



Lincoln Lore

Bulletin of The Lincoln National Life Foundation . . . Dr. R. Gerald McMurtry, Editor
Published each month by The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Number 1578

Fort Wayne, Indiana

August, 1969

Places, Villages, Towns and Cities Where Lincoln Lived And Visited

In his day, Abraham Lincoln was a widely traveled man. He journeyed as far north as Milwaukee, as far south as New Orleans, as far west as Council Bluffs and as far east as Boston.

He made two extensive trips into New England in 1848 and 1860. During the first trip he campaigned for the Whig party and Zachary Taylor, and the second trip was in the interest of his candidacy for the presidential nomination and the Republican Party.

Lincoln took only one real vacation in his entire life when, accompanied by Mrs. Lincoln, he went to Niagara Falls, New York. On July 24, 1857 they were registered at the Cataract House, and while there the future President may have stepped on Canadian soil.

Mrs. Lincoln in a letter to Emily Todd Helm, dated September 20, 1857, alluded to this eastern trip as follows: "The summer has so strangely and rapidly passed away. Some portion of it was spent most pleasantly in traveling East," Mary Lincoln continued: "I often laugh & tell Mr. Lincoln that I am determined my next husband shall be rich." The editors of *Lincoln Day By Day* commented, "This throws light on Lincoln's mysterious eastern trip, suggesting pleasure tour taken on strength of large fee (\$4,800.) won from Illinois Central."

During Lincoln's lifetime he visited twenty states and the District of Columbia. As would be expected, he was most familiar with the State of Illinois. He literally crisscrossed it from one end to the other, and he visited some towns and cities so often that no effort has been made in this compilation to enumerate the number of his visits. Only the date of the first visit is recorded.

Lincoln must have been a good traveler, using the primitive facilities of stage coaches, railway trains and steamboats, to say nothing of boyhood travel by foot, horse and ox-cart.

Certainly his two flat-boat trips to New Orleans must have been exciting and filled with adventure. Riding the Illinois circuit with congenial judges and lawyers from one Court House town to another was likely the happiest experience of his life. Speaking tours were probably enjoyed except for meeting schedules, and grappling with the issues of the day before

critical audiences. To be sure, the seven debates with Stephen A. Douglas and the ensuing senatorial campaign was no picnic.

The inaugural tour of 1861 was one of anxiety and tension ending with threats of assassination. As President, Lincoln visited his generals on several occasions, utilizing water transportation which must have afforded some pleasure; and he visited General Winfield Scott at West Point, New York,

traveled to the battlefields of Antietam and Gettysburg and finally paid a visit to Richmond, Virginia, near the end of the Civil War.

It is difficult to learn of the many places Lincoln visited with his father on their migrations westward, and the towns and cities where he may have stopped along the Mississippi River when he made his flat-boat trips to New Orleans, and the communities he saw or visited during the Black Hawk War. Then, too, as a deputy surveyor he would often travel a hundred miles away from home to survey a plat of land or lay out a town.

In the Campaign of 1856, Lincoln is reported to have said that he made over fifty speeches and his speaking itinerary for that year has never been thoroughly defined.

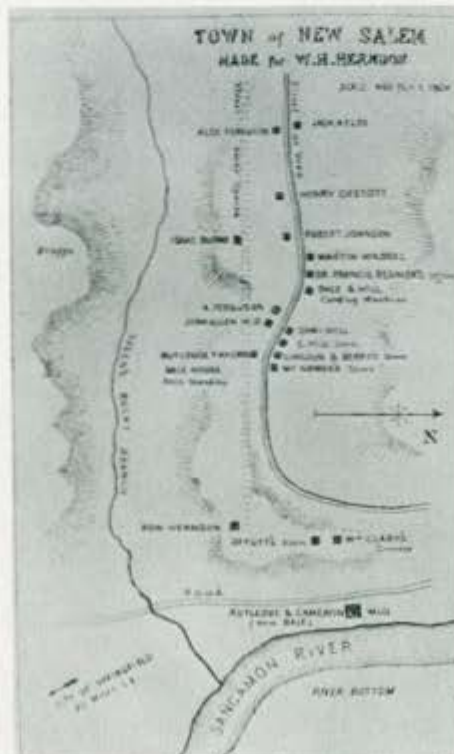
Some of the towns and communities that Lincoln visited have completely disappeared while other towns and communities in the areas he traveled have developed into important places after he was there.

In 1860, when Lincoln was elected to the Presidency there were thirty-four states in the Union. Dr. Louis A. Warren has pointed out in *Lincoln Lore* No. 248, January 8, 1934, "Places Lincoln Visited," that "The population of the United States in 1860 was 26,706,425," and the states visited by Lincoln contained about two-thirds of the total number of persons listed in the census.

Some of the places listed in this compilation have little importance (some may not even be in existence), and in several instances probably should not have been included. For example, Sinking Spring farm 1809, Knob Creek farm 1811, Hurricane Township farm 1816, have been included because Lincoln lived at these places until the age of 21. Then, too, Lincoln spoke in groves, at cross roads, at farms and at township corners which were important geographical locations in his day, but which have little significance today. However, these places have been included in this compilation in order to make it as complete as possible.

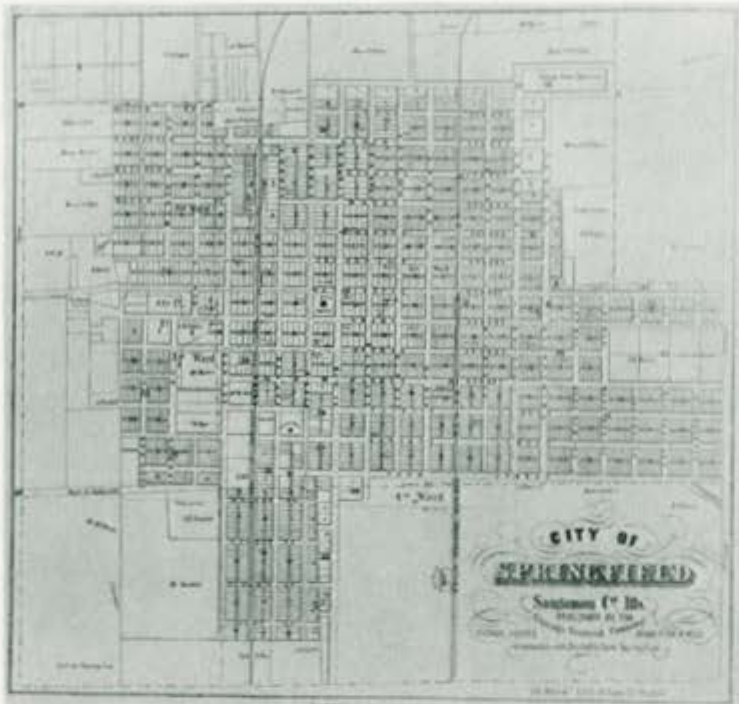
It has been a difficult task to compile the places, villages, towns and cities where Lincoln lived and visited.

Time travels in divers paces with
divers persons. I'll tell you who
Time ambles withal, who Time
trots withal, who Time gallops
withal, and who he stands still
withal.
Shakespeare—*As You Like It*
Line 328



From the Lincoln National Life Foundation

Lincoln resided in the village of New Salem, Illinois, from July, 1831 until April 15, 1837.



From the Lincoln National Life Foundation
The First Printed Map of Springfield, Illinois. From E. H. Hall's Springfield City Directory and Sangamon County Advertiser for 1855-56.

The *Lincoln Day By Day — A Chronology 1809-1865* has been the chief tool in this undertaking; however, other sources have been utilized when considered necessary.

Of course, the compilation is incomplete, and except for glaring omissions (which would prove embarrassing) the editor is eager to learn of other places where Lincoln visited.

R. G. M.

Connecticut

Bridgeport, 1860
Hartford, 1860
Meriden, 1860
New Haven, 1860
New London, 1860
Norwich, 1860

Delaware

Wilmington, 1848, 1864

Illinois

Albany, 1836
Albion, 1840
Allenton, 1836
Alton, 1840
Amboy, 1858
Anna, 1858
Athens, 1834
Atlanta, 1856
Augusta, 1858
Bartell's on Sugar Creek, 1838
Bath, 1836
Beardstown, 1832
Belleville, 1840
Bement, 1858
Berlin (Old Berlin), 1838
Blandinsville, 1858
Bloomington, 1838
Buffalo Grove, 1832
Camden (Postville), 1846
Campbell Farm, 1836
Canton, 1858
Carlinville, 1840
Carmi, 1840
Carrollton, 1854

Carthage, 1839
Casey, 1840
Centralia, 1858
Champaign (See Urbana)
Charleston, 1841
Chicago, 1847
Chippis, 1830
Clinton, 1839
Colburn's Mill, 1838
Cotton Hill, 1836
Clary's Grove, 1834
Dallas City, 1858
Danville, 1840
Decatur, 1830
Delavan, 1846
Dixon, 1832
Edwardsville, 1858

El Paso, 1858
Equality, 1840
Evanston, 1860
Fountain Green, 1858
Freeport, 1858
Galena, 1832
Galesburg, 1858
Grand View, 1856
Greenup, 1847
Greenville, 1858
Hanover, 1843
Havana, 1832
Hennepin, 1846
Henry, 1846
Highland, 1858
Hillsboro, 1843
Huron, 1836
Hutsonville, 1830
Jacksonville, 1838
Jamestown (Riverton), 1831
Joliet, 1856
Jonesboro, 1858
Kellogg's Grove, 1832
Kewanee, 1858
Knoxville, 1858
Lacon, 1846
La Harpe, 1858
Langston's Settlement, 1847
La Salle, 1854
Lawrenceville, 1830
Lincoln, 1853
Lovington, 1830
Lewiston, 1858
Mackinaw, 1846
Macomb, 1858
Macon County Farm, 1830-1831
Magnolia, 1848
Marshall, 1840
Martinsville, 1830
Mattoon, 1858
Mechanicsburg, 1836
Melrose, 1830
Meredosia, 1858
Metamora, 1844
Middle Lick Creek, 1847
Monmouth, 1834
Monroe City, 1830
Monticello, 1850
Morris, 1858
Mount Carmel, 1840
Mount Pulaski, 1849
Mount Sterling, 1858
Mount Vernon, 1840
Naples, 1854



From the Lincoln National Life Foundation
Chicago, Illinois, (Circa 1860), Published by Charles Magnus & Co.

Nelson, 1830
 New Boston, 1834
 New Salem, 1831-1837
 Oakford, 1836
 Olney, 1856
 Oquawka Junction (Gladstone), 1858
 Oregon, 1856
 Oregon City, 1856
 Ottawa, 1832
 Palestine, 1830
 Pappsville, 1832
 Paradise, 1830
 Paris, 1842
 Pekin, 1832
 Peoria, 1832
 Peru, 1847
 Petersburg, 1830
 Pittsfield, 1839
 Polk Patch (Selvin), 1830
 Polo, 1856
 Pontiac, 1840
 Portland, 1832
 Postville, (See Camden)
 Princeton, 1856
 Prophetstown, 1832
 Quincy, 1854
 Richland, 1832
 Rochester, 1842
 Rock Island, 1854
 Rushville, 1832
 Salem, 1840
 Salisbury, 1836
 Sangamo Town, 1831
 Shawneetown, 1840
 Shelbyville, 1840
 Spear's Farm, 1836
 Springfield, 1832, 1837-1861
 Sterling, 1856
 Sugar Creek Meeting House, 1844
 Sullivan, 1847
 Taylorville, 1841
 Tolono, 1861
 Toulon, 1858
 Tremont, 1838
 Urbana, 1841
 Vandalia, 1834
 Varsell's on Sugar Creek, 1836
 Vermont, 1858
 Versailles, 1843
 Virginia, 1844
 Wapella, 1858
 Washington, 1848
 Waterloo, 1840
 Water's Camp Ground, 1838
 Waukegan, 1860
 West Union, 1830
 Willow Ford, 1830



From the Lincoln National Life Foundation
 Louisville, Kentucky, (Circa 1854), Published by Charles Magnus & Co.

Winchester, 1854
 Yellow Banks, 1832
 Indiana
 Bruceville, 1844
 Carlin Township, 1844
 Evansville, 1844
 Fort Wayne, 1860
 Gentryville, 1829, 1844
 Greensburg, 1861
 Hurricane Township Farm, 1816-1830
 Indianapolis, 1849, 1859, 1861
 Lafayette, 1861
 Lawrenceburg, 1861
 Lebanon, 1861
 Michigan City, 1855
 Morris, 1861
 Rockport, 1828, 1844
 Shelbyville, 1861
 State Line, 1848, 1861
 Terre Haute, 1849
 Thorntown, 1861
 Vincennes, 1830, 1844
 Washington, 1844
 Iowa
 Burlington, 1858
 Council Bluffs, 1859

Kansas
 Atchinson, 1859
 Doniphan, 1859
 Elwood, 1859
 Leavenworth, 1859
 Troy, 1859
 Kentucky
 Big Spring, 1816
 Elizabethtown, 1816
 Frankfort, 1847
 Hardinsburg, 1816
 Hodgen's Mill, 1811
 Knob Creek Farm, 1811-1816
 Lexington, 1841, 1847, 1849
 Louisville, 1841
 Morganfield, 1840
 Roanoke, 1816
 Sinking Spring Farm, 1809-1811
 Vine Grove, 1816
 Louisiana
 New Orleans, 1828, 1831
 Maryland
 Annapolis, 1865
 Antietam Battleground, 1862
 Bakerville, 1862
 Baltimore, 1848, 1861, 1863, 1864
 Frederick, 1862
 Indian Head, 1863
 Maryland Heights, 1862
 Point Lookout, 1863
 Relay Station, 1847
 Rockville, 1848
 Seneca, 1848
 Sharpsburg, 1862
 Massachusetts
 Boston, 1848, 1860
 Cambridge, 1848
 Chelsea, 1848
 Concord, 1860
 Dedham, 1848
 Dorchester, 1848
 Lowell, 1848
 New Bedford, 1848
 Taunton, 1848
 Worcester, 1848



From the Lincoln National Life Foundation
 Lexington, Kentucky, (Circa 1855), From Gleason's Pictorial Drawing-Room Companion.

Michigan
 Detroit, 1848
 Kalamazoo, 1856
 Missouri
 Hannibal, 1859



From the Lincoln National Life Foundation

Washington, D.C. and Vicinity, Published 1862 by Virtue & Co.

Saint Joseph, 1859
 Saint Louis, 1831, 1841, 1847, 1849
 New Hampshire
 Dover, 1860
 Exeter, 1860
 Manchester, 1860
 New Jersey
 Elizabeth, 1861
 Jersey City, 1861
 Newark, 1861
 New Brunswick, 1861
 Trenton, 1861
 New York
 Albany, 1848, 1861
 Amsterdam, 1861
 Batavia, 1861
 Brooklyn, 1860
 Buffalo, 1848, 1861
 Clyde, 1861
 Dunkirk, 1861
 Fishkill, 1861
 Fonda, 1861
 Garrison, 1862
 Hudson, 1861
 Little Falls, 1861
 New York, 1848, 1857, 1860, 1861, 1862
 Niagara Falls, 1848, 1857
 Peekskill, 1861
 Poughkeepsie, 1861
 Rhinebeck, 1861
 Rochester, 1861
 Schenectady, 1861
 Silver Creek, 1861
 Syracuse, 1861
 Troy, 1861
 Utica, 1861
 Westfield, 1861
 West Point, 1862
 Ohio
 Alliance, 1861
 Ashtabula, 1861
 Bayard, 1861
 Cadiz Junction, 1861
 Cincinnati, 1855, 1859, 1861
 Clifton, 1855
 Columbus, 1859, 1861
 Conneaut, 1861
 Corwin, 1861
 Coshocton, 1861
 Cleveland, 1861
 Dayton, 1859

Dresden, 1861
 Frazeyburg, 1861
 Geneva, 1861
 Hamilton, 1859
 Hudson, 1861
 London, 1861
 Loveland, 1861
 Madison, 1861
 Miamiville, 1861
 Milford, 1861
 Morrow, 1861
 Mount Auburn, 1855
 Newark, 1861
 Newcomerstown, 1861
 Painesville, 1861
 Ravenna, 1861
 Salineville, 1861
 Spring Grove Cemetery, 1855
 Steubenville, 1861
 Toledo, 1860
 Uhrichville, 1861
 Walnut Hills, 1855
 Wellsville, 1861

Willoughby, 1861
 Xenia, 1861

Pennsylvania

Allegheny City, 1861
 Bristol, 1861
 Erie, 1861
 Gettysburg, 1863
 Girard, 1861
 Hanover Junction, 1863
 Harrisburg, 1861
 Lancaster, 1861
 Leaman Place, 1861
 Northeast, 1861
 Philadelphia, 1848, 1860, 1861, 1864
 Pittsburgh, 1861
 Rochester, 1861

Rhode Island

Providence, 1860
 Woonsocket, 1860

Virginia

Aiken's Landing, 1865
 Alexandria, 1862
 Aquia Creek, 1862, 1863
 Belle Plain, 1862
 Bermuda Hundred, 1864
 Bolivar Heights, 1862
 Camp Hamilton, 1862
 City Point, 1864, 1865
 Falmouth, 1863
 Fort Darling, 1864
 Fortress Monroe, 1862, 1864, 1865
 Fort Wool, 1862
 Fredericksburg, 1862
 Hampton, Virginia, 1862
 Hampton Roads, 1865
 Harper's Ferry, 1847, 1862
 Harrison's Landing, 1862
 Loudoun Heights, 1862
 Mount Vernon, 1862
 Norfolk, 1862, 1864
 Patrick Station, 1865
 Petersburg, 1865
 Richmond, 1865
 Winchester, 1847

Washington, D. C.

Washington, D.C., 1847, 1848, 1849,
 1861-1865

Wisconsin

Beloit, 1832, 1859
 Janesville, 1859
 Milwaukee, 1848, 1859
 Whitewater, 1832



From the Lincoln National Life Foundation

Alexandria, Virginia, Published 1863 by Charles Magnus.