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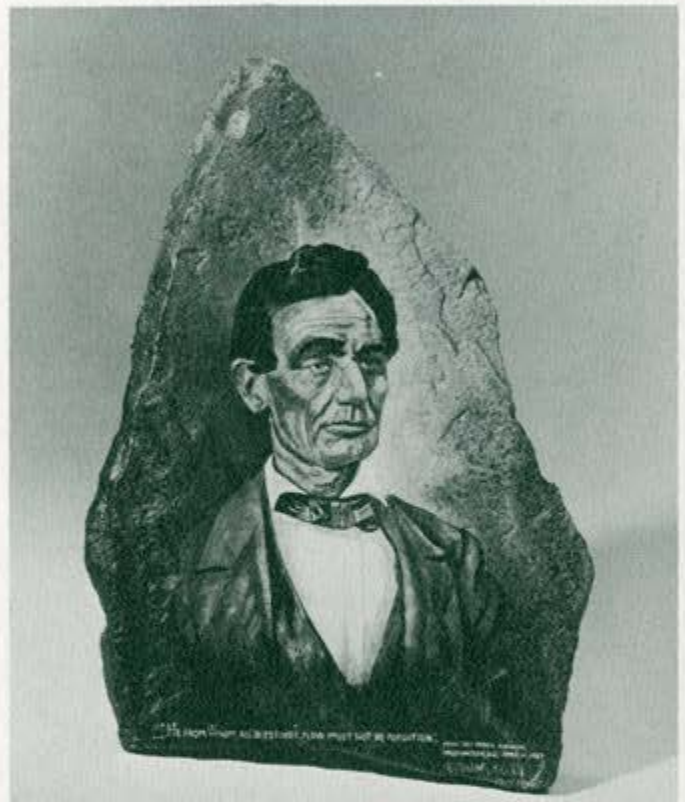
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### LINCOLN'S PORTRAIT ON STONE

This portrait of Lincoln was painted on a piece of limestone by artist Lewis Miller. Mr. Miller who signs his work "Lewis" used a carefully selected rock taken from a quarry at Limestone, Ontario.

The stone was scrubbed with scouring powder to bleach it, and was rinsed with boiling water. After bleaching, the stone was placed in an oven and dried, after which it was sanded and washed again.

The Lincoln portrait was sketched on the stone with India ink. The first coat of dye (color) was applied with toothpicks. Wooden sticks were used throughout the process instead of brushes so that the color could be rubbed into the pores of the stone. Each color was allowed to dry before the next one was added. As many as six applications of color were made before the portrait was completed. So that the colors would be sealed, a plastic chemical was next applied to close all the pores of the stone. The final step was an application of hot oil which was rubbed heavily into the stone. Once it was wiped dry it was ready for display. Specific details of the production of the portrait are kept secret by the artist.

The limestone portrait was presented to the Lincoln Library-Museum by E. G. Schaefer, president of The Dominion Life Assurance Company of Waterloo, Ontario, a Lincoln National Life affiliate. The unusual portrait was purchased by Mr. Schaefer at an art gallery in Waterloo.