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Teacher at Wyoming Seminary 1844.

Taught in Gerard College '48 & '49.

Prothonotary in Luzerne Co. '55.

Pennsylvania House Rep. '58.

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**VERY EARLY NEW SALEM
LOT APPRAISAL SIGNED BY
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ABRAHAM LINCOLN. D. S., 8 vo, 1
October 25, 1833.
"Illinois Viz: We the subscribers below
summoned and shown by D. Dickinson
deputy sheriff of Sangamon county to value
Lot No. 5 North of Main Street in first
survey and Lot No. 1 in second survey
the Town of Salem levied on as the property
of Henry Sinco to satisfy an execution
favour of Nelson Alley do value Lot No.
to \$100 and Lot No. 1 to \$50.
Given under our hand and seals the
25th day of October 1833.

A. Lincoln
H. Armstrong
J. Clemment

The body of the document is in the hand
of Dickinson, the deputy sheriff mentioned
in the item and refers to land in New Salem
which eventually became the Lincoln
Berry Store.

One of the earliest Lincoln items to come

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**LINCOLN ASKS THE MILI-
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A CIVIL WAR PHOTOGRAPHER.**

ABRAHAM LINCOLN. A. N. S., 1p.,
December

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