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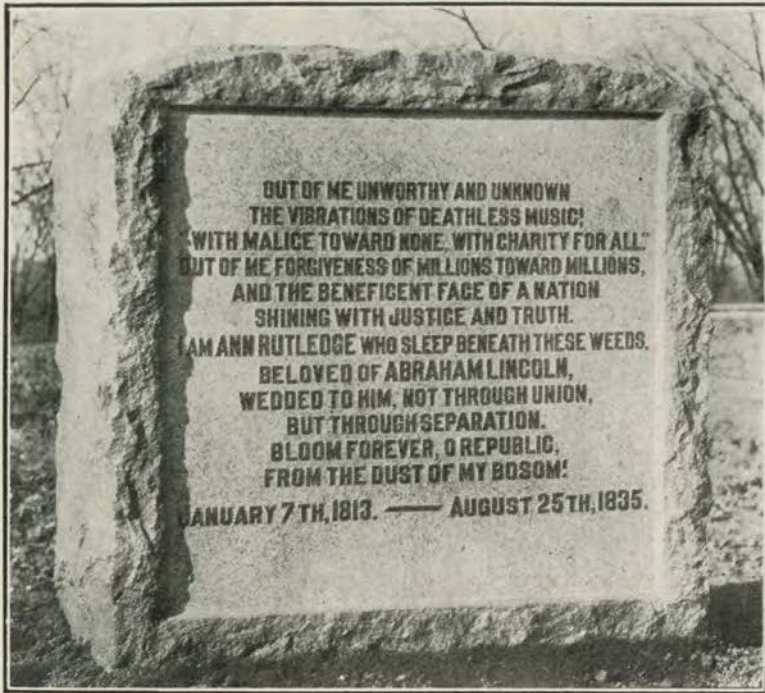
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Beautiful Monument Erected at Grave of Ann Rutledge.

A beautiful monument, a cut of which is shown above, has just been set up in Oakland cemetery, marking the grave of Ann Rutledge, whose name is inseparably linked with that of Abraham Lincoln.

It was at the suggestion of Hon. Henry B. Rankin of Springfield that the funds for procuring the monument were furnished by the descendants of pioneer families who lived in New Salem and vicinity at, or soon after, the time of the historical love romance which terminated by the death of Ann Rutledge and cast a great shadow upon Lincoln's life.

The following families are represented: Rankin, Greene, Watkins, Spears, Colby, Houghton, Miles, Clary, Rutledge, Kirby, Armstrong, Gum and Bone.

The monument is of the best grade of dark Barre granite. The inscription is by Edgar Lee Masters. Oakland is a beautiful cemetery near both Petersburg and the New Salem Park, which is owned and cared for by the State of Illinois.