



**Aaron Grigsby  
(1801-1831)**

Aaron Grigsby was born in 1801 to a family that had moved from North Carolina to Ohio County, Kentucky, where they were living in 1810. In 1815, the Grigsby family moved to Indiana. A year later, the Grigsbys became acquainted with the Lincoln family when they settled three miles away. The two families belonged to the same Little Pigeon Church, were well regarded in the community, and were probably intellectually and economically comparable. Ten years later, Aaron

married Sarah Lincoln on August 2, 1826. The newlyweds settled on a farm near to the Grigsby and Lincoln homes. Eighteen months later, on January 28, 1828, Sarah Lincoln Grigsby died in childbirth.

Interviews with southern Indiana neighbors after the president's death indicated that Lincoln may have blamed his sister's death on her husband's neglect. Lincoln's relations with the Grigsby family cooled perceptibly after Sarah's demise.

After Sarah's death, Aaron Grigsby married a second time on September 11, 1830. He died the next year, leaving an estate of nearly three hundred dollars, which included a horse, cows, sheep, geese, hogs, and chickens.

Monument at the grave of Sarah Lincoln (Feb. 10, 1807- Jan. 20, 1828). Little Pigeon cemetery, ca.1900-1954. Collections of the Kentucky Historical Society