Issac Burner bought two lots for $10 and built this home. It had a sleeping loft which was common for early log homes.
The first Berry-Lincoln store was opened in 1832. Stores were popular gathering places to swap stories.
This is what the inside of the Berry-Lincoln store may have looked like.
In the left foreground is the home and office of Dr. Francis Regnier who came to New Salem in 1832.
James Rutledge, co-founder of New Salem, built this inn/tavern. The cost was 37½ cents for an overnight stay.
The Carding Mill and Wool House was run by two oxen treading an inclined wheel.
The Camron/Rutledge Mill was built on the Sangamon River. A dam was built to power a sawmill and gristmill.
New Salem- An Ending

- Lincoln left New Salem for the last time in 1837. He moved to Springfield.

- As others moved from New Salem, they took their homes with them.

- It was not long before New Salem no longer existed.
New Salem - A New Beginning

In 1932 the Civilian Conservation Corps began the reconstruction of New Salem. The Onstot Cooper Shop is the only original building.
Illinois Prairie
Map 1 - Routes of Early Pioneers Into Illinois
(Pygman and Prater 1955, 15)
Map 2 - Wagon Trails In Illinois

(Wagon Trails In Illinois, 1819-20)

(Corliss 1934, 9)
Map #3

Illinois Highways in 1832

(Suttles and Stowell, 2002)