difficulty. It includes a register of informants, consisting of brief biographical sketches of the people whose testimony about Lincoln came into Herndon’s hands. The work also contains an appendix by Paul H. Verduin that presents, in outline form, a brief genealogy of the Hanks family.

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