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STRAY BALLOTS—1860

ABRA(HAMLIN)COLN

Vote of the city of Louisville:
Bell 3,823; Douglas 2,633; Brecken-
ridge 845; Lincoln 91.

In as many as ten states in the
union Lincoln is said not to have re-
ceived a single popular vote.

Official vote for the state of Ken-
tucky: Bell 65,740; Breckenridge
53,146; Douglas 25,314; Lincoln 1,364.

Fayette county, the home of Mary
Todd Lincoln, cast its vote as follows:
Bell 1,411; Breckenridge 1,051; Doug-
las 99; Lincoln 5.

Two of the four candidates in the
1860 campaign were born in Ken-
tucky; yet the state gave its electoral
vote to one of the other candidates.

Hardin county was the first home
of Lincoln's parents, and here many
of Abraham's relatives still lived. Out
of a total of 2,091 votes Lincoln re-
ceived six.

They say that Old Abe is raising a
pair of whiskers. Some individual of
the cockney persuasion remarked that
he was "a puttin on (h)airs." Evans-
ville Journal.

The announcement that Lincoln had
received a majority of votes in the
precinct where he lived seemed to give
him more satisfaction than any other
election return.

When Abraham Lincoln was run-
ning for president, his son at Harvard
pasted one of his father's pictures on
a letter and it reached him without
missing a mail. Rockport Journal.

The vote in this city (Lexington,
Kentucky) is the largest by several
hundred ever polled; Bell, 648; Breck-
enridge, 635; Douglas, 75; Lincoln, 1.
Lexington Observer and Reporter.

Mr. Lincoln's election is a fact ac-
complished. We have prayed fervent-
ly against this event, and we have
worked against it with every energy
of our nature. Editorial. Louisville
Daily Record.

There is now a Republican electoral
ticket in Missouri so that you can vote
for me if your neighbors will let you.
I would advise you not to get into any
trouble about it. Letter, Lincoln to
Nathaniel Grigsby.

In LaRue county, where Abraham
Lincoln was born, only three persons
voted for Abraham Lincoln for presi-
dent of the United States. The vote
was: Douglas 450; Bell 401; Brecken-
ridge 32; Lincoln 3.

Governor Morehead knew Lincoln
and had served in Congress with him.
He was violently opposed to slavery,
but he hoped that when invested with
power he would be conservative. He
was an honest man. Louisville Daily
Journal.

While in the Springfield Post Office
Lincoln was asked how he was going
to vote on the following day: "For
Yates for Governor," he replied. But
for President? "How vote?" Lincoln
asked,—“By ballot,” he answered.
New York Tribune.

There was but one vote cast for
Abraham Lincoln out of a total of
1,566 in Washington county. Here
Lincoln's father lived for sixteen
years with his mother, two brothers
and two sisters, and here all the Lin-
coln children married.

The ages of candidates for presi-
dent of the United States at the time
of election in 1860 were as follows:
Bell, 63; Lincoln, 51; Douglas, 47;
and Breckenridge, 39. A difference of
24 years is apparent between the
oldest and youngest candidates.

The popular vote for president in
1860 was as follows: Lincoln 1,866,-
452; Douglas 1,375,157; Breckenridge
847,953; Bell 570,631. Lincoln's vote
was the largest popular vote which
had ever been cast, up to that time,
for a president of the United States.

The vote for Carter township
(Spencer county, Indiana), Lincoln's
old home, must prove gratifying to
that gentleman. The vote is: Lincoln,
16; Douglas, 70; Breckenridge, 2; Bell,
2. Complete vote for Spencer county:
Lincoln, 1926; Douglas, 1108; Breck-
enridge, 172; Bell, 175. Evansville
Journal.

Mrs. Lincoln, the future mistress of
the White House, is on the advantage-
ous side of forty, is slightly above the
medium stature, with brown eyes,
clearly cut features, delicate, mobile,

expressive, rather distinguished in ap-
pearance than beautiful, conveying to
the mind generally an impression of
self-possession, stateliness and ele-
gance. New York World.

Quincy (Illinois)—Tuesday, Nov. 6,
1860.. Frost & ice this morning.
Bright day and pleasant, but some-
what cool. At work in office. Election
day. Everything going quietly. Wed-
nesday, Nov. 7, 1860. We were beaten
in this city & county yesterday, but
the pain of our defeat was greatly
mitigated by the news of this evening,
giving assurance that we had carried
the state and that Lincoln was elected.
Browning Diary, Pease and Randall.

Many contend that Lincoln's name
should be pronounced according to the
literal orthography, LINCOLLEN. All
the best authorities, however, agree in
pronouncing it as they do out west
LINKEN. Below we give three au-
thorities on the subject: LINK-ON,
Lippincot's Gazetteer; LINK-UN
Webster's unabridged; LING-KUN,
Worcester's New Dictionary. In Illi-
nois, where everybody claims the priv-
ilege of familiarity with "Old Abe",
they have somewhat improved on the
above and speak of the distinguished
"Sucker" as "Old Abe LICK-EM".
Dollar Weekly Courier, Madison, Ind.

The electoral votes received by the
four candidates were as follows: Lin-
coln—California, Connecticut, Illinois,
Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts,
Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire,
New Jersey (4), New York, Ohio,
Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island,
Vermont, and Wisconsin, a total of
180. Breckenridge—Alabama, Arkan-
sas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia,
Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi,
North Carolina, South Carolina, and
Texas, a total of 72. Bell—Kentucky,
Tennessee, and Virginia, a total of 37.
Douglas—Missouri, and New Jersey
(3) a total of 12.

Mr. Lincoln went to his office as
early as eight o'clock on the morning
of the election, opened his mail, and
attended to routine business. It is said
he had not intended to vote, but at
three o'clock he appeared at the polls
and after nullifying that part of the
ballot relating to his own candidacy,
voted for the rest of the ticket. Mr.
Lincoln returned to his room at the
state house after supper. When the
returns began to come in, he went to
the telegraph office and remained there
the rest of the evening. A delegation
of Springfield women served a lunch-
eon for those who were interested in
receiving the returns and Lincoln is
said to have attended and was cheered
wildly when reports which favored his
election began to come in.