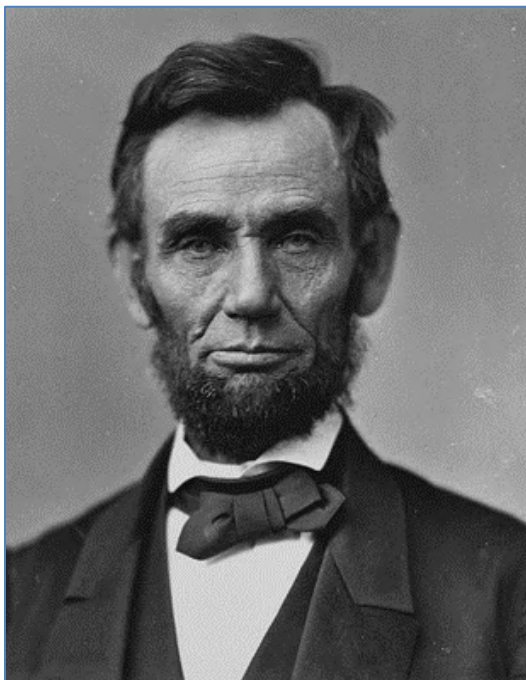


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Lincoln's Land in Iowa



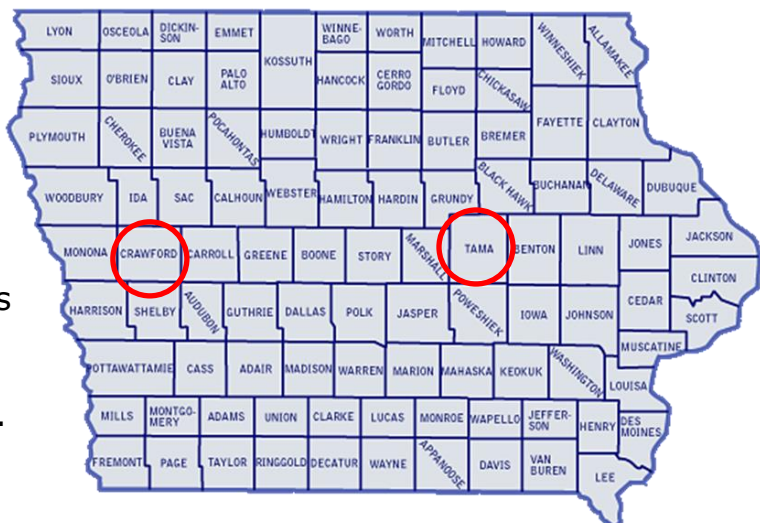
President Abraham Lincoln

The patent for the land in Tama County was issued in June 1855, and the patent for the land in Crawford County was issued in September 1860. At that time Lincoln would have been campaigning for president.

Abraham Lincoln owned land in Iowa. The U.S. government used land to compensate the soldiers from the 1832 Black Hawk War.

Lincoln fought with the Illinois 4th Volunteer Infantry in the Black Hawk War. President Lincoln did not visit Iowa to see the land he was awarded.

Lincoln could have chosen land in Illinois, but federal warrants showed he decided on 40 acres in Tama County in 1852 and 120 acres in Crawford County in 1856.



After Lincoln's death the land passed to Lincoln's heirs, and eventually both pieces of property were sold by Lincoln's only surviving son, Robert.

Note: A federal land warrant is good for a specific acreage of property in the federal domain, without stating precisely where the property is located. A federal land patent is a document that transfers title in a specific piece of property from the federal government to an individual.

Excerpts from [The Annals of Iowa](#)

The first of these parcels is located by reference to record in the office of the recorder of Tama County, Iowa, from which the writer on September 27, 1924, abstracted the following data:

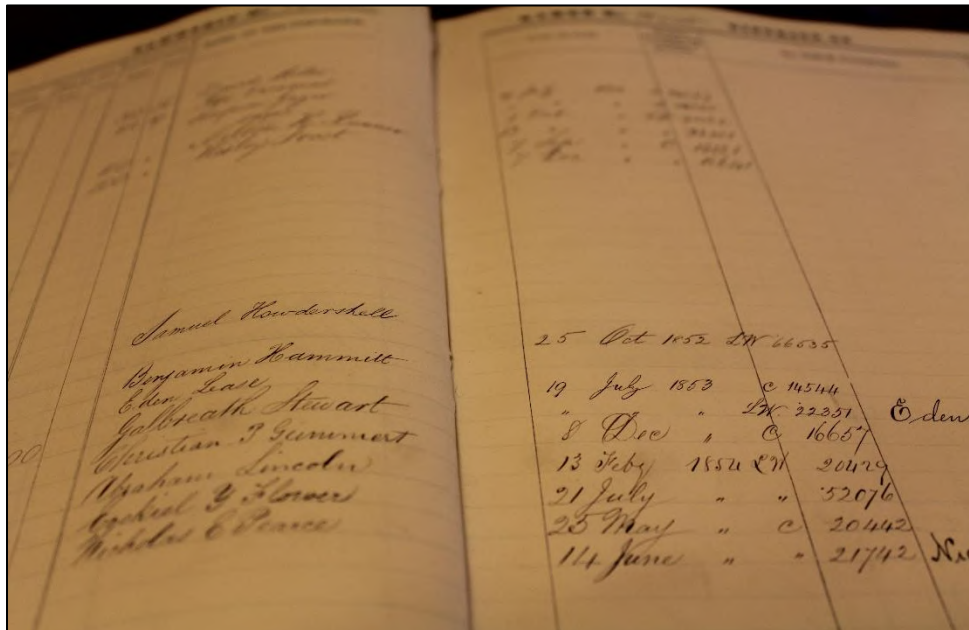
United States to Abraham Lincoln the north west quarter of the southwest quarter (40 acres) of section twenty, township eighty-four north, range 15 west of the 5th principal meridian. Date of sale July 21, 1854, upon a land warrant in lieu of cash for which certificate of purchase was issued and numbered 52,076. That was done under authority of Act of Congress of September 28th, 1850, and designated the certificate holder as "Captain in the Fourth Illinois Volunteers, Black Hawk War," the patent thereunder dated June 1, 1855, was not recorded until June 15, 1916.

The second parcel, 120 acres, is located in Crawford County, as described above by Land Commissioner Wilson and quoted by Herndon, and also verified by Charles D. Saunders, cashier of the First National Bank of Denison. (Note the difference, however, in their numbers of the warrant.—E. R. H.) The title as stated by Mr. Saunders running from Abraham Lincoln until it passed out of the Lincoln family is as follows:

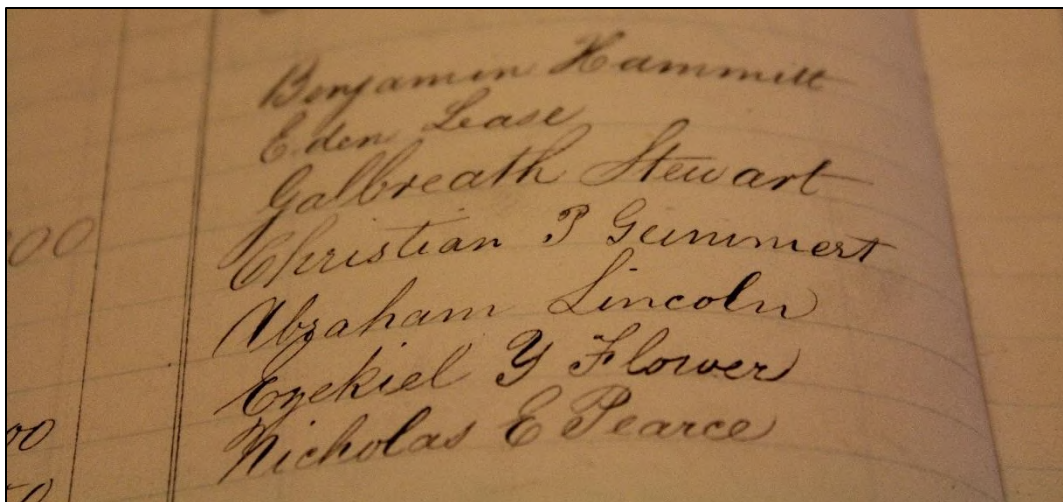
United States to Abraham Lincoln. East half of the northeast quarter (80 acres), and the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter (40 acres) of section 18, township 84 north, range thirty-nine west of the 5th principal meridian. The original entry was September 10, 1860, on land warrant numbered 68,645 and is recorded in Book "1," page 125. The warrant holder is

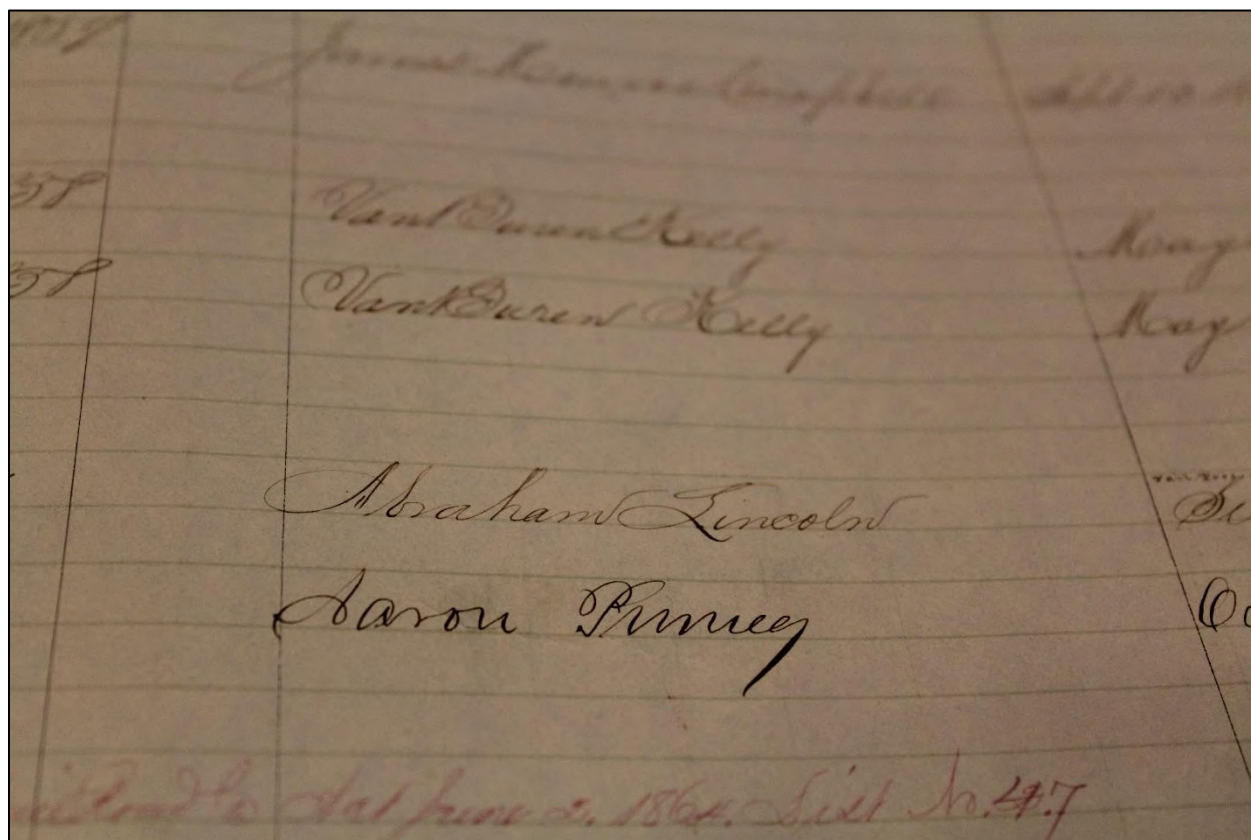
designated as "Captain Black Hawk War." The patent was dated Septembr 10, 1860, was filed for record December 12, 1867, and recorded in Book "D" at page 18. The title passed from the Lincoln family through warranty deed by Robert T. Lincoln and wife, dated March 22, 1892, filed April 26, 1892, and recorded in Book "13" at page 208, the consideration being \$1300.

The record of federal properties transferred to Lincoln is held by the Iowa Secretary of State's office in the Capitol.

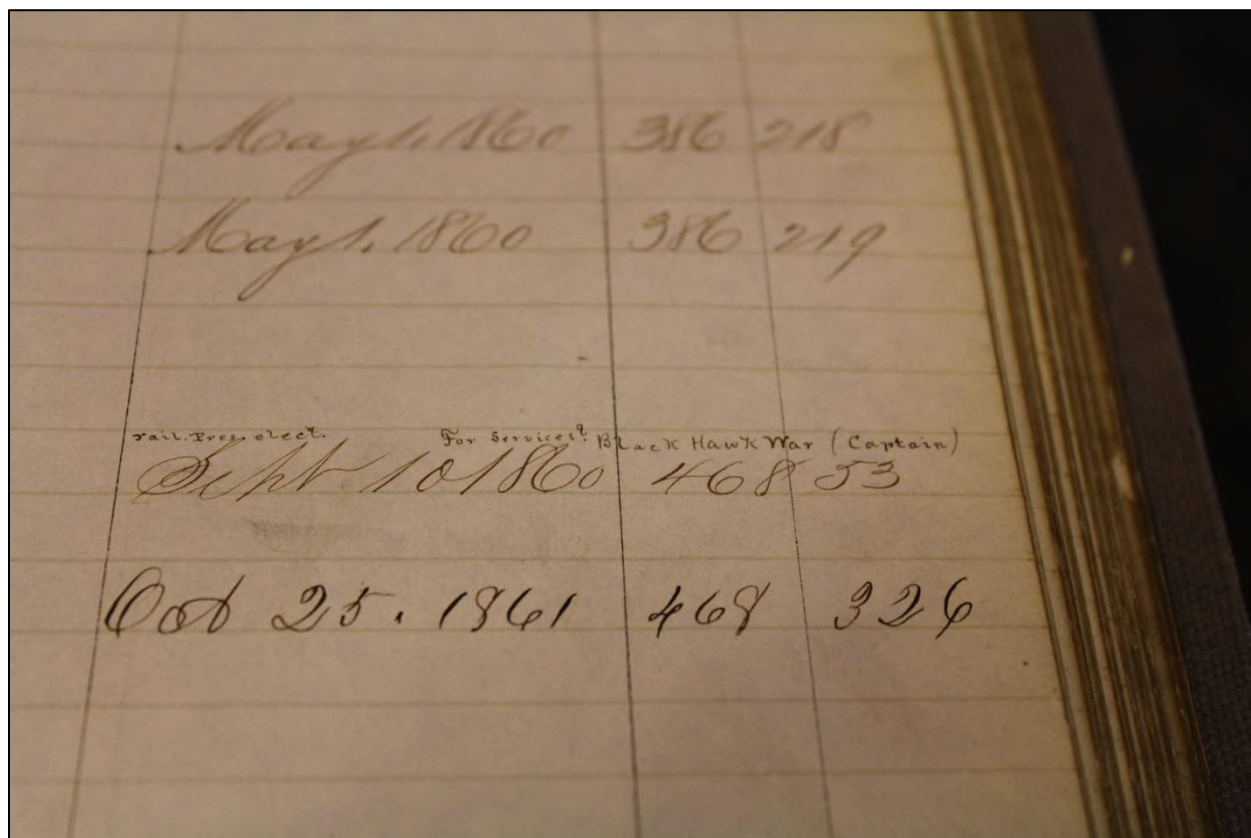


The patent for the land in Tama County was issued in June 1855.

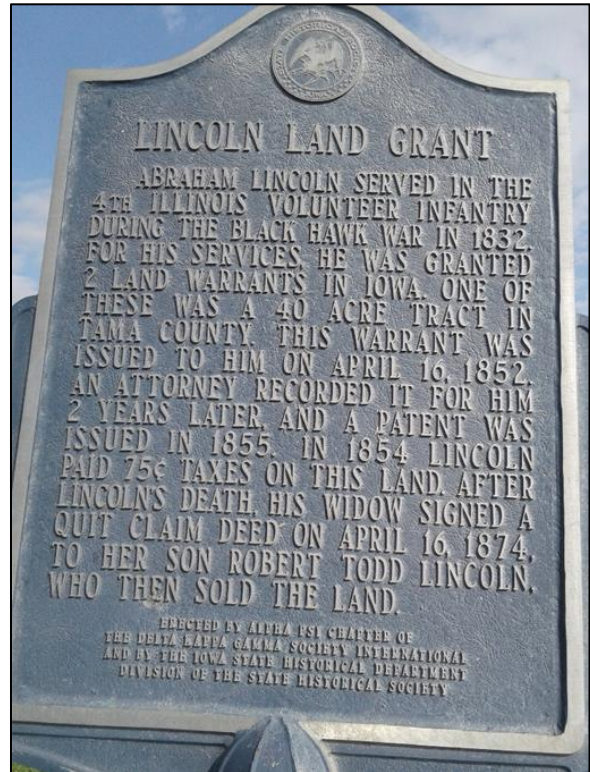




Land in Crawford County was issued in September 1860.



Both sites in Crawford and Tama counties have erected markers to identify the land grants.



Photos of Tama County marker courtesy of Cathryn Lang



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