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Sheridan Tavern, New Haven, Gallatin County, Illinois

by Ralph W. Varney, Champaign, Ill. April 1934

"New Haven is located on the banks of the little Wabash River, about two miles from the big Wabash at the end of route No. 141. It was founded by Joseph Boone, brother of Daniel Boone, in 1800 and for some time was called Boone's Fort."

Old Sheridan Tavern more than 100 years old, a now historic spot at New Haven is said to have been a stopping place for Abraham Lincoln. (Reference---Illinois Tourists' Guide, page 33).

The building has recently fallen into a very dilapidated condition. It is owned by Joseph Twomey, but unoccupied. The property upon which it stands is owned by A. J. Smith.

Little is known of its early history and management. A cash book was found in the building with entries of transactions as early as 1816.

Built previous to 1816 it was first occupied as a tavern and is a good example of the earliest type. It was later used as a millinery shop.

The frame is of logs, mostly poplars, adzed on four sides and pegged together with wood pegs. The lath in the

few places where plaster was used, are hand split. The first floor was nailed to planks, laid flat on the ground. Partitions are for the most part matched and beaded boards.

The half story was used as sleeping quarters, but the only access to it was through a window, by means of a ladder.

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