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I understand there was, in the Lincoln number of last Feby. mentioned the flat boat in which Mr. Lincoln sailed with a cargo to New Orleans. My father, John E Roll, worked with Mr. Lincoln on this boat (in the construction) in the spring of 1831. I have written an interesting article on Sangamon Town where the boat was launched narrating how Mr. Lincoln rescued three men from drowning at the time of the launching. My father was an eye witness to the event. I have searched the records and made a plat of the town(now extinct)which names several prominent residents including several of my relatives.

My object in writing to you is to ask you to mail me 2 copies of the mentioned publication of the Independent. Postage enclosed.—

Thanking you for the favor.

Respt.

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