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BRONZE TABLETS MARK INAUGURAL TRIP

Summer tourists are usually interested in historic sites which have been marked with sufficient data to explain what important episodes may have been commemorated. The trip of President-elect Abraham Lincoln from Springfield, Illinois to Washington, D. C. for the Inaugural ceremonies is one of the high points in the Lincoln story and several places where he spoke have been identified with markers.

The site of the Chenery House at Springfield, Ill., where Lincoln was residing at the time he departed for Washington is marked and serves as an introduction to the selected list of historic sites.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

One would expect to find a memorial at the place where Abraham Lincoln expressed his sentiments of farewell to the citizens of Springfield. It is located at the corner of Tenth and Monroe streets and was dedicated June 14, 1915.

THE SITE OF THE GREAT WESTERN R. R. PASSENGER STATION AND NEAR THEIR TRACK WHERE STOOD THE TRAIN FROM WHICH PRESIDENT-ELECT MR. LINCOLN MADE HIS FAREWELL ADDRESS.

TOLONO, ILL.

On July 11, 1931, a bronze tablet was dedicated at Tolono, where Lincoln spoke these words:

"I'M LEAVING YOU ON AN ERRAND OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE, ATTENDANT AS YOU ARE AWARE WITH CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTIES. LET US BELIEVE, AS SOME POET HAS EXPRESSED, 'YET BEHIND THE CLOUD, THE SUN IS STILL SHINING.' I BID YOU AN AFFECTIONATE FAREWELL."

STATE LINE, IND.

This town marks the place where Lincoln crossed from Illinois into Indiana, in which state he spent fourteen formative years of his life. The editor of Lincoln Lore had the pleasure of giving the dedicatory address on September 21, 1930 at the unveiling of the memorial erected at the point where Lincoln entered the state of his youth.

"GENTLEMEN OF INDIANA: I AM HAPPY TO SEE YOU ON THIS OCCASION AND ENTER AGAIN THE STATE OF MY EARLY LIFE AND ALMOST OF MATURITY. I AM UNDER MANY OBLIGATIONS TO YOU FOR YOUR KIND RECEPTION AND TO INDIANA FOR THE AID SHE RENDERED OUR CAUSE, WHICH I THINK IS A JUST ONE. GENTLEMEN, I SHALL ADDRESS YOU AT GREATER LENGTH AT INDIANAPOLIS, BUT NOT MUCH GREATER. AGAIN, GENTLEMEN, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR WARM-HEARTED RECEPTION."

Enroute from State Line to Indianapolis the train stopped at Zionsville where Mr. Lincoln spoke briefly to the people gathered there. A memorial tablet which the editor of Lincoln Lore also had the privilege of dedicating is located in Zion Park.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN ENROUTE TO WASHINGTON AS PRESIDENT-ELECT ON FEBRUARY 11, 1861 ADDRESSED THE CITIZENS OF ZIONSVILLE AT THE RAILROAD DEPOT, WHICH STOOD ON THIS SITE.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Lincoln's address at the Indiana state capital was made at the Bates House which stood on the site now occupied by the Claypool Hotel. The tablet memorializing the event is placed on the Washington street wall of the hotel.

HERE, FEB. 11, 1861 ABRAHAM LINCOLN, ON HIS WAY TO WASHINGTON TO ASSUME THE PRESIDENCY, IN AN ADDRESS SAID, "I APPEAL TO YOU TO CONSTANTLY BEAR IN MIND THAT NOT WITH POLITICIANS, NOT WITH PRESIDENTS, NOT WITH OFFICE-SEEKERS BUT WITH YOU IS THE QUESTION: SHALL THE UNION AND SHALL THE LIBERTIES OF THIS COUNTRY BE PRESERVED TO THE LATEST GENERATIONS?"

ALLIANCE, OHIO

Dinner was provided for the Presidential party at Alliance, Ohio and Lincoln possibly in appreciation for this courtesy made a speech. A marker stands at the northwest corner of the Pennsylvania Depot platform.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN DELIVERED AN ADDRESS HERE ON HIS WAY TO WASHINGTON, D. C. FEB. 15, 1861, FROM SPRINGFIELD, ILL., TO BE INAUGURATED. "WITH MALICE TOWARDS NONE" DEDICATED OCTOBER 13, 1934.

CLEVELAND, OHIO

A room in the Wendell house, W. 6th near Superior Ave. has become the Cleveland, Ohio memorial recalling Lincoln's visit to the city enroute to Washington in 1861. The room was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln on the night of February 15.

WHERE LINCOLN STAYED ENROUTE TO HIS INAUGURAL IN 1861.

PEEKSKILL, N. Y.

Among the most impressive memorials recalling Lincoln's trip to Washington is a beautiful exedra with descriptive tablet which is placed on South St. in Peekskill, N. Y.

THIS MEMORIAL OVERLOOKING THE SPOT WHERE ABRAHAM LINCOLN SPOKE TO PEEKSKILL CITIZENS FEB. 19, 1861 WAS ERECTED TO HIS MEMORY IN 1925 BY THE LINCOLN SOCIETY OF PEEKSKILL WITH THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF GENEROUS FRIENDS.

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

The tablet memorializing Lincoln's participation in the exercises at Independence Hall on February 22, 1861 in which Lincoln assisted in a flag raising and made a short speech, is placed in the sidewalk in front of the building.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN STOOD HERE WHEN HE RAISED THE FLAG ON INDEPENDENCE HALL FEBRUARY 22, 1861—THIS TABLET PLACED BY POST 21 DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

LANCASTER, PENN.

Lincoln spoke at Lancaster, Penn. from the balcony of the Cadwell House. Although the old hotel has been removed a historical tablet occupies an interior wall of the building now standing on the site.

1861-1912—ABOVE THIS SPOT, ON THE OUTER WALL OF THE CADWELL HOUSE FORMERLY OCCUPYING THIS SITE WAS AN EXTERIOR BALCONY. ABRAHAM LINCOLN ADDRESSED THE PEOPLE OF LANCASTER FROM THIS BALCONY FEBRUARY 22, 1861 ON THE JOURNEY FROM HIS HOME IN SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS TO WASHINGTON FOR HIS FIRST INAUGURATION.