

RUTLEDGE FAMILY

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# Abraham Lincoln Before 1860

Rutledge Family

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ANECDOTES OF LINCOLN FROM  
OSKALOOSA.

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Oskaloosa, Ia., Feb. 9.—Oskaloosa has had something to do with the Lincoln history although the great emancipator failed to visit this city when he came to Iowa in the early 60s.

In 1845 one of the early settlers who came to Oskaloosa was Robert Rutledge, brother of the girl to whom Lincoln was engaged when he was a struggling young lawyer.

Mr. Rutledge was familiarly known as "Bob" and, like his father, was a hotel keeper. For many years he operated the hostelry known as the Burnett house. In those days all travel was by stage and every tavern had a livery in its connection. The site of the old hotel is now occupied by Deputy State Veterinarian Parker as a residence and horse hospital.

After Lincoln became president his friendship for the Rutledge family was revealed in the appointment of "Bob" Rutledge for provo United States marshal for Iowa. Mr. Rutledge held the office for many years, and being a daring man, performed his duties faithfully in those pioneer days when man's bravery was often put to severe tests.

The family left here in 1868, and as far as known none of the relatives are left in Iowa. Mr. Rutledge located in California, where he afterward died.

Another early family in Oskaloosa was intimately associated with Lincoln when he was a law student in Salem, Ills. This was Rev. Cameron, who came to Oskaloosa in an early day as pastor of the first church ever built here, the old Cumberland Presbyterian church.

There were eleven girls and one son in the family, and it is said the girls regarded Lincoln as a brother, and some of them being older than he, they often twitted him, as big sisters sometimes will. Mr. Lincoln and the family kept up a personal correspondence until the family left here and Lincoln was in the White House in Washington.

Rev. Cameron's long talks with the boy are said to have had an influence on Lincoln all through life. Rev. Cameron, occupying a mission field in Oskaloosa with a large family on his hands, found it necessary to do other things besides preach, and he helped to haul the lumber from Keokuk with which the Madison house, the first hotel in Oskaloosa, was built. The son married and lived here many years. He built the first brick residence in Oskaloosa, which is still standing, and is now occupied by the Charles Phelps family. Both the older and younger Cameron families emigrated to California and so far as known the Lincoln connection here, aside from the friendship of soldiers, was broken long ago.

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College Hill July 27th 1835

Dear Mother

The passing of Mr. Plaid from  
 this place to that affords me an opportunity  
 of writing you a few lines. I have thus far enjoyed  
 good health and the students generally well  
 I have not yet executed any thing of 30.00  
 except I agreed to take the paper as I thought  
 that would be better than anything else. I thought  
 he said he could pay the order in about two  
 months. S. M. Cross is up at home at this time  
 trying to open a school and I had concluded to  
 quit this place and go to him until the  
 commencement of the next term but I could  
 not get off without paying for the whole term  
 and therefore I concluded to stay here  
 If Mr. Plaid ever on goes to stay all night  
 please to entertain him free of cost as he is  
 one of my fellow students and I believe him to be  
 good religious young man. I add no more but  
 remain yours with respect until death

James Rutledge D. H. Rutledge

To Anna Rutledge  
 Beloved Sister so far as I can understand

Miss Grant will teach an other school in the County  
 I know I am glad to hear that you have a notion  
 of coming to school and I earnestly recommend  
 to you that you would spare no time from improving  
 your education and I remember that "Time is  
 worth more than all gold, therefore throw away none  
 of your golden moments, I add no more but

Anna Rutledge D. H. Rutledge

I wish you to send  
Mr. Grady's letter to him  
immediately as it requests him  
to attend to the school on the  
Land Ridge for Mr. Fort  
and also I want intelligence to  
come the next mail concerning  
it — I add Amos  
James Knapp Esq. - 16 - 1843

Received of  
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James Knapp Esq.  
16 - 1843

## Kin of Lincoln's Sweetheart Is Near Death at 83

Petersburg, Ill., Feb. 12.

**M**RS. JANE RUTLEDGE, 83, whose husband was a cousin of Anne Rutledge, a sweetheart of Abraham Lincoln, is near death at her home here today.

Mrs. Rutledge is a direct descendant of the Clareys, who were among the first settlers of Old Salem. She has lived here most of her life.

# TO PAY HONOR TO JANE RUTLEDGE

Special to The State Journal.

Petersburg, Feb. 25.—Funeral rites for Mrs. Jane Rutledge, cousin of Anne Rutledge, famous as Lincoln's

sweetheart, will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Cumberland Presbyterian church and burial will be made in Oakland cemetery, near where rests the remains of Anne Rutledge. Rev. A. C. DeForest, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Mrs. Rutledge or Aunt Jane as she was familiarly known throughout the county, died early yesterday morning following an illness of several weeks. She was the widow of the late Jasper Rutledge, cousin of Anne,

for many years a prominent land owner and former sheriff of this county.

Aunt Jane was the daughter of Robert and Irene Elmore Clary, personal friends of the Lincolns. The decedent was well known in this community for her many intimate stories concerning Lincoln and his associates. Her memories have done much to enrich the folklore of this county, which has done much to preserve intimate glimpses of the Lincoln era.



## Marriage License Of 1808 Asked for By Rutledge Kin

HENDERSON, Ky., Jan. 15.—(Special)—A request for a certified copy of the marriage license granted to James Rutledge and Miss Mary Ann Miller in Henderson January 1, 1808, was made in a letter received today by T. J. Cottingham from Mrs. H. E. Pickering of San Pedro, Cal. Mrs. Pickering sets forth in her letters that she is a child of a sister of Anne Rutledge; the early sweetheart of Abraham Lincoln. Anne Rutledge was the daughter of James Rutledge and Mary Ann Miller.

Mr. Jewell Mayes,  
Jefferson City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of August 22, 1931, let me make to you the following statement, concerning the family of Ann Mayes Rutledge, sweetheart of Abraham Lincoln:

James Rutledge, was born in South Carolina, went thence to Georgia, thence to Tennessee, thence to Kentucky, where he married Mary Ann Miller, in Henderson County, then moved to White County, Illinois, in the fall of 1813, at which time Ann Mayes Rutledge was a baby in arms, and moved to Menard County (then Sangmon) near Concord Creek in 1825, then to New Salem, founding the town, then back to Concord, on the McKame<sup>a</sup> farm, where both Ann and he died, the former on August 25 and the latter on December 3, 1835.

Mr. Rutledge was of English descent, descending from the Rutledge who signed the Declaration of Independence; another of the family was Supreme Court Justice; another was a prominent member of Congress.

Thomas Cameron was Scotch. So were the Millers. Mr. Cameron married a sister of Mary Ann Miller. Their son, John M. Cameron, <sup>came</sup> from Kentucky ~~to~~ Illinois with James Rutledge and his brother William. William Rutledge married John M. Cameron's sister, Susan.

Mary Ann Miller Rutledge was probably born in Scotland and came with her parents to Georgia.

Thomas Cameron, father of John, was a first cousin of Simeon Cameron of Lincoln's ~~2nd~~ Cabinet and married Nancy Miller (Mary Ann's oldest sister) in Georgia.

I do not know the why of the Mayes as the middle name in Ann Mayes Rutledge.

Respectfully,

(Signed,) THOMAS P. REEP.



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JEWELL MAYES  
SECRETARY

Director Louis A. Warren,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation,  
Lincoln National Life Ins. Company,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Warren:

This goes back to and expresses my appreciation of your letter of October 8th, which was put over in a "Personal tray" and which has rested until today, when I have opportunity to answer it.

I was ready to answer your letter, but found that I had not made copy of the letter from Mr. Thomas Reep, Petersburg, Illinois. When I answered your last letter, I anticipated getting it copied and made as an enclosure, but that "dateless" transcribing had not come to a head in time.

Enclosed is copy of letter from Mr. Thomas Reep which he did not date, but which was in answer to mine of August 22, 1931, as he indicates, he having written on the back of my letterhead.

I am having Mr. J. Nick Perrin of Belleville, Illinois, author of "Perrin's History of Illinois" lay this Ann Mayes Rutledge question before the Illinois State Historical Society at its meeting in Springfield, Illinois on December 3rd.

Shall be glad to hear from you further, at your pleasure and convenience.

I am determined to get enough material together that I may contribute to you a little feature in your Foundation Bulletin, later.

JM:E

Enc. 14 and CCs.

December 1, 1931.

Heartily,

JEWELL MAYES,  
Personal,

By. . . . .

Honorable J. Nick Perrin,  
Belleville, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Perrin:

I am hurriedly answering yours of November 30, that I might be sure that I shall have sent to you a copy of a letter received from Thomas P. Reep, Petersburg, Illinois, although he does not sign his address on the letter, that has to do somewhat with the family of Ann Mayes Rutledge, who was the daughter of James Rutledge and Mary Ann (Miller) Rutledge.

Note that Miss Jane E. Hamond has loaned a volume to the Library at Decatur, Illinois, which has an inscription in Lincoln's handwriting, "To Ann Rutledge by her Friend Abraham Lincoln".

I shall be gratified to hear from you after you go to the meeting of the Illinois Historical Society at Springfield on December 3.

Enclosed herewith is copy of the letter from Mr. Reep.

Heartily,  
JEWELL MAYES,  
Personal,

By.....

JM:E

December 1, 1931.

Enc. 11-12.

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—FROM THE

STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE  
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

Mr. Thomas P. Reep,  
Petersburg, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Reep:

This heartily acknowledges your letter written on the reverse side of my letter of August 22, 1931, giving me essential data that you have in relation to the history of Ann Mayes Rutledge, daughter of James Rutledge and Mary Ann (Miller) Rutledge.

I am still trailing after the reason why the word Mayes is the middle name of Ann Rutledge. It is my "suspicion" that the mother of Mary Ann Miller Rutledge was a Mayes, but proving that is the next step.

I shall be tickled if you find out any other information along this line and may later send it to me.

Mr. J. Nick Perrin of Belleville, Illinois, author of a history of Illinois, will be at the Annual Meeting of the Illinois Historical Society at Springfield on December 3, and since I have gotten him interested in this subject he is going to help make the hunt.

Am going to send carbon copy of this letter to Mr. Perrin and also a carbon copy to Director Louis A. Warren of the Lincoln Historical Research Foundation, c/o the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, Fort Wayne, Indiana, since he is also interested in this factor.

Heartily,

JEWELL MAYES,  
Personal,

JM:E

December 1, 1931.

By: .....

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December 29, 1931.

Farnsworth Public Library,  
Ruth R. Francis, Librarian,  
Oconto, Wisconsin.

My dear Miss Francis:

Your letter at hand and as ours is purely a reference library, we cannot send material as an inter-library loan. Students come from all parts of the country to consult our books so you can readily understand our position.

Yours very truly,

*Georgia L. Osborne*

Librarian, Illinois State Historical Library.

Secretary, Illinois State Historical Society.

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31 December 1931

Miss Ruth R. Francis, Librarian  
Farnsworth Public Library,  
Oconto, Wisconsin.

My dear Miss Francis,

Since we have very little genealogical material in our library we are unable to trace very definitely the relationship of Ann Rutledge and the Rutledges of South Carolina. The following excerpt from William H. Herndon's "Abraham Lincoln, Miss Ann Rutledge, New Salem" indicates Ann Rutledge's connection with the South Carolina family. "She was a grandchild of the liberty-loving patriotic Rutledges of South Carolina. Her father was born in South Carolina, amid the echoes of the cannons revolutionary roar." Milo Custer's "A Few Family Records" gives this information concerning her father: "JAMES RUTLEDGE, b. S.C. May 11, 1781, m. MARY ANN MILLER, in Henderson Co. Ky. Jan. 15, 1808, and d. at Petersburg, Ill. Dec. 3, 1836. Wf. b. S.C. Oct. 21, 1787, d. Birmingham, Iowa." The information for the Rutledge Family was obtained by Mr. Custer from James Rutledge Saunders, Sisquoc, California, who is a grandson of the above James Rutledge and the son of Ann Rutledge's sister, Sarah F. (Rutledge) Saunders.

Newberry Library may be able to trace the connection more definitely for you, since they have a large genealogical collection.

Very truly yours,

Eleanor J. Conway,  
Library Supervisor.

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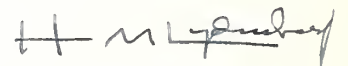
Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of December 26th:

Our genealogy division reports that it cannot find anything about the ancestry of Ann Mayes Rutledge beyond the fact that her father was James Rutledge, born in South Carolina.

We suggest, however, that you write to Miss Mabel L. Webber, editor of the South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine, South Carolina Historical Society, Library Building, King Street, Charleston, South Carolina. She wrote an article on the Rutledge family of South Carolina, in the January and April, 1930, issues of the magazine; and although we do not find any mention of Ann Rutledge therein, Miss Webber may have more information.

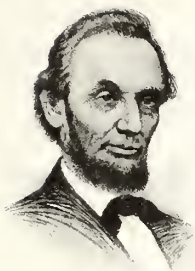
Very truly yours,



H. M. Lydenberg,  
Assistant Director.

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Miss Marva A. Faulds  
Peabody House  
Appleton, Wisconsin

My dear Miss Faulds:

I am just in the midst of preparing a brief monograph on Ann Rutledge and I will be very glad to send you an advance copy of the Lincoln Lore bulletin which will print it just as soon as it is ready.

It will contain, I think, about all we know with reference to Ann Rutledge and her ancestry.

I have been unable to find any connection whatever between the Rutledge family of Declaration of Independence fame and Ann Rutledge, the sweetheart of Lincoln.

If you have been able to discover such a connection I should like very much to learn of the source where such intelligence can be found.

Very sincerely yours,

*Louis A. Warren* Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

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Mercersburg, Penna.,  
10 Jan., 1932.

My dear Miss Francis,

I am a great-great  
grandson of John Rutledge, brother of  
Edward, the Signer of the Declaration.  
The whole family history is well known  
to me, and I have never been able  
to trace any relationship between us  
and Lincoln's Aunt.

Sincerely,

Archibald Rutledge

## THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

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Superintendent

January 13, 1932

Mr. Robert C. Faulds,

Abrams, Wisconsin.

Dear Dr. Faulds:

We have no book that will give the relationship of Ann Rutledge and Edward who signed the Declaration of Independence. Carl Sandburg in his Abraham Lincoln makes the statement that she belonged to the South Carolina branch of the Rutledge, but he cites no proof, and unless he has it the mere statement is not effective.

We have the Biography of Edward Rutledge of South Carolina by Robert Waln, 1823. He says That John Rutledge b. 1739 and Edward Rutledge <sup>b</sup> Nov. 23, 1749 were ~~either sons or brothers~~ <sup>brothers and sons</sup> of Dr. John Rutledge, native of Ireland, who settled in South Carolina about 1735. Edward Rutledge had several children by his first wife Harriet or Henrietta Middleton, but the name of only one child is given and that is Major Henry M. Rutledge. The name of Ann's father was James.

Ann Rutledge's relationship to Edward is a point we have been endeavoring to find for some time, but we have so far been unsuccessful.

Yours very truly,



Annie A. Nunns, Asst. Supt.

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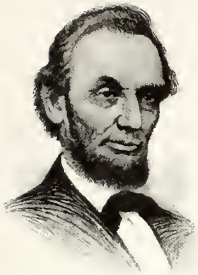
Dear Madam:

There is no connection that has ever been found between the family of Lincoln's Ann Rutledge, and the prominent Rutledge family of this state. There were several other families by the name of Rutledge, in the state, but in a different section. The genealogy which I prepared dealt with the descendants of Dr. John Rutledge who married Sarah West; these people were wealthy people occupying prominent positions politically and socially, the other Rutledges seemed to have been struggling farmers of limited means and education. The statement made by Herndon was probably based on his own surmises; he probably started the tradition that Ann Rutledge belonged to the family of the signer and Dr. John Rutledge.

The Genealogy of Dr. John Rutledge's family was printed in the South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine, Vol. XXVI numbers 1 and 2.

Yours very truly

*Mabel L. Webber*



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My dear Miss Faulds:

Some time ago I advised you I would forward  
a copy of the broadside on Ann Rutledge as soon as  
it was printed. Enclosed you will please find a copy  
and if it contains information which will help you  
we are glad.

If you have found further information which  
we do not have, we should be very glad to acquire it.

Very truly yours,

*Louis A. Warren* Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

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# LINCOLN LORE

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## LINCOLN LORE

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Dr. Louis A. Warren - - - Editor

### THE RUTLEDGE FAMILY

Lincoln's and St. Valentine's anniversaries occurring as they do with so brief an interval separating them invite one to recall again the story of America's best known romance. The courting of Ann Rutledge by Abraham Lincoln with its tragic ending has lost none of its human interest through the years although some of the more dramatic episodes in the drama have proved to be nothing other than fiction.

William Herndon as far as we have been able to learn was the first one to attempt a public recital of Abraham Lincoln's early romance. It was the main theme of what he called a lecture on "Abraham Lincoln, Miss Ann Rutledge, New Salem, Pioneering and the Poem Called 'Immortality.'" It was delivered in Springfield, Illinois, in 1866.

Mr. Herndon, in the introduction of this address, said, "I am willing that my character among you may stand or fall by the substantial truthfulness of this lecture in every particular."

It is not the purpose of this monograph to question the authenticity of a certain statement in the first paragraph of the lecture in order to contribute further evidence against this address, which often has been successfully challenged. The purpose of this paper is to raise the question of the origin of the New Salem Rutledges. Mr. Herndon in referring to Ann Rutledge says:

"She was a grand-child of the liberty-loving, patriotic Rutledges of South Carolina. Her father was born in South Carolina amid the echo of the cannon's revolutionary roar."

The inference here is plain that Ann was a descendant of the aristocratic Rutledge family which contained three illustrious brothers, John, Hugh, and Edward, the latter a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Practically every historian has accepted this story of Ann Rutledge's ancestry, one of the best informed writers in the history of New Salem claiming that Ann's father was a descendant of "The Rutledge who signed the Declaration of Independence."

Edward Rutledge, the signer, was

born in Charleston, November 23, 1749, and, about 1773, married Harriet daughter of Henry Middleton. In May, 1780, when serving under Gen. Benjamin Lincoln, he fell into the hands of the enemy and remained in prison for a whole year. James Rutledge, the father of Ann Rutledge, was born May 11, 1781, so that it is not likely that he was the son of the signer.

There was a colony of Rutledges in Augusta County, Virginia, which may prove to have been the same family from which Ann Rutledge descended. As early as 1752 a George Rutledge disposed of his land stating that he was removing to the "colony of Carolina." This it will be observed, however, was three years after Edward Rutledge the signer was born in Charleston.

In the same deed book appears the will of John Rutledge which mentions his "aged father", brothers, William and Thomas, sisters Katherine and Jean, and a nephew George. This will was witnessed by William Armstrong whose family name we find constantly associated with the Rutledges in Virginia, Kentucky, and Illinois.

In 1776, the same year that Thomas Lincoln, the father of the President, was born in Augusta County, Thomas Armstrong made his will; beside his wife, Ann, he names two daughters, Sarah and Jean, both of whom were married to men by the name of Rutledge.

The husband of Sarah was named Edward Rutledge and Jean's husband was Thomas Rutledge; both of these men made their wills in Augusta County in 1785 but the will of Thomas was not probated until 1791.

The names of Edward's and Sarah's children were James, George, Rebecca, Rosannah and Lucy—the latter having married John Allison. Thomas' and Jean's children are named as follows: James, John, Thomas, Edward, Katherine Riddle, Elizabeth Armstrong, Ann Henderson, Mary Young and Jean Brooks. The marriage register for Augusta County for 1786 records the names of James Rutledge and Jane Finley, and two years later James Rutledge and Eleanor Ralston were united in marriage.

One of the earliest records of an arrival of the Rutledge family in Kentucky is found in Green County, where Isaac Rutledge married Anne Armstrong in December, 1799. The Herndons lived in Green County and Abraham Lincoln was born ten years later in Hardin County, adjacent to Green.

It is Henderson County, however, where the larger colony of the Rutledges settled; as they did not arrive until about 1809, there is plenty of

time for this new generation of Rutledges to have been born in Carolina and to have lived for some time in Tennessee before coming to Kentucky; in fact, many of the Virginia immigrants moved to Kentucky by easy stages. The family names and the names associated with the Rutledge family is strong evidence that the Henderson County, Kentucky, family originated in Augusta County, Virginia.

From Kentucky on the history of Ann Rutledge is easily traced. Her father, James, entered land for taxes on Canoe Creek in Henderson County in 1809, and a Thomas Rutledge is listed also on the same stream of water. James had 130 acres of land and Thomas 100. At this time in LaRue County, Thomas Lincoln, father of the newly born Abraham Lincoln, was in possession of at least 500 acres of land and other real estate.

Three other members of the Rutledge family over 21 years of age, appear on the tax list for Henderson County in 1811, Robert, John, and William. Each year up until 1815 the names of James, Thomas, Robert, and William appear with regularity but no additional land holdings are recorded. It was during this period on January 7, 1813, that Anne Mayes Rutledge was born.

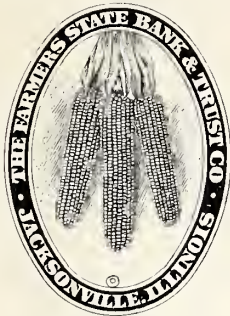
On October 18, 1813, Thomas Rutledge and Sally, his wife, sold their land located next to James McCready's place which started a new migration of the Rutledges and their neighbors to the west.

The family of James Rutledge, when Ann was a babe in arms, settled in White County, Illinois, at a point where the town of Enfield is now located. By the year 1828 the Rutledges and their relatives, the Camerons, were acquiring land at a point where New Salem later grew up.

The following children were born to James and Ann Miller Rutledge as recorded in the family Bible. Jane, John M., Anna Mayes, Robert B., Nancy C., Margaret A., Mary A., and Sally F. The name of another child born in 1815 is not legible on the photographic copy of the Bible record.

It is hoped that the information gathered here may stir up enough interest in the lineage of Anna Mayes Rutledge to make it possible to trace her ancestry. Until some duly authorized records connect her with the family of famous Rutledges in South Carolina, it might be best to think of her as a daughter of a humble pioneer, moving in about the same social circle as Abraham Lincoln, who said just a century ago this year:

"I was born and have ever remained, in the most humble walks of life. I have no wealthy or popular relations or friends to recommend me."



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Jacksonville, Illinois.

Feb. 21, 1932.

Dr. Louis A. Warren,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Warren:---

In your Lincon Lore, No. 149, I note list of children of James and Ann Miller Rutledge with the explanation that the name of another child born in 1815 is not legible on the photostatic copy of the Bible record.

In 1835 and earlier, several young men of New Salem were students at Illinois College, Jacksonville, among them David H. Rutledge, who later had a large law practice at Petersburg. Lincoln entered into a bond with David Rutledge and William Green, January 31, 1833, for one hundred and fifty dollars, the proceeds of which apparently enabled Rutledge and, perhaps, Green, to attend college. *In August suit on the bond was brought against the three.*

The following letter explains itself:

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College Hill, July 27, 1835.

To Anna Rutledge:

Valued sister. So far as I can understand Miss Graves will teach another school in the Diamond Grove. I am glad to hear that you have a notion of coming to school, and I earnestly recommend to you that you would spare no time from improving your education and mind. Remember that Time is worth more than all gold therefore \_\_\_\_\_ throw away none of your golden moments. I add no more, but &c."

Anna Rutledge.

D.H. Rutledge.

Apparently David H. is the missing name of the child born in 1815 as he would have been about twenty when the above letter was written, and about the age of men in college here at that time, or even younger.

Sincerely yours,

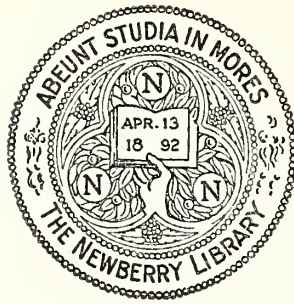
*Frank J. Heind.*

*Diamond Grove adjoined Jacksonville.*

EMMA LEE WALTON  
GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH  
747 Junior Terrace

Telephone Bittersweet 3273

CHICAGO



Chicago, March 1, 1932.....

Dear Madam.....:

In reply to your favor of  
.....recent date..... I beg to say that The Newberry  
Library contains a large collection of books  
on American Local History and Genealogy, but  
that at present it has no facilities for fur-  
nishing genealogical information to inquirers  
at a distance. If you could visit the Library,  
every effort would be made to further and as-  
sist your investigations; but if a personal  
visit is impossible, it would probably be best  
to employ a competent professional genealogist  
who has access to the materials in our collec-  
tions. For your information I enclose the names  
and addresses of several such persons; but the  
Library, of course, assumes no responsibility  
for their work.

Very truly yours,

.....George B. Utley,.....Librarian.

per *Harriet J. Smith*

We have no published genealogy of the Rutledge  
family, only what might be contained in other  
books; and we have no published history of  
Menard County, Illinois.



SOUTH CAROLINA LIGHT ON THE ANN MAYES RUTLEDGE FAMILY.

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In the year 1931, Jewell Mayes (Richmond and Jefferson City, Missouri), became interested in the fact that the middle name of Ann Rutledge, the sainted sweetheart of Abraham Lincoln, was "Mayes". Mr. Mayes has been carrying on an inquiry into the genealogy of the Rutledge family, seeking to find the facts about their South Carolina origin.

Director Louis A. Warren of the Lincoln Historical Research Foundation, Fort Wayne, Indiana, devoted the February 15, 1932, edition of his "Lincoln Lore" to the Rutledge family, carrying forward the inquiry into the colonial origins of the ancestors of Ann Mayes Rutledge, Mr. Mayes co-operating therein.

Mr. Mayes took up correspondence with Secretary A. S. Salley of the "Historical Commission of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.," discussing his maternal ancestor, James Stephenson (1744-1821) of South Carolina and the ancestry of Ann Mayes Rutledge. Under dating of February 23, 1932, Mr. Salley (eminent historian of the Carolinas) wrote Mr. Mayes, as follows:

"Frank Lever wrote me about you some time ago and sent me a letter which you sent to him. As South Carolina is one of the oldest states in the Union and as there has never been any centralization of records, to gather family history in this state requires a great deal of time, research and travel from point to point in the state.

"If there was a Stephenson here as early as 1744 he necessarily lived in the Low-Country where better records were kept than in the Up-Country. Unfortunately many of these records were destroyed during the Revolution and still more during the Confederate War. Soldiers are no respecters of the most sacred things. In fact they seem to prefer to destroy cultural articles to material that can be easily replaced.

"Dr. Warren is eminently correct when he says at the end of his paper on the Rutledge family that 'it is best to think of her as a daughter of a humble pioneer, moving in about the same social circle as Abraham Lincoln'. The famous Rutledge family of Charleston came there from Ireland about 1730. At that time there was no people living in what we now know as the Up-Country of South Carolina.

"We know every descendant that John Rutledge, the founder of the family, has. He came with an older brother, Andrew Rutledge, who married a widow Boone. He was a lawyer. His younger brother was a doctor and he married the only daughter of Mrs. Boone, his sister-in-law. Andrew had no children. John left five sons and two daughters and every descendant of those seven is accounted for in our genealogies. They were all people of wealth, education and culture and they did not leave South Carolina until the country had begun to extend after the Revolution, when, here and there, a well-known descendant of the name, or of the female lines, would go to some other section of the country to assume an important position socially and otherwise.

"Members of the family from remote states still come back to Charleston from time to time to attend the St. St. Cecilia balls, so well do they all keep up their connection and nowhere in the United States or abroad will you find a descendant of Dr. John Rutledge of any name who is not fully aware of just what his or her relationship is to the founder of the family and the other distinguished members.

"In the rich and prosperous days of the Low-Country before the Revolution the pioneer section of the province was referred to as the "Back Country". The people living in the "Back Country" were very much like the pioneers of any other section; some were a little better off financially than others and some were better off culturally than others and some were better off socially than others, but such wide differences as existed in the Low Country did not exist in the "Back Country". At the time of the Revolution there were several families of Rutledges who lived in the "Back Country" and some of them were soldiers in the Revolution and one was named Edward, who could not write his name. He had a brother named John who could write his name.

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"We have been/harassed for many years by people who want to join the D.A.R. who are descended from these two brothers who set up claim for them to the services of the distinguished John and Edward, of Charles Town. These two brothers lived in the northeast section of the state and some of their descendants are there today. There have never been any professional men among them or men occupying high political position. They are small farmers and small merchants today.

"In the northwest corner of the state, among the foot hills, there was another family of Rutledges who have never been as important even ~~has~~ the family of the two brothers I have just described.

"On one occasion many years ago old Dr. Pinckney of Charleston, who had married a Rutledge, was journeying to the mountains with his wife. The stage which they were traveling on was drawn by four horses and the driver's name was Rutledge. When Mrs. Pinckney became aware of the name of their coachman she asked the doctor with some indignation where that man got the name of Rutledge. The doctor admitted he did not know but declared that he could do what no other Rutledge he had ever seen could do, drive four horses on a mountain road. That was probably the greatest accomplishment of any of those 'hill-billy' Rutledges--and if Ann Rutledge, who is alleged to have been a sweetheart of Lincoln's, came from any South Carolina family of Rutledges it was most likely the last family described, as they were close enough to Kentucky to migrate over the mountains, a thing which our mountain people frequently did.

"The Rutledges from the northeast section of the state migrated toward the southwest, as a general rule, and then out into the great west.

"There is one source of Hanks information, however, that is side-stepped by those people who are looking for "Lincoln lore". There was a large family of Hankses in the northwest corner of this state, and many of them are still there--and a proper investigation of records in that section will conclusively show that Nancy Hanks was born there and that her mother Lucy and other members of her immediate family left that section and went to Kentucky.

"The fact is sustained by official records and it is a fact which has given rise to an erroneous tradition, which is absolutely ridiculous, that John C. Calhoun was the father of Abraham Lincoln. The fact is that Calhoun was a child at the time that Nancy's mother took her baby to Kentucky--and I don't suppose he had ever seen her or any Hanks until he grew up and began practicing law in a neighboring district.

"I am sorry I have nothing definite with which to help you, but my time is almost fully occupied with official duties.

Yours very truly,

(Signed), A. S. SALLEY. "

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family, the line of Ann Mayes Rutledge. I wrote to Milo Custer, May 3, 1932, to get <sup>ting</sup> reply that he had <sup>just</sup> sold the last copy (other than his personal copy) of "Rutledge Family Records, 1922." He has <sup>however</sup> a spare copy of his other booklet, Thomas P. Reep, Petersburg, Va.,

an elderly man remembering much ~~of Lincoln~~ Lincolnia, gave me <sup>some</sup> new data. See "Lincoln Lore", issue of Feb. 15, 1932, No. 149, devoted ~~to the data on Ann Mayes Rutledge~~

to the data on Ann Mayes Rutledge, printed sheet attached hereto. For the ~~benefit~~ benefit of those who are not conversant with the details, let it be here mentioned that Miss Jane E. Hamond,

Schaller, Iowa, said in a letter to J.L. Perrin that she had loaned to the Decatur Library <sup>a</sup> Kirkham's Grammar, bearing in the handwriting of Abraham Lincoln, the words "Ann Rutledge is now learning Grammar,"

<sup>in 1925</sup> a book given by W. W. Rutledge, son of Robert, who was a brother of Ann. This ~~is~~ book was to go to the Library of Congress, so stated Miss Hamond. The following is also in Lincoln's handwriting; "To Ann Rutledge by her friend Abraham Lincoln." <sup>other</sup>

Miss Hamond gives the following data, which says she spent a year in verifying:

" Ann Mayes Rutledge, third child of James and Mary Ann (Miller) Rutledge, was born January 7, 1813, died August 25, 1835. Mary Ann (Miller) Rutledge, Ann's mother, was born, October 21, 1787, died December 26, 1878, and she had married James Rutledge, January 25, 1808, in Henderson County, Kentucky. James Rutledge was born, May 11, 1781, died December 3, 1835."

There is a Bible in the possession ~~(1830)~~ of Wilma Frances Minor (see ~~North American Review~~ Atlantic Monthly, Boston, January and February, 1929) with the endorsement, "New Salem--1834", with the following ~~in~~ in Abraham Lincoln's handwriting on the opposite page:

"Presented to Me by Ann Mayes Rutledge, that I may Read and Subdue (obscure here) My Mind to Its Valued Teachings."

Ann Mayes Rutledge was first buried <sup>in</sup> on the old Concord Cemetery, about a mile from the house on the Cameron farm where the James Rutledge family were living ~~when~~ when she and her father died ~~(1835)~~

she and her father both dying in the month of December, 1835. If I mistake not, they both died of the same or similar fever. Many years later, Ann's remains were disinterred and reburied in ~~Oakland~~ Oakland Cemetery, Petersburg, Illinois.

On July 14, 1932, Dr. Louis A. Warren, of the Lincoln Historical ~~Research~~ Research Foundation, ~~of~~, loaned me the out-of-print booklet, "Rutledge Family Records," which, because of the ~~rareness~~ rarity of ~~it~~ this data, is quoted in full, as follows:

"RUTLEDGE FAMILY RECORDS."

"Compiled and Published, 1922, by Milo Custer, Bloomington, Illinois."

(The text will be *copied here* reproduced with any existing errors as to typography, showing by periods the spots of missing data, using no quotation marks except as same may appear in the original copy. The following photographs are reproduced in the booklet: Thomas <sup>Officer</sup> Rutledge of LeRoy, Ill., born 1805, died 1866; Thomas Officer Rutledge of Heyworth, Ill., born 1806, died 1888; Sarah M. Rutledge, wife of Thomas O. Rutledge, of Leroy, Ill., born 1812, died 1868; Cynthia (Rutledge) <sup>Wife</sup> Rutledge, wife of Thomas O. Rutledge of Heywood, Ill, born 1812, died 1883; Jane (Rutledge) Dickerson, <sup>Wife</sup> wife of Michael Dickerson, born 1802, died 1874; James Rutledge of ~~Le~~ LeRoy, Ill., born 1808, died 1863; Robert H. Rutledge, born 1810, died 1891; Sarah L. (Rutledge) Martin, daughter of Robert H. Rutledge, born 1833, died 1919.)

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Goodson Inc.  
R. R. 1.

June 20 - 88.

Dr. Louis A. Warren,  
Fort Wayne,  
Indiana.

Dear Sir:

I have some  
old letters from Ann Rutledge,  
family. Some from John +  
Sarah and a niece, name  
Ann Rutledge, also picture  
vase, basket and brick center  
piece which belonged to the  
real Ann's close relatives.

Should you be interested  
in my collection, I shall  
be glad to give you all  
the information possible.

Hoping for an early reply.

Very Truly

Mrs. Tom Barber

June 23, 1933

Mrs. Tom Barker  
R. R. #1  
Goodson, Missouri

My dear Mrs. Barker:

It would be very difficult for us to determine whether or not we would be interested in your selection of curios until we have more details about the letters especially. I do not think we would be interested in any of the other items, but if the correspondence in connection with Ann Rutledge throws any light on her relationship with Abraham Lincoln, we might like to have this.

If you will give me the dates of the letters, by whom and to whom they were written, and also the price you are asking for them, it will help us to determine whether or not we care to acquire them.

Very sincerely yours,

LAW:EB

Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation



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June 11, 1934.

Dr. Louis A. Warren,  
Lincoln National Life Foundation,  
Ft. Wayne, Ind.

My dear Dr. Warren:

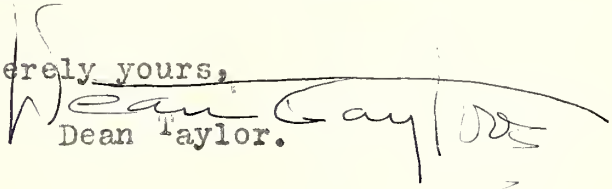
In "Lincoln Lore" No. 268, for May 28, 1934  
I notice that you discuss the burial places of the Lincolns.  
This item will be a little to one side but I know you will  
be glad for the information:

MOTHER OF ANN RUTLEDGE:--She later re-married  
and I do not at this moment recall her name, but she moved to  
Iowa and settled in VanBuren county, near Birmingham and about  
10 miles from Fairfield. She is buried in a country cemetery  
adjoining a little Methodist church about half way between  
Fairfield and Birmingham, but not on the main road. It is a  
mile or two west of the main north and south road. The grave  
is ~~marked~~ marked with a monument stating that she is the mother  
of Ann Rutledge.

That much information, I thought you would like  
and I might look up and find a few more details if you would care  
for it,---unless you already have it.

Again thanking you for the copies of  
Lincoln Lore, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Dean Taylor.

June 19, 1934

Mr. Dean Taylor  
Fairfield Daily Ledger  
Fairfield, Iowa

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for the information about the mother of Ann Rutledge, which comes to me in the letter I find on my desk after the return from the Lincoln pilgrimage.

On Friday I stood at Ann Rutledge's grave and I am very glad to have information as to the location of her mother's grave. This will add something to the Rutledge story. Thank you very much for your interest.

Very sincerely yours,

LAW:LH

Director

## KINSHIP TO LINCOLN TRACED BY WOMAN

*Indianapolis Star 2-12-35*

Family trees often boast some important personage on their branches but there are few which can claim Abraham Lincoln. Mrs. May Stum, 2620 North Illinois street, however, does not have to go back far to trace her relationship to the Civil War President.

Lucinda Watkins, Mrs. Stum's grandmother, was a third cousin. Mrs. Stum recalls stories her grandmother told her about Lincoln's ar-

rival in Salem when he was friendless and had no place to stay. The Watkinses gave him shelter in their humble home for the night. When Lincoln had a home of his own and the Watkinses were building a new dwelling, he gave them bricks from his mill, which were used in building the basement. Earnest young Abe also was generous in supplying his neighbors with books and the Watkinses had many novels and text books which the President gave them.

Mrs. Stum's grandmother disproved the belief that Anne Rutledge died before the Civil War, for she and Anne both worked as nurses in the camps. Mrs. Watkins used to tell her grandchildren that the onetime sweetheart of Lincoln died on her wedding day of a fever caught from taking care of the sick.

Not only is Mrs. Stum a relative of the President, but she is also a second cousin of Anne Rutledge, who was her paternal grandmother's sister. Her name was Elizabeth Potter, whose daughter, Jane Ship, was named by the President. Other relatives of Mrs. Stum are now living in Springfield, Ill.

**PRINCETON, IND., DEMOCRAT**

Saturday, July 10, 1937

**STAGE CAREER OF HER**



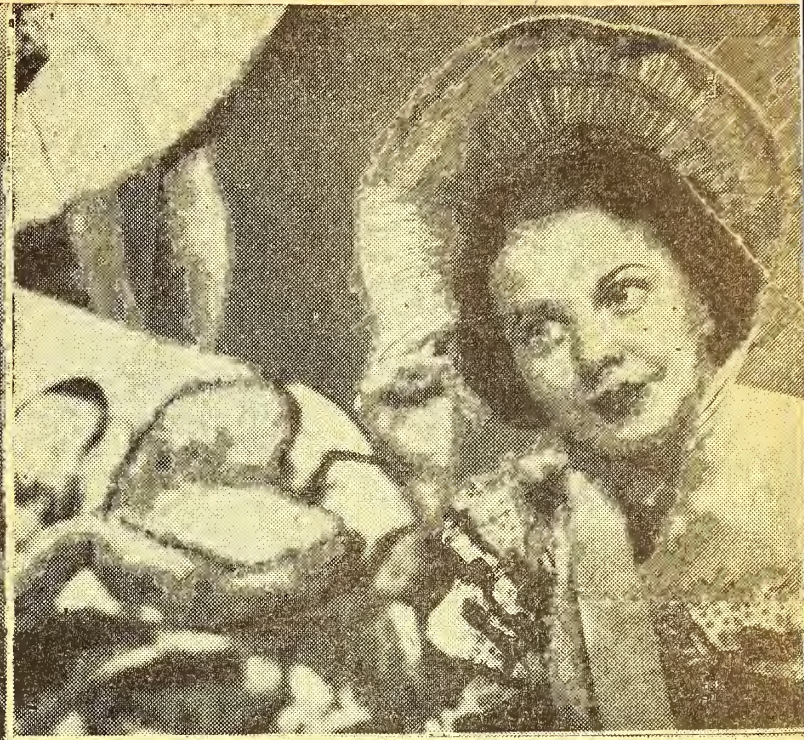
**Ann Rutledge**

A namesake and kin of Abraham Lincoln's sweetheart, Ann Rutledge of Petersburg, Ill., soon may launch a stage career. She was given a chance following her performance in a recent Lincoln pageant at New Salem, Ill., in which the 18-year-old girl played the role of her great-great aunt.

—Central Press.

# HIS LOVE LIVES AGAIN

*Wilmington Herald 2/18/38*



Lincoln's darling lives again in the person of her great-grandniece. The great love in the life of Abraham Lincoln, his romance with Ann Rutledge which ended in her tragic death from typhoid fever in 1835, will be reenacted in the forthcoming WPA theater project, "Prologue to Glory." The lovely present-day Ann (that's her name also) seeks inspiration for the part in the presence of a statue of the Emancipator, and, in insert above, makes-up for a rehearsal. (I.N.P.)

# Abe Lincoln's Ann Rutledge And Her Beautiful Namesake

## Tragic Love Affair Was Almost Ruinous to Emancipator

Unselfish humanitarian though he was, Abraham Lincoln's career was almost wrecked when he was twenty-six by a tragic love affair with Ann Rutledge. The incident was recently recalled by the dedication of a new railroad train, the "Ann Rutledge," in which a prominent role was taken by the great grand-niece and namesake of this pioneer belle.

Today's Ann Rutledge, beauteous as her famous ancestor, is a stage actress. She comes from a family dating back to South Carolina and the Revolutionary war, one of whom signed the Declaration of Independence.

Lincoln's Ann Rutledge was the daughter of a tavern keeper in New Salem, Ill., whose love the bashful and awkward young politician sought four years. So inferior did he feel that Lincoln at one time ceased pursuing her and left for Vandalia, the Illinois state capital.

During his absence Ann was betrothed to John McNeil, a successful New Salem storekeeper whose shady past was suspected by Lincoln, since the young lawyer had handled papers for McNeil showing that his real name was McNamar. McNeil left New Salem for New York, with the understanding that he would soon return and claim his bride. Infrequent letters brought excuses and John McNeil did not return.

Ann Rutledge sought a refuge and



The modern Ann Rutledge is a beauteous young stage actress, shown here as she broke a christening bottle over the new railroad train named after her famous ancestor, the Ann Rutledge whom Abraham Lincoln loved.

she found it in Lincoln, who returned to New Salem in the spring of 1835. At that time Lincoln was twenty-six and Ann twenty-two. Freed from her betrothal to McNeil, she planned to marry Lincoln and help him climb to prominence.

But at the end of a happy summer she was stricken with malaria. On her death bed in the log cabin on Sand Ridge farm, Lincoln and Ann spent a last hour together. Two days later she passed away.

## **ANN RUTLEDGE'S GRANDNIECE TO CHRISTEN TRAIN**

The new Alton railroad streamlined train, the Ann Rutledge, will be christened at 8:30 Monday morning by another Ann Rutledge, the grandniece of the sweetheart of Abraham Lincoln for whom the streamliner is named. Miss Rutledge will break over the forepart of the locomotive a bottle containing water from the reconstructed Rutledge tavern in New Salem, Ill.

Miss Rutledge, who is an actress, and John Huston, son of the actor, Walter Huston, will enact a short dramatization recalling Lincoln's courtship of Miss Rutledge.

The streamliner will leave Chicago at 9 a. m. Chicago time and will arrive in St. Louis at 1:20 p. m. central time daily starting Monday.\* On its return trip it will leave St. Louis at 4:30 p. m. central time and arrive in Chicago at 10:25 p. m. Chicago time.

Feb. 12, 1938

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## WOMEN

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### Ann Rutledge, 1938

A little over 100 years ago, a brief friendship with a tall, gawky law-student won a lasting role in history for the flaxen-haired daughter of a New Salem, Ill., tavern-keeper. She became the heroine of a tender real-life romance whose hero was youthful Abraham Lincoln. She was Ann Rutledge.

Last week another Ann Rutledge was preparing for her own role as Lincoln's sweetheart. From Ottumwa, Iowa, only about 150 miles from New Salem where the law-student had once accompanied the first Ann to quilting bees, the present Ann Rutledge had gone to New York City to rehearse the part of her great-great-aunt in *Prologue to Glory*, a forthcoming WPA Theater Project production.

Acting the part of her flaxen-haired forebear will be no new experience for dark-haired, pretty 18-year-old Ann. Last year when the citizens of New Salem were planning a Lincoln pageant, they wrote to her grandmother for information. Grandma Rutledge not only told them about the Ann who died in 1835 at the height of her romance with Lincoln, but she also told them about the modern Ann who was very much alive over in Ottumwa. So Ann, the great-grandniece, appeared in the pageant.

When the pageant closed last summer, the WPA immediately hired Ann to play the role of her ancestor once more—this time in a Chicago production of another play about Lincoln called *Lonely Man*. When the show closed, Ann decided to have a try at college. Appropriately enough she chose Lincoln Memorial University at Harrogate, Tenn., but left when the WPA invited her to New York for *Prologue to Glory*.

Not only has her name won for her a place on the stage, but last July it brought her the privilege of breaking a bottle of water over the nose of the new Alton streamline train, "The Ann Rutledge," just before it started on its first run between Chicago and St. Louis. A month ago the Port of New York Authority sent her a gold emblazoned invitation to help dedicate the new Lincoln tunnel that runs under the Hudson between the New York and New Jersey Shores.



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*Ann Rutledge Plays a Historic Role*

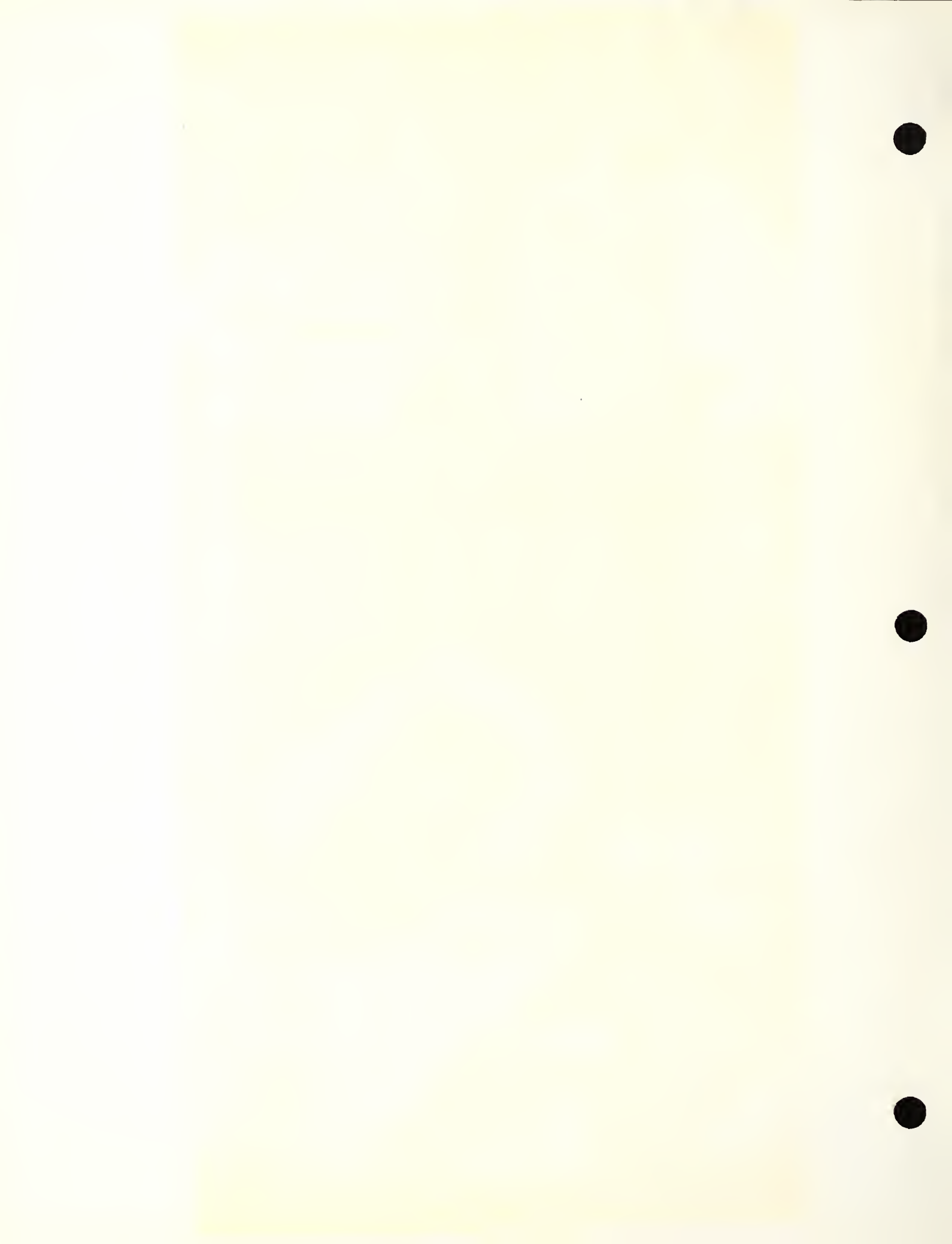


## Kin of Lincoln's Ann



*When Enquirer 2/13/38*

When the Dames of the Loyal Legion held their annual Lincoln Day breakfast in Washington, one of the honor guests was Ann Rutledge, left. She is the great-great grandniece of the original Ann Rutledge reputed to have been the sweetheart of Lincoln. Shown with her is Princess Cantacuzene, granddaughter of President Grant.



# Ann Rutledge Lives Again

THE NEWS-SENTINEL, FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Ann Rutledge of the present enacts the role of Ann Rutledge of the past in a pageant at New Salem, Ill.

The great love in the life of Abraham Lincoln, his romance with Ann Rutledge, will be re-enacted in a forthcoming New York production, with a descendant of the original Ann in the role of Lincoln's darling. She is Ann Rutledge, of Ottumwa, Ia., great grand-niece of the girl whom Lincoln loved and lost. The pictures on this page will get you better acquainted with the Ann Rutledge of today. (International News Photos.)



Five generation picture of the John Rutledge branch of the New Salem Rutledge Family



Donated by Edward Rutledge to the "Deeatur Lineolt Memorial Collection July 1st 1921

A page from the family album of Ann Rutledge.



Here is Ann before the make-up table, preparing for the role of her great grand-aunt.



Ann looks at the Great Emancipator.



**Mary Ann** Rutledge gave birth to the legendary Ann in Kentucky on January 7, 1813. When Ann was 19, Lincoln fell in love with her.

**The present-day Ann** Rutledge, who bears a striking resemblance to her beautiful namesake, is pictured with her father, Donald M. Rutledge.

## LINCOLN'S SWEETHEART LIVES AGAIN IN THE PERSON OF HER GRAND-NIECE



**Ann's charm** is said to duplicate that of her grand-aunt, who died in New Salem, Ill., on August 25, 1835, a few hours after "Honest Abe" had embraced her for the last time.



International Photos

**Ann re-enacts** the century-old romance whose tragic climax nearly killed Lincoln. "My heart is buried in her grave," he said.

*W. H. L.*  
HIA INQUIRER, FEBRUARY 12, 1939

**In quaint costume,** Ann made a big hit in "Prologue to Glory," enacting the original Ann, shown being courted by Lincoln.



**John Rutledge** was the brother of Ann Rutledge, the girl that Abraham Lincoln loved and lost.



**Nephew** of the tragic Ann whose death broke Lincoln's heart was Edward Rutledge, grandfather of the modern Ann.

# Mark Lincoln's Birth



*LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY* brought together in Washington Miss Ann Rutledge (in center), great-great-grandniece of Lincoln's sweetheart, and Madam Cantacu-

zene, granddaughter of President U. S. Grant (at right). At left is Mrs. Mary Logan Tucker, president of the Loyal Legion.

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ALMA, KANSAS Sept 14, 1938.

Dr Louie Warren  
St. Wayne Ind.

Dear Dr Warren. Here I come as a stranger but will explain in the beginning of this letter. While at the St Fair in Topeka, Kans. yesterday, I met a gentleman from Evanston Ill. who had a Lincoln display and he suggested I write to you, hoping you would be able to offer suggestions or information to help me. While I am not a Lincoln descendant I am of the new Salem Ill. Rutledge family my grandfather was the youngest brother of Ann. & William Blackburn Rutledge, pioneer of Cloud Co. Kas. I am searching records to establish the family of Rutledge in the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Have never been able to establish the father of James, Ann's father. The mother was Jane. have been told, officious, is buried at Empfield Ill. White Co. I believe some records say James' husband's name was John. then James. so I have no real authority on either.

might be something different altogether  
It seems to be an established fact James  
her sons, were early settlers in White and  
Menard, Co's Ill. I find in one of Mr Sallee's  
books, quite an extended account of  
the Revolutionary Service of James Rutledge.  
I hoped he was my man. Am not positive  
however. Mr Sallee is head of the Historical  
Commission, Columbia, S.C. Thanking you  
for your kind consideration, <sup>hoping</sup> and that  
perhaps you will be able to clear this  
point for me. Then I will go into the  
Revolution records again.

It seems this family lived at one time  
in Georgia, near Marysville.

Yours truly,

Mrs O. F. Deans.

(By Copeland Deans)

September 19, 1938

Mrs. O. F. Deans  
Alma, Kansas

My dear Mrs. Deans:

Enclosed you will please find a bulletin which I edited some years ago giving a little history of the Rutledge family.

It should be observed that the story of Ann Rutledge as far as we know began in Henderson County, Kentucky, and I have never as yet been able to find time to try and trace back her ancestry through the Carolinas to Virginia, which I think can eventually be done by those who have time to do so.

I hope the enclosed bulletin will help you in your work.

Very truly yours, .

LAW:BS  
Enc.

Director

Dr. Warren  
Lincoln Life Foundation.  
Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Lewis, Iowa

Nov. 7, 1938

Dear Sir:

Mr. Zarel C. Spears of Bedford Hills N.Y. paid me a visit some time back, and had with him copies of Lincoln Lore. He says this is published by your company, and I am wondering what I have to do to get on your mailing list.

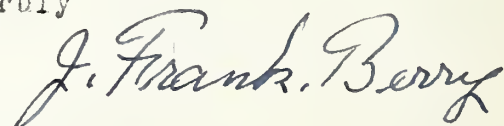
I have done considerable research on Lincoln, along with my family record research. I have worked for a good many years on the records of the Berry and Rutledge families of early Illinois.

John James Rutledge the father of Ann of Lincoln fame was also the father of Jane Officer Rutledge, (My great-grand-mother.)

Samuel Berry who was the father of James Berry (who married Jane Officer Rutledge) was my great-great-grand-father on the Berry side. I probably have more Rutledge and Berry records than any other living person.

If I have records that would be of use to you, in your work I would be glad to give them to you.

Yours very truly



J. Frank Berry  
Lewis, Iowa.

Rutledge

November 10, 1938

Mr. J. Frank Berry  
Lewis, Iowa

My dear Mr. Berry:

We are pleased to learn of your interest in the Berry family as we have had made inquiries about this interesting group which were so closely associated with the Lincolns in New Salem.

We would indeed be pleased to have any information which is available on this family and if there are items which you might loan us until copies are made we would be pleased indeed to return them.

We have been able to gather some material on the Rutledge family but it too would be very desirable for our files as we are constantly required to submit information about the people from whom Ann Rutledge descended.

We will be very happy indeed to enclose copies of Lincoln Lore, such back numbers as are available. We hope you will enjoy receiving them and they are sent to you gratis.

Very truly yours,

LAW:FW  
L.A. Warren

Director

Dr. Louis A. Warren

Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Mr. Warren:

Lewis, Iowa

Nov. 21, 1938

I was very glad to receive your letter of Nov. 10, and wish to thank you very much for the copies of Lincoln Lore.

As to the records on the Berry and Rutledge families which you say you would be pleased to have. I will say I hardly know what to send you. Inclosed you will find a few copies of my records, I have hundreds of sheets of similar records on the different families. Also many old stories that have been handed down to me.

In my work on the records I have gathered many old pictures of the two families. I have pictures of Samuel Berry and wife. (What I am sure is James Rutledge and wife) This picture is very much in dispute, but I am in hopes that I will soon have the doubts cleared up. James Rutledge died in ~~1835~~ 1835 so you see ~~###~~ it would be impossible to have a photograph of him.

The old pictures of James Rutledge and wife I found in a box, with a number of other old pictures which belonged to a great uncle. This uncle was ninety three or thereabout when he died and I found these pictures in a barn left about 20 years after his death.

This uncle was the son of James Berry and Jane Officer (Rutledge) Berry. Jane Officer (Rutledge) Berry was the oldest child of John James Rutledge and Mary Ann (Miller) Rutledge. Samuel Campbell Berry (my grandfather) was the oldest child of James and Jane O. Berry.

This old picture was in a white frame about 8 x 12 inches with individual pictures of the man and woman mounted side by side. The woman from comparisons I have made I am sure is Mary Ann (Miller)

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Rutledge. Who else then could the man be but John James Rutledge  
her husband?

Now here is the way I have this picture figured out.  
In the picture of the woman there is all kinds of detail, in that of  
the man there is hardly any. In the woman's if you will look carefully  
you will see, what looks like lines made by old homespun cloth in the  
background. In that of the man's you will see these same lines but  
rather than being in the background, you will see they run across the  
face as well as the background.

This is my answer to this riddle. I believe James Rutledge  
had a painting made of himself before death. After his death the  
family having this <sup>painting</sup> ~~#####~~ of their father wished to have one of their  
father and mother together, so had their mother's picture taken, and  
then had the painting photographed and mounted the resulting pictures  
side by side.

From the way I have this figured there must have been  
only one of these old pictures, where they were mounted side by side.  
I have contacted all the known relatives and have never <sup>heard from</sup> ~~### ##~~ one  
who has ever seen the picture before.

I am sending you a copy of these pictures, also one of  
a known picture of Mary Ann (Miller) Rutledge, perhaps you can help me  
to solve this riddle. The only ones I have printed at the present  
time are some I have used for comparisons, but they will be good for  
your comparisons also. If after your examination, you wish better  
prints of these people, I will have them made for you.

I would be very glad to have the names of people who  
wish information on the Berry or Rutledge family. In this way I  
contact many of the relatives whom I would never find otherwise.

Along with the old pictutes,I have gathered other relics of the old families.One is an old hand made Kentucky rifle which family tradition says Lincoln has shot many times. This rifle came to me from my grand-father (Samuel Campbell Berry),it is a very fine old gun and tradition says it was the best gun for miles around in its days at New Salem,and early Illinois.

Some day I will photograph this gun and then can send you a picture of it if you wish one. I have four old guns that came to me from the older Berrys,I am sure three of them came from the vacinity of New Salem (Old Salem to all of the older relatives.)of mine)

If I can be of more service to you I would be very much pleased to do so.

Yours very truly

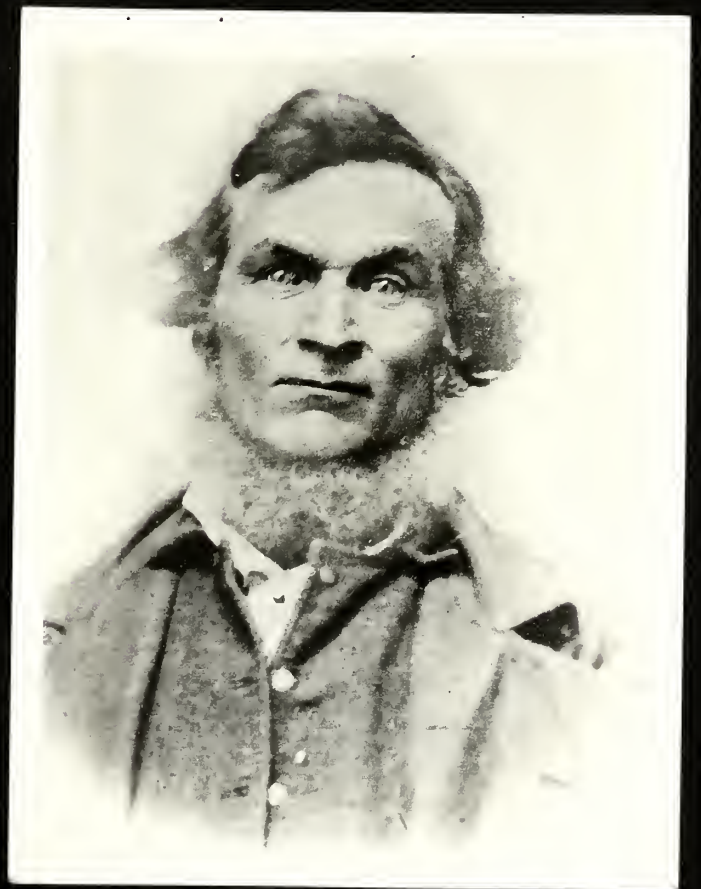
*J. Frank Berry*

John Franklin Berry

My family line

	NAME	BIRTH	DEATH
	John Franklin Berry	1889	
father	William Franklin Berry	1862	1936
grand+fa.	Samuel Campbell Berry	1828	1892
great-g-f-	James Berry	1805	1855 married Jane Rutledge Officer
	Samuel Berry	1780	1855
	Jane Officer Rutledge	1808	1866
	John James Rutledge	1781	1835
	John James Rutledge	?	? ?





Mary Ann (Wiser) Rutledge  
Oct. 21, 1787 - Dec. 26, 1878  
Married John James Rutledge  
Jan. 25, 1808

From the records of  
J. Frank Berry  
Lewis Iowa.

~~Please return~~  
~~to~~  
~~J. Frank Berry~~  
~~Lewis Iowa.~~

Brought to be  
Mary Ann (Wiser)  
to Lewis

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~~J. Frank Berry~~  
~~Lewis Iowa~~

Brought to be  
Mary Ann (Wiser)  
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*From In Warren*

John James Rutledge ( question )  
 (Ireland or Scotland) about? 1739./ ./ about 1767  
 Jans Officer ( " " " ) 1749./ Oct. 6, 1834./ S.CAROLIA ??

NAME	BIRTHPLACE	BIRTH	DEATH	MARRIAGE
Thomas Rutledge	Thought to be S.Car.	Oct.17,1768./	Aug.20,1830./	in Georgia.
Sallie Smith		./ Aug.20,1778./	Dec.12,1843./	
Robert Rutledge	Thought to be S.Car.	Sep.22,1783./	about 1825./	
Susannah Mayes		./	./	
John James Rutledge	South Carolina	./ May 11,1781./	Dec. 3,1835./	Jan.25,1808
Mary Ann Miller	South Carolina	./ Oct.21,1787./	Dec.26,1878./	Henderson, Co. Ky.
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William Rutledge	Ga./	Feb. 6, 1790./	Nov.23,1864./	in Ky.by Jam-
Sunnah Cameron	South Carolina	./ Jan. 3,1792./	Sep. 8,1883./	es McGrady.
?????? ? Rutledge	Ga ./		./	
Thomas Mayes (James ?)	Ga./		./	
Jane Rutledge ???	Ga./		./	./ Oct.29,1813?
Michel Dickerson ???	./		./	./by Thos.Rutle- dge,in White Co Ill
Susan Rutledge	Ga./	about 1875/	./	./
Miller ???	./	./	./	./
Nancy or Sarah ???	Ga./		./	./ Jan.14,1825 ?
Jacob C.Wright	./		./	./ White Co.Ill.

Parts of the above records are very unreliable as shown by the ????  
 there were four daughters in this family Mary, Jane, Sarah and Elizabeth. It is thou-  
 ght one married John Dawson of Dawson Illinois. The order of birth is not known.

The mother of these children is buried at Enfield, White county, Illinois.  
 She came to White, Co. Ill. in the fall of 1813 with her sons. The burial place of  
 the father is not known, but is thought to be near Matesville, Georgia.

Some records say the father and mother were married in Ireland and came  
 to S.Car. about 1765. This statement is rather uncertain



*Full Name*

John James Rutledge South Carolina // May, 11, 1781. / Dec. 3, 1835. / Jan. 25, 1808.  
 Mary Ann Miller " " // Oct. 21, 1787. / Dec. 26, 1878. / Henderson, Co Ky

NAME	BIRTHPLACE	BIRTH	DEATH	MARRIAGE
Jane Officer Rutledge, James Berry	Henderson, Co. Ky. / Franklin, Co. Tenn. /	Nov. 23, 1808. / Oct. 1, 1805. /	Aug. 24, 1866. / Dec. 26, 1855. /	Feb. 28, 1828 records at Ill Springfield, 1
John Miller Rutledge Sarah C. Harris	Henderson, Co. Ky. / //	Nov. 20, 1810. / //	May 17, 1878. / //	May 26, 1857. //
Anna Mayes Rutledge	Henderson, Co. Ky. /	Jan. 7, 1813. /	Aug. 25, 1835. /	Lincoln's Ann
David Hamilton Rutledge	White, Co. Ill. ? /	Aug. 22, 1815. /	May 23, 1841. /	
Robert Brannon Rutledge Samantha Jenkins	White, Co. Ill. ? / //	Feb. 23, 1819. / //	May 6, 1881. / //	Nov. 1, 1848 //
Nancy Cameron Rutledge Anthony T. Prewitt	White, Co. Ill. ? / Ky. //	Feb. 10, 1821. / , , 1810. /	Jan. 16, 1901. / //	Oct. 14, 1840 ? 1846?
Margaret Armstrong Rutledge	White, Co. ? /	Jun. 21, 1823. /	May , 1864. /	
William Blackburn Rutledge	White, Co. ?? /	Nov. 29, 1826. /	Jul. 6, 1917. /	
Mary Anderson Rutledge	White, Co. ?? /	June 5, 1827. /	Jul. 25, 1827. /	
Sarah Frost Rutledge J Saunders	Menard, Co. Illinois / //	Oct. 20, 1829. / //	May 1, 1922. / //	

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The Rutledge family settled on Concord Creek about 7 miles north of what was latter New Salem. Land was entered from the Government by them on Feb. 8, 1828.

Sarah Frost Rutledge was born in the old Tavern at New Salem.

Mary Ann (Miller) Rutledge had a sister (Nancy born in 1780) who married (Thomas Cameron born in Scotland July 14, 1764, died in Georgia, July 15, 1814.)

James Miller who married (Jane Rutledge dau. of Thos. Rutledge) was a brother Of Mary Ann Miller.

There is a record in the County Clerks Office of Henderson, Co, Ky. which reads, One James McGready filed a report with A.M. Barbour (who was Co. Clerk of Henderson, Co.) on Jan. 15, 1811 in which he listed the Marriage of OVER

James Rutledge and Mary Anna Miller as performed by him on Jan.25,1808. It is not known if the license was secured in Henderson,County or not,as the marriage register could not be found.

From the records of J.Frank Berry Lewis,Iowa



*For Dr. Warren*

Samuel Berry Va./ Jun.27,1780./ Feb.10,1855./ *about 1803*  
 Jane Ann Weir (Wier) Va./ ./ Mar.13,1834./

NAME	BIRTHPLACE	BIRTH	DEATH	MARRIAGE
James Berry	Franklin, Co. Tenn./	Oct. 1, 1805./	Sep. 26, 1855./	<i>Feb. (28)</i> <del>Sep. 5, 1828.</del>
Jane Officer Rutledge	probably Ga./	Nov. 23, 1808./	Aug. 24, 1866./	<i>think White,</i> <i>Co., Illinois,</i> <i>rec'd at Springfield</i>
Baxter Bell Berry	Franklin, Co. Tenn./	Oct. 25, 1807./	Dec. 2, 1891./	Oct. 2, 1832.
Elizabeth Preston Camron.	./	Jan. 18, 1813./	Apr. 3, 1896./	probably Ill.
Margaret Berry	Franklin, Co. Tenn./	Feb. 15, 1810./	Nov. 25, 1893./	Sep. 15, 1828.
Thomas Johnson	./	Nov. 7, 1804./	Dec. 19, 1893./	
Elizabeth McCutchen Berry	Franklin, Co. Ten./	Oct. 3, 1812./	May 31, 1875./	Mar. , 1832.
William Griffin Jeter	Louisville, Ky./	Sep. 20, 1807./	Aug. 31, 1867./	<i>Fulton Co. Ill</i>
Martha Ann Berry	Franklin, Co. Tenn./	. , 1814./	. , 1900./	. , 1837
David Curtis Clark	./	./	./	./
William Preston Berry	Franklin, Co. Tenn./	. , 1816./	. , 1874./	Sep. 12, 1839
Ducilla Wilcox	./	: , ./	: , ./	Menard, Co, Ill
Susan Spickelmire	Ind./	. , 1833./	. , 1910./	
Mary Berry	Franklin, Co. Tenn./	. , 1818./	: , ./	
Jim Jones	./	. , ./	: , ./	
Sarah W. Berry	Franklin, Co. Tenn./	May 16, 1824./	Dec. 14, 1846./	Jun. 13, 1844.
James Altig	./	Aug. 13, 1827./	. , ./	Menard, Co, Ill
Harriet Melinda Berry	Menard, Co. Ill./	Nov. 6, 1827./	Oct. 19, 1902./	Mar. 20, 1849.
Redding Nance	./	Jan. 17, 1825./	Feb. 7, 1854./	<i>Menard Co. Ill</i>
John T. Jones	./	Feb. 25, 1813./	Jul. 4, 1886./	Sep. 29, 1856. <i>Menard Co. Ill</i>

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Samuel Berry and his wife Jane Ann Berry both died in Menard, County Illinois, and are buried in Abraham Goodpasture Cemetery, near Petersburg Illinois.

Samuel Berry was Magistrate (Squire) at Concord, Illinois when Lincoln was studying law, and Lincoln has tried cases in his Court.

Samuel Berry and his wife were both of Irish descent, they moved from Virginia to Tennessee, then in 1825 to Illinois.

Samuel Berry was a brother of John McCutchen Berry.

*From the records of*  
~~If you have Berry records, won't you please send them to me~~

J. Frank Berry Lewis, Iowa.



November 23, 1938

Mr. J. Frank Berry  
Lewis, Iowa

My dear Mr. Berry:

May I express my deep appreciation for the very interesting copies of old records which you have so kindly forwarded.

I will immediately get to work on these and see if I cannot help you in the placing of the Rutledge family ancestors as I have a great many records from Virginia and the Carolinas referring to the Rutledges.

Just as soon as time permits, I will try to get together such information as we have on the Berry family also and see if we can patch up enough stock so that we will have a fairly good genealogy of them also.

I think possibly you would like to be on our mailing list for Lincoln Lore, a publication which we issue here, and your name is being placed on our list.

Very truly yours,

LAW:BS

Director

Dr. Louis A. Warren  
Lincoln National Life Foundation.  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Lewis, Iowa  
Feb. 25, 1939

My dear Dr. Warren

This is rather a two-fold letter. I wish to thank you very much for the Lincoln Lore, that has been sent to me regularly, with the acception of numbers 500, 501, 502, 503 for the month of November.

I am wondering if you did not have enough of these four numbers to go around, or if they were lost in the mail. If there were not enough to go around, I appreciate the others just the same, but would like these numbers if they are available. I have the year of 1938 complete with the acception of these numbers.

Lincoln Lore is a very handy reference list for me in my research work on the Berry and Rutledge records. I have made very good progress on these records this winter. I spend most of my time evenings working on them.

Thanking you again of Lincoln Lore.

Yours very truly.

*J. Frank Berry*

2/28/39

*Rutledge*

The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co.  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Lewis, Iowa.  
Apr. 5, 1939

Dear Sirs;

Your Lincoln Lore came this morning, the annual reply card inclosed. I am returning the stub marked as per your wish.

I wish to thank you very much for LINCOLN LORE. I appreciate this little sheet very much, and use it considerable in my research work on the Berry and Rutledge families.

Thanking you again,

Yours very truly

*J. Frank Berry*

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Dr. Louis A. Warren, Editor,  
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Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Doctor:

Returning the Lincoln Lore of February 15, 1932,  
I am reminding that I have kept another copy religiously and zeal-  
ously in my possession through the years, while carrying on a line  
of correspondence, trying to solve what to me has been a more or less  
of a mystery, why Ann Mayes Rutledge had "Mayes" as her middle name.

Of course there is no question but what she had  
some Mayes blood in her veins.

Have you ever solved this question, concerning  
which we had correspondence in 1932 and in that era?

You will find me by addressing me "In Care State  
Department of Agriculture, Jefferson City, Missouri". My old home  
legal address is Richmond, Missouri.

May I hear from you?

Sincerely,

July 12, 1941.

  
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Jewell Mayes, Personal,  
c/o State Department of Agriculture,  
Jefferson City, Missouri.

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ANN MAYES RUTLEDGE, (1813-1835.)

The "Why" of the middle name of Miss Ann Mayes Rutledge, the gone-on-before, glorified, young titian-haired sweetheart of the sainted Abraham Lincoln is an (as yet) unanswered question!

The parents of Miss Ann Mayes Rutledge were James Rutledge and Ann (Miller) Rutledge, who were married on January 25, 1808, in Henderson County, Kentucky, James Rutledge was born in South Carolina, May 11, 1781, and died near Concord, Illinois, December 3, 1835. Miss Ann Miller, his wife, was born October 21, 1787, and died December 26, 1878--and perchance her mother was a Mayes. The Rutledges were allegedly descended from the family of Edward Rutledge, who signed the Declaration of Independence--but this has not been proven. The parents of Mrs. Rutledge were Scotch.

Miss Ann Mayes Rutledge was born in Henderson County, Kentucky, January 7, 1813, the third of nine children. Tradition has it that she was carried a babe in arms when her parents moved from Kentucky to Illinois. The beautiful story of the mutual love between her and Abraham Lincoln is heart history. She died near Concord, Illinois, August 25, 1835, and was buried there; her dust was later reburied at Petersburg, Illinois.

Jewell Mayes (Richmond, Missouri) has been interested in this "middle name" question for some time, and has helped to encourage the active interest of Director Louis A. Warren of the Lincoln Historical Research Foundation, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He also had correspondence (a few years ago) with the venerable Thomas Reep of Petersburg, Illinois, where Ann was buried. Colonel J. Nick Ferrin, 3 West A Street, Belleville, Ill., (author of "The History of Illinois"), in early 1930's also joined Mr. Mayes in his search for the genealogical explanation of Ann Rutledge's middle name.

Evidently either the Millers or the Rutledges were akin (by blood or marriage) to the Mayes family, which (if true) would explain the middle name.

What is the answer to this question?

Readers are invited to write to Jewell Mayes, (Richmond, Mo.) if you have ever read or heard anything that tends to explain the middle name of Miss Ann Mayes Rutledge, of sainted memory!

TO Jewell W. Mayes, 194

TO: . . . Room 401; . . . 402; . . . 403; . . . 404; . . . 405; . . . 407; . . . 411; . . . 412; . . . 415; . . . 417; . . . Governor; . . . State Fair Secretary; . . . College of Agriculture; . . . Statistician USDA-Mo.; . . . U.S.D.A.

The State Department of Agriculture REFERS this to you, (CHECKED IN FRONT), as follows: . . . Conference asked; . . . Reply over own signature; . . . Reply, sending me cc; . . . Draft reply for my signature; . . . Please reply; . . . Read;  Examine; . . . Rush; . . . Return;  Return with comment; . . . Not rush; . . . Don't return; . . . Examined and returned; . . . Dateless; . . . File; . . . Proof; . . . Copies; . . . Thins; . . . Spaced; . . . 8 1/2 x 11; . . . 8 1/2 x 14; . . . Mimeo; . . . Send bulletin(s); . . . Your letter appreciated; . . . Confidential. Thank you.

JEWELLMAYES

July 22, 1941

Mr. Jewell Mayes  
c/o State Department of Agriculture  
Jefferson City, Mo.

My dear Mr. Mayes:

I am now paying a price of negligence for apparently I failed to make a sufficient inquiry as to where I could find a historical date of which I ran across some years ago on the Mayes family.

The past hour or more I have been hunting for this source material but have failed to discover it.

I remember distinctly, however, that it spoke of intermarriages between the Rutledges and Mayes families and it appears to me as if there was a Mayestown or a Mayesville in Tennessee, or some southern state named after this family. I will make further searches and if I am able to locate the information will be pleased to advise you.

I remember upon gathering it originally I thought of sending it to you at once but in some way neglected it.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director

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Sparta, Wis.,  
Jan. 26, 1948.

Dear Sirs:

I know a party, former resident of this town, a direct descendant of Ann Rutledge, who has eight letters written by Abraham Lincoln to Ann Rutledge. These letters have never been published - in fact, have not yet even been "discovered," by any collector of Lincoln material. The party in question values them only for their sentimental value because they have been handed down to this person by the party's grandmother - and are merely "keep-sakes":

If these letters prove to be authentic - (and I have no reason to believe they are not) - how much will you pay for the name and address of the owner of them?

All contacts must be made by you.

I am merely trying to sell the information I have.

Sincerely,

Henry A. Klein

Henry A. Klein  
Nicolet Hotel  
Sparta, Wis.



Ann Rutledge

March 17, 1948

Mr. Henry A. Klein  
Nicolet Hotel  
Sparta, Wis.

Dear Mr. Klein:

In reply to your letter of January 26, I would suggest that Miss Ann Rutledge was never married so I don't know who the direct descendant can be.

Furthermore, I do not think we have ever paid out any money to any one for submitting the name of some one who has something to sell. Thank you very much for your interest.

Very truly yours,

Director

LAW:CM  
L.A. Warren

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Las Animas, Colorado

February 13, 1957

Lincoln National Life Foundation Museum.

Ft. Wase, Indiana.

Dr. R. Gerald Mc Murtry,

Dear Sir:-

Read your recent article in the Saturday Evening Post about Lincoln.

I am not especially interested in A. Lincoln himself as I am the Putledge family.

The sister of Anne Putledge, near my <sup>great</sup> grand mother. She was the second wife of Anthony James Pruett. Who was taken in the family <sup>not</sup> lived & buried at Fairfield, Iowa.

Whether the Putledge women died & buried there, I am not sure but think so. I do know that the small, Cumberland Presbyterian church, graveyard disappeared years ago. From what my mother told me. I seem to see a fine walled cut grove, church, etc., probably in the 1870's or 1880. For whom my mother said, she told me, all records, gone but. Whether the graveyard (church) was in the village of Fairfield or not, I am not sure, For my mother

now to mention that was out in the country.

As near as I can find. The Pruell. Post-Office marriage. A boy with only who died a number of years ago in Los Angeles area of California. Was a crafts. Like it that. In love with his 1/2 sister. My grand mother say was catches. Some grand mother. Anne (Pruell) Papawala, took care of him for years at his beds. As mother to sister to close. Should judge he had pills. For she would use herself around him to stop the pain from his body warmth.

From what I can gather. Anthony James Pruell. was born in De Caribus, about 1810. As a plan. Just name of family that raised him. Learned to swim track. So took the name of James in his middle name.

From what I can gather. was in the migration that came up from the south, the Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois & Iowa. Was it that's a show in the Cumberland Presbyterian sect. A boat a recognized leader



The two stories told, to me, by my Grand Mother  
 were:- That Anne Rutledge & Lincoln were  
 never sweethearts, but two families were close  
 friends & it presume probably church. Tho' that  
 it do not know. Another story about Lincoln  
 was, that would walk streets of New Salem  
 generally reaching a book. If not ran into  
 a hand to play with small folk. Call wood  
 him, but also feared him. If reaching you  
 a child. Without saying a word, it would gen-  
 erally tick the youngster under a arm &  
 walk off. Maybe be only a few feet. or carry them  
 a mile. Never say a word. Just sit down  
 & continue on his errand.

What I would like to know, if you have any  
 information on the Rutledge family. Also the  
 Pruetts. (Maybe spelled Pruit.) but I think well  
 can settle it. When a small boy, Grand Mother  
 Mother told me things. But that like I did  
 not listen to clearly. Last few years, have  
 had to quit hand work. Sort of a few time be-  
 gan to gather up family records. See I gather  
 it more. The more interesting it became.  
 So, I guess I am making a feet of

myself. Surprising the interesting things,  
stories, traditions, with or without foundation  
can be gathered. As I always like history  
this game fascinates me.

Any advice, information etc will be  
much appreciated.

Anthony T. Pruitt died during or shortly after  
the close of the Civil War.

Yours Truly

P. B. Sweetman

Los Angeles

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Colorado

P.S. Please Colorado and in full or mail will  
go to Los Angeles, California

P. B. Sweetman

March 19, 1957

Mr. P. R. Sweetman  
Route 2  
Las Animas, Colorado

Dear Mr. Sweetman:

I have your letter of February 13th. I have been unable to answer it until today due to the fact that I have been on a seven week speaking tour to twenty eastern cities. I have read your long letter regarding the Rutledge Family with a great deal of interest. In fact I think that I will file your letter with our Rutledge material.

The best work that has been done on the so called Lincoln - Rutledge romance appears in James Randall's book entitled "Lincoln The President - Springfield Gettysburg Volume II, Page 321. This chapter appears under Appendix and the title of the chapter is "Sifting the Ann Rutledge Evidence."

With this letter I am enclosing a Bulletin which you may find of interest entitled "The Rutledge Family". Thanking you for your letter I remain

Yours sincerely,

R. Gerald McMurtry:cje

Director

Enc.



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Elkhart, Illinois  
February 6, 1961

Dr. R. Gerald McMurtry  
Lincoln National Life Foundation  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Gerald:

Sorry I didn't get a letter off with the photostat and book. When I checked our "Parlor Monuments to the Illustrious Dead" I found there were two broadsides so sent copies of both.

I personally had an extra copy of the House Journal of 1838 which I have sent. I have no idea as to price so will be agreeable to whatever you suggest.

It has been several years since I have run across any. Several years ago I spent a couple of days in going through the tremendous stock of the National Law Library Appraisal Association, 533 South Dearborn, Chicago 5, Illinois, and found most of my own set of both laws and Journals. You might drop them a letter.

I am enclosing photostats of the family record from the Rutledge family Bible. I would like your opinion if the two entries on the second page of the death of Ann Rutledge and James Rutledge could be in Lincoln's hand. I showed them to Ralph Newman last week and he thinks they could be.

Sincerely yours,

*Jim*  
James I. Hickey

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Encl.

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

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James Officer  
Butler was Born  
In the year of our  
lord one thousand  
Eight hundred Eight  
November 23 -

John Miller Butler  
was Born November  
the 29<sup>th</sup> in the year  
of our lord one thousand  
Eight Hundred and Ten

James Hayes Butler  
was Born January  
the 7<sup>th</sup> in the year of  
our lord one thousand  
Eight Hundred and  
Ten

James Hammitton  
Butler was Born  
August the 22<sup>nd</sup> one  
thousand Eight  
Hundred and  
Fifteen

Robert Warner  
Butler was Born  
February 23<sup>rd</sup> in the  
year of our lord one  
thousand Eight  
Hundred and Sixteen

Harvey Corwin Butler  
was Born February  
the 10<sup>th</sup> in the year  
of our lord one thousand  
Eight Hundred and  
Twenty one

Peggy Armstrong  
Butler was Born  
June the 29<sup>th</sup> in  
the year of our lord  
one thousand Eight  
Hundred and Twenty  
three

William Blackmore  
Butler was Born  
November the 29<sup>th</sup> in  
the year of our lord  
one thousand Eight  
Hundred and  
Twenty five

FAMILY RECORD.

DEATHS.

Peggy, et Rutledge  
departed this life  
May 18 67

DEATHS.

Anna Maves Rutledge  
departed this  
life August 25<sup>th</sup>  
1835

James Rutledge  
departed this life  
December 3<sup>rd</sup> 1835

Jos. Miller Rutledge  
died May 17-1874

Robert B. Rutledge  
died May 6-1887

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten notes in the bottom left corner, possibly including names and dates.]*

FAMILY RECORD.

MARRIAGES.

MARRIAGES.

*James Rutledge  
 of the County of ...  
 and ...  
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*Robert B. Rutledge  
 &  
 Samantha S. Rutledge  
 was married November  
 the 1st 1848*

*John M. Rutledge  
 &  
 Sarah G. Rutledge  
 was married May  
 the 26 1857*

FAMILY RECORD. R. B. Rutledge

BIRTHS.

BIRTHS.

James Rutledge was Born in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one  
Mary Ann Miller was Born October the first in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty seven

James Milton Rutledge - was Born Sept 1848

Mary Alice Rutledge was Born April 20 1852.

Margaret Josephine Rutledge was Born January the 8<sup>th</sup> 1856

Sally F Rutledge was born October 20<sup>th</sup> 1829  
Sarah Foster Rutledge was born at New Salem, Illinois, October 20, 1829



# FAMILY RECORD

NAMES	BIRTHS
JAMES RUTLEDGE	11 <sup>th</sup> MAY 1781
MARYANN MILLER	21 <sup>st</sup> OCT <sup>r</sup> 1787
JANE RUTLEDGE	23 <sup>rd</sup> NOV <sup>r</sup> 1808
JOHN M. RUTLEDGE	29 <sup>th</sup> NOV <sup>r</sup> 1810
ANNA M. RUTLEDGE	7 <sup>th</sup> JAN <sup>y</sup> 1813
EDWARD RUTLEDGE	22 <sup>nd</sup> AUG <sup>t</sup> 1815
ROBERT B. RUTLEDGE	23 <sup>rd</sup> FEB <sup>y</sup> 1819
NANCY C. RUTLEDGE	10 <sup>th</sup> FEB <sup>y</sup> 1821
MARGARET A. RUTLEDGE	21 <sup>st</sup> JUNE 1823
WILLIAM B. RUTLEDGE	29 <sup>th</sup> NOV <sup>r</sup> 1826
MARY A. RUTLEDGE	5 <sup>th</sup> JUNE 1827
SALLY F. RUTLEDGE	20 <sup>th</sup> OCT <sup>r</sup> 1829

MARRIED

26<sup>th</sup> JAN<sup>y</sup>

1808

DIED

25<sup>th</sup> JULY

1827

From James Pultledge Family Bible  
Printed & sold by Collins & Co  
New York 1814

Original New Salem Seat Book



March 22, 1961

Mr. James T. Hickey, Curator  
Lincoln Collection  
Illinois State Historical Library  
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Jim:

I have showed your Rutledge family Bible records (photostats) to Dr. Warren. He gave the two entries considerable thought and finally decided they were not written by Lincoln.

I, too, have given them some study, and while there seems to be some resemblance to Lincoln's handwriting, I fear I will have to agree with Dr. Warren. A break-down of the study of the individual letters seems to reveal that they were not formed like Lincoln formed them.

I suppose by now that either you or the Illinois State Historical Society has purchased the model of the Manny reaper. I am eager to hear more about it.

Sincerely,

R. Gerald McMurtry

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# OFF THE RECORD

By Jim Arpy

Abe Lincoln will celebrate his birthday this Monday with a party in a little German tavern in Daversport. Abe, though, will wear a collar instead of a stovepipe hat.

Abe is named because he was born on Lincoln's birthday six years ago, is a miniature French poodle owned by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lambach of Daversport. A number of people have been invited. Appetizers will be a hard boiled egg and eschere min. Main course will be a moist loaf about the size of a biscuit. Dessert will consist of an oatmeal cookie.

The miniature Abe will also provide his guests with a glass of Robert of German, Swiss or American beer. Later his guests will adjourn to the Lambach home for coffee and cake.



# Lincoln CALLED HER "MOM"

A Little-Known Southeast Iowa Link To The Legend Of The President Who Was Born 153 Years Ago This Week

"How come," an area mover wonders, "that 75 per cent of the people I move are leaving Iowa? How come only a trickle are moving in?"

Anyone have the answer?

The recent item here about the policeman who left his car running all night reminded Leo S. Barker, 204 1/2 St. Rock Island, of an incident which happened recently to a young Rock Island housewife.

"It was a little after 6 a.m. and she had to go out in 15 below zero weather to pick up her two little boys who had spent the night with their grandparents. She got the car started in the parking area and was going to back it out in the driveway to let it warm up.

"Suddenly for some unknown reason she changed her mind about backing out of the garage and went in to the house to get the car to warm up. She targeted one thing, though—to take the auto out of reverse.

"She came back to climb into her warm car— it was gone!

"She had backed itself off of the garage door and across the neighbor's driveway, and ended up in a snowbank right in the middle of the neighbor's front yard. You can imagine the surprise of her half-wakened husband, and the time she had had trying to convince him what really happened. He did some trouble, too, trying to make the neighbors believe he didn't come home with a few too many under the belt and park in their front yard."

Here's an even sadder auto tale. Last week Jack G. Beck, 1013 1/2 St. Bettendorf, sold his brand new, bright red compact car from a Daversport dealer and stopped to put on his girl for an inspection ride.

Just 20 minutes later, he found himself at the corner of West Third and Harrison streets staring disconsolately at a crumpled fender and wondering if there wasn't some way to revoke women's driver's licenses.

"Only one consolation," pith-ly opines Lily Clewmon, who was Beck's passenger, "it must be some kind of a record."

The owner of a big department store was amazed when the sale of fashions suddenly began to outdo regular business sales by a three to one margin. When he checked records he found this had been occurring for several weeks.

Wondering what in the world could account for this strange reversal, he secreted himself in the lingerie department for a whole day and watched. He was amazed to see several young women from a nearby base come in during the day and blushing buy sets of the unmentionables.

Finally he could stand it no longer and walked up to two young girls who had just made such purchases. "Fellas, it's certainly none of my business," he apologized, "but what in the world are you going to do with those?"

The young women fidgeted uncomfortably. "Well, you see, sir," one finally explained, "we've found there's just nothing better to put under our helmets to keep our ears warm and shut out noise. They make the helmets fit snugger, too."

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** About a hundred miles south and west of the Quad-Cities, in Iowa's Van Buren County, is a link to the legend of Abraham Lincoln whose birthday we observe this Monday. Here's the story of it's link, and a woman that Lincoln called "Mom."

By BILL WUNDRAM  
Sunday Editor

BIRMINGHAM, Iowa — The roof sags unevenly, weathered by far more than a hundred prairie wintry summers. One ancient wing has been crushed by a falling elm. But its simple lines are still there, and you can readily see that it once was a house.

It is in a barnyard, unnoticed by most, unknown to even exist by many historians.

This was the Iowa home of Mary Ann Rutledge, mother of Ann Rutledge, whose promise of marriage to Abraham Lincoln was broken only by her death.

In this house, the widow Rutledge lived for many years with her six children, tending crops on her small farm, spinning on the wheel to the music of whose humming Abe Lincoln often fell asleep at New Salem's Rutledge Tavern.

What grade school, romantic teen or Lincoln historian has not wistfully pondered the romance of young, long Abraham and pretty Ann Rutledge in the rustic frontier village of New Salem — and has not shared his grief when Ann died in the summer of their promised year of wed?

Ann Rutledge died in August, 1835. Her father died three months later.

Two years later, the widow Mary Ann Rutledge left New Salem with six of her eight children and traveled westward to Iowa to settle with the earliest pioneers north and west of the village of Birmingham. Such an act was a bold one for a frail woman of 50, and why

she chose the remote area of Birmingham to settle is not certain.

While historians have left not a pebble unturned in researching the life of Lincoln, it is unfortunate that none followed Mary Ann Rutledge into Iowa.

### Sent Information

Information about her life in these parts is scant. Upon the little farm plot where she chose to settle was built a simple house.

"I recall being told that it was always a four-room place," says Leo Parsons, the mayor of Birmingham. Annals of the community state simply that Mary Ann Rutledge was "a woman of marked reserve and deepest feelings."

She was a woman who could have had a fascinating story to tell, had only someone searched it out. She lived to see the lover of her daughter Ann rise step by step through his amazing career, and she, perhaps better than anyone else, understood the soul of Lincoln when during his Presidency he said, "I have served in the depths ... I have been severely schooled."

Mrs. Ann Rutledge, mother of Lincoln's grief upon the death of Ann, and in his company would spend long hours at Ann's grave. She was a close friend, a confidante, and in the time when he was a boarder at the Rutledge place, Lincoln was said to have called her "Mom."

### Famed Kith

The Rutledges of New Salem, and later Birmingham in Iowa, were of Revolutionary War stock. Edward Rutledge, ancestor of James (husband of Mary Ann) was the youngest signer of the Declaration of Independence. (He was 27 at the time.) Edward's brother, John Rutledge, received one of the nation's loftiest honors — George Washington named him chief justice of the U. S. Supreme Court.

Mary Ann Rutledge's life at New Salem was never embellished by any

particular incidents, so far as known. Letters of relatives, written in the early 1800s, mention the "delicious sheep-nose apple trees that used to grow around the Rutledge place." Also, letters of her kin tell of Mary Ann's recollections of "the terribly sad look on Lincoln's face when he came out of the room when Ann was dying."

Three sons and three daughters came to Birmingham with the widow Rutledge. One of the sons was Robert, a chum of Lincoln in earlier days. During the war years, politicians could not quite understand an appointment which Lincoln made to a man in a far-off unheard of place called Birmingham in Iowa. In his own handwriting, Lincoln made his friend Robert Rutledge provost marshal of the First Congressional District of Iowa.

### Blind At Death

Mary Ann Rutledge lived to be a very old woman for that era, and in the twilight years of her life she became blind. The day after Christmas, in 1878, she died of the age of 91, outliving Lincoln by 13 years. To her death, she never took a gray hair in her head.

She was buried in little Bethel Cemetery, on the rim of a slight bluff near Birmingham and not far from the family home.

The grave, marked by a towering headstone, is visited by few people today.

"You never hear of anyone coming out here," says the mayor of Birmingham. Atop the stone is carved a pair of clasped hands, familiar to many old markers. The epitaph says:

"Oh, mother dear, a short farewell, that we might meet again above, and roam where angels love to dwell, where trees of life bear fruits of love."

The original Rutledge house today is used as a storage shed on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Mace Chidge. Considering that it is 125 years old, it's remarkable that it's still standing.



In lonely Bethel Cemetery north of Birmingham, Iowa, is the grave of Mary Ann Rutledge, mother of Ann, Abe Lincoln's sweetheart. The marker is in excellent condition, and the inscription can be plainly read.

**TEMPO**  
FOR TODAY  
Sunday  
**TIMES-DEMOCRAT**  
LETTER PASTER LIGA AND LETTER DESIGN

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1962



This is all that is left of the home of the widow Mary Ann Rutledge, who came to Iowa with her children in 1837. This is one of the best-preserved sections of the house. (Staff photo)

Mrs. Hoyt Lotes of Fairfield with Mary Ann Rutledge's spinning wheel. Lincoln is said to have fallen asleep to the humming of this wheel when the

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How many of the less fortunate of us have often envied the proud possessor of an intact family genealogy and wished that we had either the financial means or the necessary data with which to trace back our family- if only in American history. For some unknown reason, it seems to be most generally the northern families for whom there are complete genealogies and very few extant ones for most southern families.

But it is always more interesting to delve into something which is hard to obtain. So I decided to do what I could with the subject of the Rutledge family- why I don't know except that I have always been attracted by the poignantly tender love story of Ann Rutledge and Abraham Lincoln. So I decided to write as complete as possible a life history of the Rutledges- overlooking the many gaps which historians have left open. May I be pardoned if I treat it in a more humane way than most family biographers, for I want to spend a little more time than absolutely necessary in connection with the aforementioned Ann and Lincoln.

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In order to understand more clearly the Rutledge descendants in America, let us first examine what little we know of one or two antecedents in Europe. There was a certain James or John James Rutledge who was born in 1743 and died in 1794. He was the publicist grandson of an Irish Jacobite- who did much to make English literature known in France, regardless of scurrilous attacks, libel etc.

Then we have note of a Walter Rutledge who died in 1729. He was a banker and a shipowner at Dunkirk who assisted the Pretender in the expedition of 1715 and was consequently created a baronet by him.

The only other Rutledge whom we hear of in Europe is Doctor John

Rutledge who immigrated to America from Ireland in 1735. There is, however a definite tracing from him. For we know him to be the father of three boys: John, Hugh, and Edward, who were destined to play rather important parts in American history as they and their descendants served their country in various capacities.

The eldest boy, John, was born in Charleston, South Carolina in 1739. He studied law in London and in 1761 began to practise in Charleston. In 1765 he was a delegate to the Stamp Act Congress and in 1774 -77 a delegate to the Continental Congress. He was from the outset of his career an ardent opponent of the oppressive laws which governed the colonies and as a delegate to these conventions openly advocated united resistance. In 1776 he was commander in chief of the militia and when the British forces arrived off from Cape Fear, he fortified the city of Charleston and prevented invasion of the state. During the battle he sent 500 pounds of powder and directed Colonel William Moultrie not to retreat without an order from him, adding that "he would rather cut off his right hand than write one." When General Augustine Prevost advanced upon Charleston in May 1779 the city was defenceless- General Benjamin Lincoln with Continental troops being 150 miles away. The latter hastened to the succor of Charleston by forced march and state troops gathered for the same object. It was supposed by the governor's counsel that the British would retire on the condition that South Carolina would remain neutral during the rest of the war and that her fate would be determined by the issues of conflict. This measure, which historian Ramsey thought was a ruse devised for the purpose of gaining time, was favored by Rutledge, <sup>but</sup> opposed by Gadsen, Moultrie, and the younger Laurens. On Lincoln's approach the enemy retired and Rutledge at the head of the militia took the field against the enemy. From 1782 to 83 he was chairman of the committee which framed the South Carolina constitution. In 1776 he was the first "President" or governor



of the state of Carolina. Dissapproving of certain changes in the constitution, he resigned in the same year. It was said by Patrick Henry of John Rutledge at the convention" that he was by far the greatest orator in the assembly."/ ~~He-resigned-from-the-governership~~ In the next year after he resigned from the governorship he was re-elected to the same office which he held until 1782. From 1784 till 1789 he was a member of the state court of chancery. In the constitutional convention of 1787 he urged that the president and federal judges be chosen by national legation and preferably by the Senate alone; and that the president should be chosen for a seven year term and that he should be ineligible to succeed himself. Rutledge championed the constitution in South Carolina convention which was adopted on behalf of that state. He was associate justice of the United States Supreme Court in 1789 to 95 and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Carolina 1791 to 95. In 1795 he was nominated as chief justice of the United States Supreme Court and presided over the August term, but the Senate refused to confirm the nomination apparently because of his opposition to the Jay treaty. His mind failed late in 1795 and he died in Charleston on July 23rd-1800. It seems impossible to obtain the name of the woman whom he married but we know that he had a son- John who was born in Charleston, South Carolina in 1776 and who died in Philadelphia in 1819. The boy studied law with his father and was elected to Congress as a Federalist and twice re-elected-serving May 15th 1793 till March 3rd- 1803. Little else is known of him but records show that his son, Edward Rutledge, who was born also in Charleston in 1797 was the first of the line of Rutledges to swerve from the fixed profession of law. He studied at Yale and was graduated in 1817. On November 17th-1819 he was admitted to the orders in Christ Church, Middletown, Connecticut by Bishop Brownelle. Several years afterwards he became professor of moral philosophy in Pennsylvania University and was President elect of Transylvania University at the time of his death. Mr Rutledge published "The Family

A Itar" in 1882 and "History of the Church of England in 1825.

The second son, Hugh, was born in Charleston in 1741 and is not so terribly well known. We do know however that he followed in his brothers footsteps in that he acquired a legal education in London. At the completion of his term at the Temple, he returned and took high rank at the bar of South Carolina. He was appointed judge of Admiralty at Charleston in 1776 and was speaker of the legislative council in 1777-78. After Charleston surrendered he was sent with his brother Edward and other patriots to Saint Augustine. In 1782-85 he was speaker of the state house of representatives, in 1791 he was chosen by the legislative board as one of the three judges of equality as represented by the lately enacted law. He filled this office until his death, January 1811. His son, Francis Huger Rutledge was born in Charleston on April 11th-1799. He followed in the footsteps of his ~~brother~~ cousin Edward and was graduated from Yale in 1821 and studied at the General Theological Seminary in New York city. He was ordained deacon in 1823 and priest on November 20th 1825. He had charge of a church in Sullivans island in 1827-39, was rector of Trinity Church, Saint Augustine, Florida-1839-45. Following this he became rector at Saint Johns, Tallahassee and on October 12th-1857 he was consecrated Bishop of Florida. (There is one point in the favor of the Rutledge family- they will head their state whether the power be legislative or theological.) Then follows a gap of one generation for I was unable to find the year in which his son, Benjamin Huger Rutledge was born or; ~~they~~ year in which he died or anything about him except that he married an Eleanor Middleton by whom he had a son- Benjamin Huger who was born in Charleston South Carolina on September 4th, 1861. The boy was graduated from Virginia Military Institute-Lexington, Va. in 1880-received his B.A at Yale in 1882. He married an Emma Blake of Fletcher N.C on October 5th-1892. He was admitted to the bar of South Carolina in 1884. He was a member of

the firm of "Mordecai, Gadsen ( which makes one wonder if it were a reaction of the Gadsen who opposed his great, great, great uncle John in 1779 upon the measure of South Carolina's neutrality during the war) and Rutledge". He was a major of the South Carolina volunteers, clerk of the judiciary committee of South Carolina legislature- four years a member of the South Carolina general association-1890 the electoral messenger from South Carolina for Cleveland's first election-delegate at large for the Universal Congress of Lawyers and Jurists at Saint Louis in 1904. He died recently.

The youngest son, Edward, was born in Charleston on November 23rd-1749. Like his brothers he too studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1773 following which he established a practice in Charleston. In 1774 he was elected to the Continental Congress with brother John and was one of the nine youngest members of that body. He was a signer of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and a member of the first Board of War. In this capacity he was delegated with John Adams and Benjamin Franklin to confer with Lord Howe on the subject of reconciliation, but he declined to treat with them except on the basis of complete American independence. As Lt, Col. of the Charleston artillery he assisted in expelling the British from Point Royal in 1799 and in 1780 he was captured. After his release a year later he resided in Philadelphia where he became a member of the Jacksonburgh legislature in 1782. After the war was over he returned to Charleston where he resumed his law practice. He was for many years a member of the state legislature. In 1794 he was elected United States senator and in 1798 completed a successful career by being elected the tenth governor of the state of Carolina. He married Harriet Middleton, daughter of Henry Middleton from whom he had one daughter and a son-Henry Middleton who removed to Tennessee where he married a Margaret Seabrooke. This couple had a son-Archibald who was born on October 23rd 1883. He attended Porter academy at Charleston in 1898-1900, Union College

New York in 1904. He married a Florence Hart of Winchester Virginia on December 10th-1907. He is the author of many southern books, among which are "South of Richmond"- "Old Plantation Days." He is at home in Mercersburg, Pa.

There is another Rutledge whose relationship we can not exactly trace and that is a certain George Perry Rutledge, clergyman who was born in Blacksburg Va. on May 16th-1869-the son of Anderson and Ellen Jane (Kirk) Rutledge and who died on August 29th-1914. He was the author of many Christain books.

But the biggest stumbling block, in my estimation, is the fact that it is impossible to definitely trace the relationship of the Ann Rutledge with whom Lincoln is concerned. There is this much that we know-that her people were of the same stock that produced Edward Rutledge and that they were originally South Carolinians. Her father, James Rutledge, kept a tavern in the thriving little town of New Salem. There were eleven members in the family. The little village, though small and so young, only two years old, had already begun to lay her social strata. The upper crust consisted of property owners-orderly, intelligent, ambitious to make a good town- appeasing new comers with hard shrewd eyes for they wanted capital, energy, temperance and honesty and above all- particulary young, unmarried men. For it was a heavy load off from a pioneer mothers mind when a favorite daughter secured a good provider -steady, honest, and temperate. Ann Rutledge who has been described as "A lovely girl-plump on short rich Auburn hair and blue eyes- fair complexion, a gay laugh, quick foot, & skilled on willing hand-" was not especially attracted, however, to the charms of any of the youth of New Salem.

Soon a youth having all the necessary attributes listed above settled in the village and placed himself definite and quickly for he was

an Easterner from New York state- he looked Eastern, wore their clothes, seemed to have money. This man was John I <sup>m</sup>McNeil. There was no doubt in the minds of the two founders of the city- Rutledge and Reverend John Cameron- that this man was the kind of timber they needed to build up the town for he had capital and used it with judgement and attended to his own business strictly. The Rutledges liked him so well that they thought their daughter Ann was veru lucky when he asked her to marry him. But Ann was not to be married yet for she wanted more than all thing<sup>s</sup>- a year away at school, an ambition at which John scoffed.

Another type of man settled here at the same time- a big fellow, all brawn, over six feet tall who had come to run another mans store- who was no respecter of persons for he made friends with young bullies who periodically frightened and scandalized the town by drunken sprees- did it by beating their leader at their favorite sport of rough and tumble wrestling- who wandered in the woods with the queerr blacksmith, spouting poetry- who cultivated the schoolmaster--a grown man to study grammar! This man was Abraham Lincoln, But the man began to surprise them for all his queerness- for ~~when~~ he became partner in a merger of three tottering New Salem groceries. Being a property owner gave him new social position and as became the head of a business without a family- he went to the village tavern to live- a sturdy four room log structure into which were packed in that mysterious way known only to pioneers- the eleven Rutledges, boarders from the growing settlement, and travellers who, passing that way, wanted accomadation for the night. Needless to say much of the burden of hospitality fell upon Ann, but from the first she was attracted to Lincoln and she to him-though the great difference of class intervened. Finding out the eagerness of Ann and a younger brother David, denied to go away to school and of the impossibility of doing so- he began to teach them from his little store of knowledge. Gradually they became fast friends,

Now Mc Neil was in the east and rarely wrote- the family grew poorer and poorer. James Rutledge felt the pinch, gave up the tavern, and went back to the land he had taken when he first came to Illinois. Ann went out to work, and many moderns wonder- did sympathy and confidence become love that summer? Yes, if the inscription on a stone slab turned up thirty years after in the ruins of the village was cut by Lincoln- for it reads- "A. Lincoln and Ann Rutledge were betrothed here on July 4th-1833. Yet in the eyes of New Salem Ann was still betrothed to John Mc Neil who almost never wrote now and who soon ceased writing entirely. Lincoln was present- he was in the way of becoming one of the countrys first citizens-, He was fast becoming unofficial town clerk and advocate, postmaster, a deputy surveyer, assemblyman in 1834. But in the year of 1835- in the first year of his and Ann's complete understanding, fever swept the county and dire and relentless passed from cabin to cabin and finally entered the Rutledges home where it laid hand on Ann, worn out by nursing others. She, realizing that her last hour had come, sent for Lincoln. He came and they had their last hour together and on August 25th of her happiest year, she died- leaving Lincoln to carry on alone.

If Ann had not died and if she had become the wife of America's greatest citizen, there would be need of further genealogical lore. But she did not and though Lincoln married later on, I believe that his children were always in his imagination the children of lovely Ann who was never quite out of his life and who was patiently waiting for him across the border line of reality and heaven'.

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Possibly nine out of ten people would think my story of Ann to be unnecessary and tritely cheap in its pathos, that it is out of place in a crisply concise family biography as the fore part of this was intended

to be. But for that one person who sees things as I see them, I offer no apology- he will understand!

Finis.

I have used so many references that I have been unable to keep track of all of them. But the principal ones that I used are as follows.

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4-Cycl. of American Biog.

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6- Who's Who In America '31, '14

7- Ency. Brit.

8- New Inter. Ency.

I wrote to many differrent sources such as various state historical cocsities, libraries etc- also individual men, but much of the material was unavailable at the time of wring this.



# RUTLEDGE FAMILY IN ILLINOIS

James - b. May 11, 1781, entered land in Ill 1828  
m. Ann Miller Jan 25, 1808 (b. Oct 21, 1787 d. Dec 25 1878)

Jane b. Nov 23 1808

John M. b. Nov. 29, 1810

Anna Mayes b. Jan 7, 1813

Aug 22, 1815

Robert B. b. Feb. 25, 1819

Nancy C. b. Feb. 10 1821

Margaret A. B. June 21, 1823

Mary A. June 5, 1823

Sally f. b. Oct 20, 1829.

*William B. - Nov 29, 1876*

James Mc Grady - b. Sept 29, 1814 nephew of above James

## ANN RUTLEDGE'S FAMILY AMONG TOWN'S SETTLERS

### Enfield Numbers Descendants of Lincoln's Sweetheart

ENFIELD, Ill., April 28.—The family of Ann Rutledge, sweetheart of Lincoln who died shortly after he had proposed marriage to her, were among the early settlers of this town.

They lived in Enfield, or what was then Enfield, according to old timers of this district, until Ann was grown. Then the family moved into Sangamon county, near New Salem.

Ann was a double cousin of the late Rev. J. M. and Mark A. Miller. E. N. Miller, son of Mark, and a number of the Miller descendants live in Enfield at the present time.



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***Rutledge Preceded Hughes  
In 2 Appointments to Bench***

*Special to The New York Times.*

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The records of the Supreme Court show that Mr. Hughes is the second member of that tribunal who resigned and was afterward reappointed.

John Rutledge of South Carolina was appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court in 1789 and served until 1791. He was elected Chief Justice of South Carolina in 1790 and served on the State bench until 1795. Then he was nominated for Chief Justice of the Federal Supreme Court in place of John Jay, resigned.

Rutledge resigned his State position to become chief justice here and actually presided at the August term of the Federal Supreme Court before the Senate had acted on his nomination.

But on Dec. 15, 1795, the Senate refused to confirm him and his service on the supreme bench ended.



# Enfield Nearly Jinxed Famous Boy Meets Girl Case



Mrs. Chalon Land (above), Enfield historian, rests her hand on the granite tombstone which marks the grave of Mrs. Jane Rutledge, grandmother of Abe Lincoln's sweetheart, Ann Rutledge. Enfield was the first residence of the Rutledge family in Illinois. They later moved to New Salem where Ann met Abe and lived America's most famous love story.

ENFIELD, Ill., Dec. 19.—(Special)—Glamorous reports of North Central Illinois brought to this small community in 1827, altered the love of Abraham Lincoln, according to Mrs. Chalon Land, one of White County's most avid historians.

"It was those glowing reports," Mrs. Land said, "which influenced the Rutledge family to leave their 160-acre farm here in Enfield and trek on to Menard County where they founded the town of New Salem.

"It was in New Salem that Abraham Lincoln met Ann Rutledge and courted her.

"The Rutledges stayed here in Enfield Township about 15 years, but several of the children of Thomas married here, and didn't move with the rest of the family to New Salem.

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"Thomas Rutledge's daughter, Jane, who had married James Miller stayed here, and her grandmother . . . Also Ann's grandmother, Jane Rutledge, stayed with them.

"Ann's grandmother died here in her eighty-fifth year, and is buried in Enfield Cemetery with her namesake.

"Those of us here who are interested in early county history still wonder how history might have been changed if the Rutledges had never left Enfield, and Abraham Lincoln had never had the unfortunate love affair with Ann Rutledge which made him a graver and greater man."

Enfield today presents quite a complacent exterior, but in days gone by it has seen the coming

and going of many people famous in the history of our nation.

Back in 1813, some 40 years before the town itself was founded, a large family came to Enfield Township and settled on Seven Mile Creek less than a mile from the present town.

They didn't stay long at Enfield; just long enough to leave their family stamp on the Tri-State community.

That family's name was Rutledge, and the name has become immortal in America because the daughter of the family, Ann, was the true love of Abraham Lincoln.

On the year the Rutledges settled 160 acres in the township they had come from Henderson County, Kentucky, where Ann had been born. She was the daughter of James Rutledge who had come there with his three brothers, Thomas, William, and Robert.

Although the Rutledge name is no longer heard in Enfield many people there can trace their ancestry back to the famous family.

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In the days when the Rutledges were making their trek that carried them from South Carolina to Enfield, Ill., via Georgia, Tennessee, and Kentucky, communities were far and few between. Settlers traveled closely together, and after a few years of safarai were almost all related by marriage.

And that same condition holds true in Enfield today. All of the old families are in some way related by marriage.

"My husband, Chalon," Mrs. Land says, "is related to the Rutledges, as are many other families here in Enfield. Thomas

Rutledge was his great-great-great-grandfather.

"Another Enfield man descended from Thomas is Mike Miller who today owns the Rutledge land deed drawn in 1820 and signed by President James Monroe.

"To understand how this process of intermarriage has gone on through the years just look at the ancestry of the 1942 graduating class from Enfield High School.

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"Of that class of 50 students over one-fourth of them were descended from Thomas Rutledge and Peter Miller, who incidentally were brothers-in-law and who were the first teachers in Enfield School.

"Included in that line of descendancy are the present principal and one of the teachers at our school, Walter A. Miller and Miss Katherine Hanagan."

"The Rutledges were not the first settlers. Other pioneer names, still here today, are the Millers, Gowdys, Orrs, Mayes, and Trousdale.

"An old diary in the Gowdy family relates an incident which happened when Thomas Rutledge conducted a school in the township. He soundly whipped one of the Gowdy boys for advancing theories which the schoolmaster felt were foolish and impractical.

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"The visionary Gowdy lad had told his teacher that he some day felt that man would fly through the air, and be able to talk from ocean to ocean."

The Rutledges also founded on their farm the first Presbyterian Church in the state of Illinois. They called it the old Sharon Church.



**T**WO of the most romantic figures in the days when Philadelphia was the Capital of the United States were General John Rutledge and his gay wife, the former Sarah Mott Smith. The exhibition at the Corcoran Gallery of Art includes the miniature of the general, painted by Charles Fraser, right, and that of Mrs. Rutledge, painted by Edward Greene Malbone, left. Both were loaned by Miss Kate W. Rutledge. Gen. Rutledge was the son of John Rutledge, who was made a Justice of the Supreme Court in 1795 by W

### Sharples Married One of His Students.

James Sharples, born in England about 1751, was at first educated for the priesthood and then turned to art. He made steady progress in this, especially in the line of portraiture. Before he met Ellen Wallace in an art class in Bath, England, he had been married twice and was a widower with two children, a son by each former wife.

Sharples was the instructor in this art class and Ellen Wallace one of his pupils. The romance began then and soon, according to Mrs. Knox's book, "The Sharples and Their Work," Sharples was talking of adding new furniture and embellishments to his home in preparation of "an important event which was soon to take place." Doubtless this important event was his marriage to Ellen Wallace, said to have taken place in 1787.

"Miss Wallace," writes Mrs. McCook Knox, "was many years his junior and came of a Quaker family. Pretty, talented and a 'young lady of fashion,' she was living with her mother in Bath."

"A seemingly impenetrable obscurity," continues Mrs. Knox, "surrounds their courtship and marriage, but it must have taken place

"In lovely White's most pleasing form,  
What various graces meet!  
How blest with ever striking charm!  
How languishingly sweet."

On March 2, 1769 they were married, when Morris was 35 years and she but 20.

In the sad last years of Morris' life she clung to him. After his release from prison she nursed him tenderly until he died. Mrs. Morris survived her husband by 21 years. When Lafayette came to Philadelphia in 1824 she accompanied him to the grand ball given by the City of Philadelphia in his honor, although in her seventy-sixth year.

### Exhibition Recalls Another Famed Morris.

Another Morris, signer of the Declaration of Independence, whose romance is recalled by portraits in the exhibition, is Lewis Morris, last patron of Morrisania Manor. His portrait is by John Wollaston and was loaned by the Kenmore Association. The A. W. Mellon Educational and Charitable Trust has given the companion portrait of Mrs. Lewis Morris, also by John Wollaston.

Mrs. Lewis Morris was Miss Mary Walton, daughter of Jacob Walton, leading New York merchant, who married him in 1749.

# Colonial Romances Recalled by Pictures

## Love Affair of Ann Rutledge and Abraham Lincoln Lives Again When One Views Painting of Gen. Rutledge, Her Forebear.

Catherine Greene, second cousin of Gov. William Greene. As said before, Gov. William Greene, of Revolutionary fame, was their son. She was married to Gov. Greene in 1719, and their romance was one of the best-known love stories of the time.

A beautiful miniature by Charles Peale Polk, lent by Mrs. Miles White, jr., shows the lovely young features of Nelly Custis, step-grandchild of George Washington, who represents the last romance connected with Washington's family.

Gazing at this miniature, one is carried by the magic of imagination to the festive scene at Mount Vernon, February 22, 1799, the last birthday George Washington was to know. There was another reason for joy, however. On that day Nelly Custis was to wed there Lieut. Lawrence Lewis, of the Light Dragoon Corps, nephew of George Washington and son of his sister, Betty Washington Lewis.

### **Lewis Romance Dated From Childhood.**

The entire country was interested in this romance. Something of the glamour that was Nellie Grant's, Alice Roosevelt's, and other daughters of Presidents later, had surrounded Nelly Custis.

Naturally, the beaux of the countryside had not been indifferent to her charms. But her heart was in the keeping of her first sweetheart, Cousin Lawrence Lewis of Kenmore.

Often, when Nelly Custis was a child, the Lewis coach would bring little Lawrence and his brother to visit "Uncle George" at Mount Vernon. Then were merry times, hide and seek, tag, nut hunting, and other games. From the first little Nelly and Lawrence were close friends. Always they chose each other in the games. Lawrence would even admit that Nelly could climb a tree as fast as he could.

George Washington left Nelly Custis Lewis lovely Woodlawn in nearby Virginia, now the home of Mrs. Oscar Underwood, widow of the late Senator from Alabama. There the young couple built the home still standing today, a model of Colonial architecture. It was designed by Dr. William Thornton, architect of the Capitol.

Lawrence Lewis died in 1839, but his widow survived him by 13 years. She could not bear the memories of Woodlawn after his death and went to live at Audley, in the Shenandoah Valley. On July 15, 1852, Mrs. Lewis died and her funeral took place in the drawing room of Mount Vernon, where she had been married.

Once more we return to the portrait of George Washington embroidered on silk and it tells a touching romance of the woman who wrought it in the long ago and the artist she loved and married.

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In 1793 the Sharples family left for America. En route their boat was captured by a French privateer and the passengers interned at Brest. Finally they reached America, where Sharples painted many portraits of noted men and the little family settled in Philadelphia for a time. In 1801 they returned to England. In 1808 they returned to the United States and set up house-keeping in what is now Greenwich Village, in New York City.

For three years they lived there, James Sharples adding to his fame and his collection of portraits of American notables year by year. In 1810 his health began to fail and his family became much alarmed. Every effort to cure him was without avail. On February 26, 1811, Sharples died. His children, Felix, James, jr., and Rolinda, followed in the footsteps of their father and achieved considerable fame on their own account as artists.

As a miniature painter the work of Ellen Sharples and her drawings and pastels have been highly praised by critics and are cherished in museums today. Altogether this family presents a remarkable example of genius throughout practically its entire membership.

Romance touched the life, too, of Robert Morris, also of Philadelphia, financier of the Revolution and signer of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Col. Robert Morris has sent his portrait of Robert Morris, by Gilbert Stuart, to the exhibition, and there is also a miniature of Robert Morris by an unknown artist loaned by Mrs. Alba Davis Walling. The party of the second part of his romance is depicted in the present exhibition in a portrait by Gilbert Stuart in which only the face is completed. It is finished enough, however, to realize what a gracious, lovely woman she must have been.

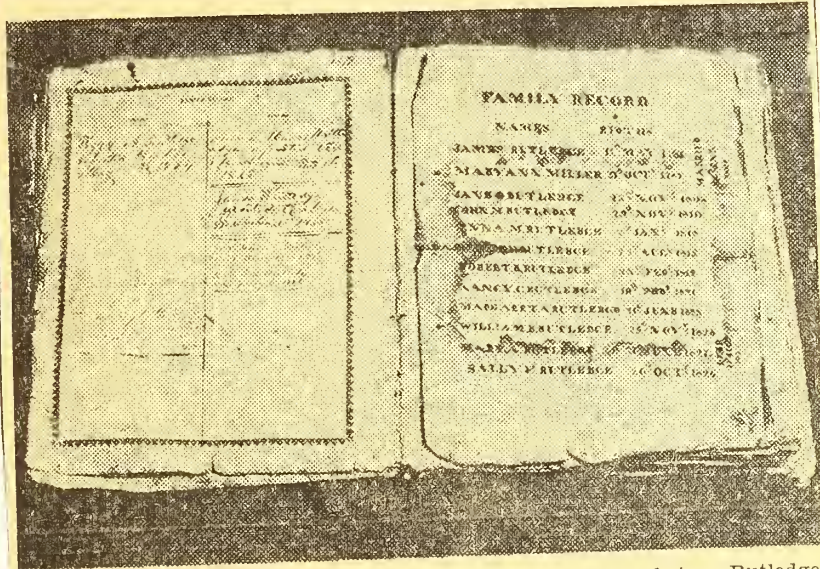
### **Morris Family Led Eventful Life.**

She was a loyal wife, for her matrimonial experiences with Morris ranged from being the queen of his stately household to staying by his side in a debtor's prison.

Mrs. Robert Morris was Miss Mary White, daughter of Col. Thomas White, of Maryland, and sister of that rising young cleric, the Rev. William White, first Bishop of Pennsylvania. Col. Shippen, a colonial poet, had sung her charm in measured words as follows:



## BIBLE OF RUTLEDGE FAMILY



The picture shows the Rutledge family Bible, one of the many relics in the Lincoln museum opened recently at New Salem, Ill. The Bible, yellowed with age, contains the birth

and death records of Ann Rutledge, Lincoln's first sweetheart, to whom he was engaged at the time of her death. Her death stamped melancholy on Lincoln's face that remained throughout his life.

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Edward Rutledge signer of declaration of independence  
born November 1749 at Charlestown, S.C. Nov 23.  
Father Dr. John Rutledge a native of Ireland married Sarah Hert  
studied law with elder brother student in England in 1769  
returned 1773 to practice law  
In 1774 elected to continental congress  
In 1779 led his company against British at Point Royal  
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## Mrs. Park, Kin Of Ann Rutledge, Dies

Lifelong Menard Resident  
91 Years Old.

Petersburg, June 10.—Mrs. Harriet Rutledge Park, second cousin of Ann Rutledge, died at her home in this city at 11:30 a. m. Wednesday following a long illness. She was 91 years old and had been a lifelong resident of Menard county.

Mrs. Park was born northwest of Petersburg, the daughter of James McGrady and Margaret (Harris) Rutledge. She married Andrew Park who preceded her in death in 1931. They operated a farm in this community until thirty years ago when they retired and moved to this city.

Surviving are one son, James Park, Petersburg; one daughter, Miss Stella Park, at home; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Emma Houghton, and one brother, Harve Rutledge, both of Petersburg.

Remains were removed Wednesday evening from Thompson & Harms funeral home to the residence. Funeral services will be held at 3 p. m. Friday at Central Presbyterian church, Rev. Grant Mason officiating. Burial will be in Oakland cemetery.

F. M. R.—Several of us are unable to find anything in encyclopedias about Ann Rutledge, and would like to know who she was, when she lived, and what she was famous for.—Ann Rutledge was born in Kentucky, January 7, 1813, the daughter of James Rutledge, who removed with his family to New Salem, Ill., where he set up a tavern. At the age of seventeen, Ann became engaged to a stranger, John McNeill, who came from the east, and prospered in the village. He returned east to get his parents, and, owing to his long absence, Ann was persuaded that his ardor had cooled. About this time Abraham Lincoln, then a law student, came to live at the Rutledge tavern. He consoled Ann in her grief and his interest grew into love. They became engaged in the spring of 1835, agreeing that they would be married the following year, when Ann had completed her schooling at the Jacksonville Academy, and Lincoln had been admitted to the bar. In August, 1835, however, Ann fell ill and died. Lincoln is said to have carried the shadow of this tragedy through his life. In January, 1921, a granite monument was erected upon her grave in Oakland cemetery, Petersburg, Ill. It is inscribed with Edgar Lee Maser's poem, "Ann Rutledge."

