

359. *James Long (statement for WHH)*¹

[1865-66]

James Long —

Mr. Lincoln was appointed Postmaster at New Salem, Sangamon Co, Ills. May 7. 1833, and continued in office until May 30, 1836. when the office was discontinued.

Accounts as Postmaster were settled by the Post Office Dept. Sept. 30, 1836.

On the 1st of June 1855, a patent was issued to him for 40 Acres of land, which was located at Dubuque Iowa, No. of warrant — 52076.

On the 10th of Sept. 1860, a patent was issued to him for the East $\frac{1}{2}$, N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ and N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$, 18, 84 N, 39 W, containing 160 acres, and located at Council Bluffs, warrant No. 68645.²

On the 6th June, 1827, a patent was issued to Thomas Linckern, alias Lincoln, for the W. $\frac{1}{2}$, S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$, Sect. 32, T. 4 S. R. 5, W. in Indiana. This land was taken under the credit system of the Government, and as Mr. Linckern, alias Lincoln paid up on this a patent issued, and it did not revert to Government.³

On the 22d. of May 1849, a patent was issued by the U.S. Patent Office to A. Lincoln for an improved method of lifting vessels over shoals.

HL: LN2408, 2:155-56

360. *A. F. Lord (WHH interview)*

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A citizen of Springfield who visited our office on business, about one year before Mr Ls. nomination relates the following.

Mr Lincoln was Seated at his table listening very attentively to a man who was talking earnestly in a low tone. After the would be Client had stated the facts of his case, Mr Lincoln replied; Yes, there is no reasonable doubt but that I can gain your case for you; I can set a Whole neighborhood at loggerheads; I can distress a widowed Mother and her six fatherless children, and thereby get for you six hundred Dollars which you seem to have a legal claim to; but which rightfully belongs, it appears to me, as much to the woman and her children as it does to you. You must remember that some things that are legally right are not morally right. I shall not take your case — but I will give you a little advice for which I will charge you nothing. You seem to be a sprightly, energetic man, I would advise you to try your hand at making six hundred dollars in some other way.

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1. A former resident of Menard and Sangamon Counties, James G. Long had a clerkship in the pension office and was Herndon's contact in Washington for information in government records.

2. See §45.

3. See §45.