



This Week in Indiana History

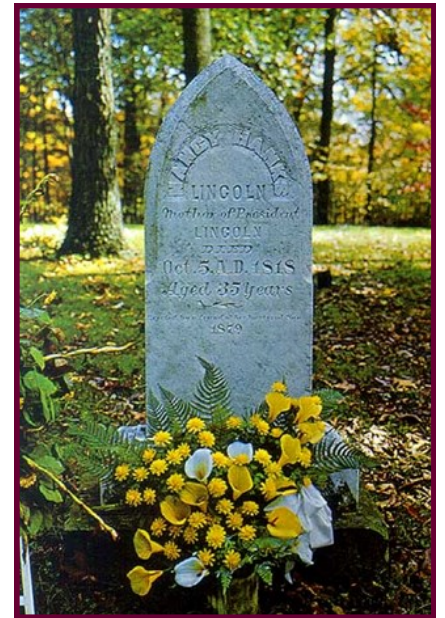
October 5th, 1818:
The Death of Nancy Lincoln



On this week in Indiana History, a young mother and pioneer dies of milk sickness. She will never know that her young boy grows to become one of the most influential Americans to ever live.

There is not much of a record left by Nancy Lincoln, however the role she might have played in a young Abraham Lincoln's life captures the heart. Her legacy is endearing and enduring.

As early as 1869 Hoosiers and patriots were calling out for a memorial for Nancy Lincoln. Lincoln State Park and the Lincoln Boyhood National memorial pay tribute to this pioneer mother.



LINCOLN.—President Lincoln's mother is buried in the wild woods of Spencer County, Indiana, where her resting place is unmarked by slab, board, or stone, and unprotected from the desecration of animals. Before Congress votes a pension to the snobbish widow of late President, would it not be well for her to spend a few of the hundreds or more thousand dollars she has, to build at least a plain wooden fence about the spot where sleeps the mother of the husband she whines over now that he is dead, but loved not while living?

Passionate call for a gravesite in the *Martin County Herald* 18-Feb-1869