

yourself — what do you Expect will become of you “Be Presdt of the U.S,” promptly responded Abe. Abe wrote a good Composition — wrote prose and poetry. He wrote 3 or 4 Satires — one was Called the Book of Chronicles. He said that he would be Presdt of the US told my husband so often — Said it jokingly — yet with a Smack of deep Earnestness in his Eye & tone: he Evidently had an idea — a feeling in 1828 that he was bound to be a great man — No doubt that in his boyish days he dreamed it would be so. Abe was ambitious — sought to outstrip and override others. This I Confess.

One of Abes pieces — the Book of Chronicles — ran about thus —

“I will tell you a joke about [Josiah?] & Mary  
 Tis neither a joke nor a story  
 For Reuben & Charles have married 2 Girls  
 But Billy has married a boy  
 He tried ——— (Mrs Crawford blushed)  
 The girls on Every Side  
 He had well tried  
 None could he get to agree  
 All was in vain  
 He went home again  
 And since that he’s married to Natty

I don’t pretend to give the Exact words — nor its rhyme — nor metre now — will think it over — recall it and write to you in Ills. The Poem is Smutty and I can’t tell it to you — will tell it to my daughter in law: she will tell her husband and he shall send it to you.

I left Mrs Crawford about 3 o’cl. P.M. Before leaving She gave me the American Preceptor and a cane made from one of Abes rails — for both of which I thanked her: I really felt proud of the gift and felt a gratitude for them — Mrs Crawford is a Lady of the Ky Stamp —

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### 83. Nathaniel Grigsby (WHH interview)

Gentryville Ind    Sepr 16th 1865 —

After taking the rounds in Spencer Co Indiana I went with my old guide and Companion Nat Grigsby down to Wm Thompson who lived where Col Jones<sup>1</sup> had resided — ½ M west of Gentryville. Col Jones was Lincoln guide & teacher in Politics — Col J was Killed at Atlanta — Grigsby showed me where Lincoln Spoke in 1844 — When Lincoln was Speaking Grigsby went into the House where the Speech was being made — Lincoln Saw G Enter — He stopt Short — said there

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1. William Jones.