



**BARN, ASH HOPPER AND IRON KETTLE
IN REAR OF TRENT BROTHERS CABIN**

The ash hopper and iron kettle were used for the making of soap, which was a pioneer woman's chore. Alexander and Martin Trent bought the Berry-Lincoln store, but failed as had their predecessors. Alexander Trent served in Lincoln's company of the 4th Regiment of Mounted Volunteers in the Black Hawk War in 1832. When New Salem was restored, the excavations for the Trent cabin (where both families lived together) disclosed all original stone piers in place, and was the most complete foundation uncovered.

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