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THOMAS LINCOLN CHRONOLOGY

This chronology of Abraham Lincoln's father is compiled from documentary sources. As Thomas Lincoln's direct influence over his son ceased with Abraham's leaving home at the age of twenty-one, the chronology is concluded at this point.

1776—January, born in Rockingham County, Virginia.

1782—Migrated with parents to Kentucky.

1786—May, witnessed his father's massacre by the Indians near Louisville. Fall, moved with family to Washington County.

1795—June 5 to August 5, served in militia against Indians; July 27, name appeared on tax list for Washington County, between 16 and 21 years of age.

1796—February, on road petition in Washington County; May 11, again listed on Washington County tax list as above; July 13, paid \$9.56 by Samuel Haycraft at Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

1797—August 27, listed on Hardin County tax list as 21 years old or over. September 1, credited with six days work on mill dam. September 9, paid \$48.65 by Haycraft. September 12, credited with six days work on mill dam. September 17, received \$6.62 from Haycraft. October, 1797, credited with three days work on mill dam. December, credited with six days work on mill dam. Received on dates not given, \$52.49; \$33.09.

1798—Possibly with Uncle Isaac in Tennessee.

1799—June 29, on Washington County tax list.

1800—July 14, listed one horse on Washington County tax list.

1801—May, entered land in Cumberland County*. August 5, on Washington County tax list. August 16, witness on certificate in Washington County. October 23, witness on note in Washington County. November 28, paid fee of \$4.40 on Cumberland County land.*

1802—January 12, gave bond as constable in Cumberland County.* September 6, on Washington County tax list.

1803—January, served as guard of prisoner in Hardin County. June 26, signed name as witness to a note in Hardin County. September 2, purchased Mill Creek farm for \$574.07 cash in hand. October, received pay for guarding prisoner one day. October 19, on Hardin County jury. November, received \$6.57 for guarding prisoner. November 26, deed to his Mill Creek farm recorded. Taxed for 200 acres of land in Commissioner's book.

1804—April 19, served on two juries. April 20, served on jury. July 31, paid out \$4.38 for mdse. August 8, bought a saw for \$4.38. August 13, appointed constable in Cumberland County.* August 15, paid \$14.60 for mdse. August 27, paid 38c for mdse. September 6, bought one plane bit for 38c. September 27, paid 82c for mdse. October 8, paid \$1.67 for mdse. October 16, received \$14.69 for beef. November 6, bought one fiddle bass for 38c. November 10, bought one file for 38c. Listed one horse for taxes in Hardin County. Name appears on road petition in Hardin County.

1805—January 1, bought a hat for \$8.75. January 14, paid \$2.43 for mdse. February 9, paid \$25.20 for mdse. February 19, bought two yards of calico for \$2.46. February 27, bought a saw for \$2.19. March, appointed a patroller for three months. April 2, bought two twists of tobacco for 38c. May 15, bought one pint of whiskey for 21c. May 25, bought a pair of suspenders for \$2.19. June 12, bought one skein of silk, 21c. July 27, credited \$35.76 on store account. August 20, paid \$2.16 for mdse. August 23, paid \$2.29 for mdse. August 24, bought one pound of tobacco, 38c. September 9, bought one file 21c. September 18, bought four yards of muslin, \$2.19. September 26, bought one pound of tobacco, 38c. October 2, bought two brass rings, 38c. December 9, bought one pound of tobacco, 38c. Taxed on one horse in Hardin County.

1806—February 18, credited \$102.17 on store account. February 27, bought hay, \$1.34. May 1, bought one-half calfskin, 73c. May 16, paid \$4.04 for mdse. May 16, paid \$44.25 for mdse. May 20, Isaac Bush account charged to Thomas Lincoln, \$72.98. May 21, paid \$175.10 for mdse. May 16, credited \$145.95 on store account. May 24, bought silk \$2.91. June 2, bought a bridle, \$3.31. June 4, bought mdse. \$1.85. June 10, signed marriage bond in Washington County. June 12, married to Nancy Hanks in Washington County by Jesse Head. June 16, bought mdse. 45c. August 4, bought mdse. \$1.86. August 6, charged with Brumfield's account, \$5.83. August 14, charged Henry Ewing's account, \$6.33. September 13, bought three pounds of tobacco, \$1. October 25, bought mdse.,

\$1.39. November 12, bought whiskey, 21c. On Hardin County tax list this year and tended land in Cumberland County.

1807—January 1, bought tobacco, 66c. January 15, bought kitchenware, \$5.93, and one sword, \$3.00. February 23, bought mdse., \$1.85. February 10, his daughter Sarah born. March 9, credited \$97.63 on store account. March 25, brought suit against Geoghegan for collection of wages. April 23, received judgment in Geoghegan suit for \$19.85, plus 75c costs. July 2, bought one-half dozen screws. August 5, bought mdse., 54c. August 17, bought tobacco, 21c. September 19, bought gimlet, 15c. October 3, bought calomel and jalap, 21c. October 25, bought calomel and jalap, 29c. November 2, one pound of tobacco, 28c. Taxed for one town lot and one horse.

1808—February 22, bought mdse., \$1.28. April 23, credited on store account, \$7.26. April 25, on jury. May 8, served with summons in Geoghegan suit. May 9, in court on Geoghegan suit. May 13, bought two dozen buttons, \$1.50. May 16, credited with fee in Geoghegan case. May 31, Geoghegan brought suit against Lincoln. June 3, bought sand paper and screws, 31c. June 17, on jury. June, guarded prisoner. October, appeared for Geoghegan suit. November 15, on jury. December 12, paid \$200 cash for the South Fork farm. Taxed for two house lots in Elizabethtown valued at \$40.00, also one horse. Moved about this time to the South Fork farm.

1809—Received \$17.60 for guarding prisoner. February 12, Abraham Lincoln born. March 15, served on jury. Entered two horses on tax list.

1810—Name on tax list in Hardin County.

1811—Moved to Knob Creek farm. July 20, on tax list in Hardin County, September 2, on jury.

1812—June 11, on jury. Entered three horses for taxation. Third child, Thomas, born some time during the year.

1813—September 1, Mather brought suit against Lincoln for birthplace farm. September 7, files answer to this suit. September 6 and 7, appeared in court. September 7, served as special salesman for Coble Scott. Name on tax list in Hardin County.

1814—April 23, called for Mill Creek deed at courthouse. May 9, appointed an appraiser for Joseph estate. July 19, bought child's play wagon for 8½c. September 5, signed the amended answer in Mather suit. October 10, bought a heifer for \$9.42½c, also currycomb for 63c. October 27, sold the Mill Creek farm for \$486. Listed three horses for taxes.

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