by
Rev. Jesse Head, including that of
Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks
June 12, 1806
The said return as delinquent, as clerk of Martin Pyle he having a license to read according to the Rules of the Tech to which he belongs.

The following is a list of Marriages celebrated by me from February 19th unto Dec. 25th following.

February 19th 1803 Joined together in holy Matrimony
William Burns & Rachel Jackson

March 20th 1803 Samuel Lewis Dudley & Elizabeth Gilby

April 3rd 1803 Hugh & Robb & Elizabeth Weller

June 2nd 1803 Daniel Helton & Elizabeth Helton

July 20th 1803 Robert Melburn & Margaret Grimes

August 21st 1803 Aaron Hardy & Polly Linch

June 15th 1803 William Rymond & Lady Ridge

September 15th 1803 John Melburn & Mary Fowler

September 27th James Bartrum & Jenny Davidson

Dec. 1st Henson Moore & Anna Fowler

Dec. 15th Henry Hardy & Anne Scarborugh Stayton

Dec. 15th Thomas Phillips & Polly De Forrest

Dec. 25th John Rush & Martha Stayton

Dec. 25th Richard Summer & Mary Silver

Given under my hand Feb. 20th 1804 Geo. Head
MARRIAGE RETURNS OF REVEREND JESSE HEAD

Immediately preceding and following that in which the Lincoln marriage is recorded

Discovered at Springfield, Kentucky, by the author and Honorable Joseph Polin
List of Marriages Celebrated by the Salarian
Since the 23rd Day of February 1801, according to the Rights and Ceremony of the Methodist Episcopal Church

Thomas Dewert & Temperance Dickson 23 July 1801
William Logan & Mary Tatum August 29th 1801
John Gerys & Rebecca Ricketts 10 January 1802
John Taylor & Ann Gilbon 10 July 1802
William Phillips & Sarah Manuel 13th May 1802

John Burdett & Esther Stuyton July 20 1802
William Kipp & Polly Lewis August 13 1802
Cimmyt Wells & Polly Stark August 30th 1802
William Wight & Sally Nelson May 9th 1802

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From under my hand the 28th of April 1806

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I do hereby certify that by Authority of license I held from the Clerk's Office of Washington Co. I have solemnized the rites of Matrimony between Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks, June 4th, 1806 A.D. agreeable to the rites and ceremony of the Methodist Episcopal Church witness my hand.

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MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE OF THOMAS LINCOLN AND NANCY HANKS.

From the original in the possession of Henry Whitney Cleveland of Louisville, Kentucky.
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ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

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EDITORIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

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LINCOLN'S HOME IN ILLINOIS.

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