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ABRAHAM LINCOLN CHRONOLOGY

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| 1809 | February 12. Born in Hardin County, now LaRue County, Kentucky. | 1834 | January. Began work as a surveyor. | 1857 | June 26. Delivered the "Dred Scott" speech at Springfield. |
| 1811 | Family moved to Knob Creek farm. | 1834 | Summer. Decided to study law. | 1858 | May 7. Won Armstrong murder case. |
| 1812 | A brother, Thomas, born but died in infancy. | 1834 | August. Elected to Illinois Legislature. | 1858 | June 16. Delivered the "House-divided-against-itself" speech at Springfield. |
| 1815 | Attended first school taught by Zachariah Riney. | 1835 | August 25. His sweetheart, Ann Rutledge, died. | 1858 | August 21. Debated with Douglass at Ottawa. |
| 1816 | Attended school taught by Caleb Hazel. | 1836 | August. Re-elected to Legislature. | 1858 | August 27. Debated with Douglass at Freeport. |
| 1816 | November. Family moved to Perry County, now Spencer County, Indiana. | 1836 | Fall. Courted Mary Owens. | 1858 | September 15. Debated with Douglass at Jonesboro. |
| 1817 | January. Shot a turkey with his father's gun. | 1836 | September 9. Licensed to practice law. | 1858 | September 18. Debated with Douglass at Charleston. |
| 1818 | October 5. Mother died of milk-sickness. | 1837 | March 3. Protested against pro-slavery action in Legislature. | 1858 | October 7. Debated with Douglass at Galesburg. |
| 1819 | December 2. Father married Sarah Johnston, a widow with three children. | 1837 | March 15. Removed to Springfield, Illinois. | 1858 | October 13. Debated with Douglass at Quincy. |
| 1820 | Attended school taught by Andrew Crawford. | 1837 | April 12. Became law partner of Stuart. | 1858 | October 15. Debated with Douglass at Alton. |
| 1821 | January 9. A step-sister, Elizabeth Johnston, married Dennis Hanks. | 1838 | August. Re-elected to Legislature. | 1858 | November. Defeated as a Candidate for Senate. |
| 1822 | Attended school taught by Sweeney. | 1839 | First met Mary Todd. | 1860 | February 27. Delivered address at Cooper Union. |
| 1823 | Parents joined Pigeon Creek Baptist Church. | 1840 | August. Re-elected to Legislature. | 1860 | May 9. Selected as candidate for presidency by Illinois Republican Convention. |
| 1824 | Attended school taught by Azel W. Dorsey. | 1840 | Campaigned, as an elector, for Harrison. | 1860 | May 18. Nominated by the National Republican Convention as candidate for presidency. |
| 1825 | Worked at Taylor's Ferry, Anderson Creek. | 1841 | January. On verge of mental collapse. | 1860 | November 6. Elected president of the United States. |
| 1826 | August 2. His sister, Sarah Lincoln, married Aaron Grigsby. | 1841 | May 14. Entered law partnership with Logan. | 1861 | February 11. Bade farewell to Springfield neighbors. |
| 1826 | September 14. A step-sister, Matilda Johnston, married Squire Hall. | 1842 | September 22. Prepared to meet Shields in a duel. | 1861 | February 22. Spoke in Independence Hall, Philadelphia. |
| 1828 | January 20. His sister, Sarah Grigsby, died. | 1842 | November 4. Married Mary Todd. | 1861 | February 27. Arrived in Washington, D. C. |
| 1828 | April. Made first flatboat trip to New Orleans. | 1843 | August 1. His first son, Robert Lincoln, born. | 1861 | March 4. Inaugurated president of the United States. |
| 1829 | Served as clerk in country store. | 1844 | Campaigned, as an elector, for Clay. | 1861 | April 15. Called extra session of Congress. |
| 1830 | March 1. Lincoln, Hanks, and Hall families started for Illinois. | 1844 | Formed law partnership with Herndon. | 1861 | May 10. Proclaimed martial law. |
| 1831 | March. Employed by Denton Offutt to build flatboat. | 1846 | March 10. His second son, Edward Baker Lincoln, born. | 1862 | February 12. His son, William Wallace Lincoln, died. |
| 1831 | April. Made second flatboat trip to New Orleans. | 1846 | August. Elected as representative in Congress. | 1862 | August 19. Replied to the Greeley editorial. |
| 1831 | July. Took up permanent residence in New Salem. | 1847 | December 22. Introduced "Spot Resolutions" in Congress. | 1862 | September 22. Issued the Emancipation Proclamation. |
| 1831 | August 1. Cast first vote and served as clerk of election. | 1848 | September 12. Made first address in New England at Worcester. | 1862 | October 1. Visited Antietam. |
| 1831 | Engaged as clerk in Offutt's store. | 1849 | January 16. Presented bill to abolish slavery in District of Columbia. | 1863 | July 15. Proclaimed first, national Thanksgiving Day. |
| 1832 | March 9. Announced as candidate for Legislature. | 1849 | May 22. A patent for lifting vessels over shoals was granted him. | 1863 | November 19. Delivered "Gettysburg Address." |
| 1832 | April-July. Served in Black Hawk War. | 1849 | Declined governorship of Oregon. | 1864 | February 29. Named Grant for lieutenant general. |
| 1832 | August 6. Defeated as candidate for Legislature. | 1850 | February 1. His son, Edward Baker Lincoln, died. | 1864 | June 8. Nominated as presidential candidate for second term. |
| 1832 | Purchased partnership in grocery store. | 1850 | December 21. His third son, William Wallace Lincoln, born. | 1864 | July 18. Conferred with Greeley and Confederate commission. |
| 1833 | May 7. Appointed postmaster at New Salem. | 1851 | January 17. His father died in Coles County. | 1864 | November 8. Elected for second time, president of the United States. |
| | | 1853 | April 4. A fourth son, Thomas Lincoln, born. | 1864 | November 21. Wrote the famous letter to Mrs. Bixby. |
| | | 1854 | October 4. Delivered the "Anti-Nebraska" speech at Springfield. | 1865 | March 4. Delivered his "Second Inaugural Address." |
| | | 1854 | October 16. Answered Douglas at Peoria. | 1865 | March 22. Visited Grant's army. |
| | | 1855 | Won law suit for Illinois Central Railroad. | 1865 | April 4. Made trip to Richmond. |
| | | 1855 | Engaged in McCormick reaper case. | 1865 | April 11. Delivered last, public address. |
| | | 1856 | February 22. Addressed convention of editors at Decatur. | 1865 | April 14. Shot by assassin in Ford's Theatre. |
| | | 1856 | May 29. Delivered famous "Lost Speech" at Bloomington. | 1865 | April 15. Died at 7:22 a. m. |
| | | 1856 | June 17. Received 110 votes as candidate for vice-president at Republican National Convention. | 1865 | May 4. Buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield. |