



Picture Guide Book of New Salem State Park: Lincoln s New Salem, Illinois (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from Picture Guide Book of New Salem State Park: Lincoln s New Salem, Illinois Strangely the six years that Lincoln spent in New Salem almost completely encompass the town s brief history. The com munity was growing and thriving when Lincoln reached there in 1831, but in 1839. Just two years after he had left for Spring field to practice law and advance himself in the fascinating maze of politics the county seat was established at nearby Petersburg. Thereafter New Salem declined rapidly. The village fell into decay and neglect, but while it settled into the dust, the Lincoln legend grew. And as the image of Lincoln became brighter in the Nation s consciousness. Interest turned back to this deserted spot where he spent six formative years. The first active step toward re-creating New Salem came in 1906 when William Randolph Hearst lecturing at the Old Salem Chautauqua near Petersburg, became interested in the preser vation of the site. Bought it, and transfered it in trust to the Chautauqua Association. In 1917, the Old Salem Lincoln League was formed in Petersburg to...



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