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MARY TODD LINCOLN CHRONOLOGY

Abraham Lincoln lived with his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln, over a period of twenty-three years. One may assume without contradiction that during this period she influenced him more than any other person. This fact makes a study of Mrs. Lincoln's life an important contribution to the understanding of her husband.

Mrs. Abraham Lincoln by Dr. W. A. Evans of Chicago, is an exhaustive study of Mary Todd, beginning with her ancestry and concluding with her death in 1882.

The contents of Dr. Evans' valuable addition to *Lincolniana* can best be visualized by the following chronology which is made available through the kindness of the publisher of the book, Alfred A. Knopf, New York:

1812—November 26, Robert S. Todd married Eliza Parker, Lexington, Kentucky.

1825—July 5, Eliza Parker Todd died.

1826—November 1, Robert S. Todd, Mary's father, married Betsy Humphreys, Frankfort, Kentucky. Mary Todd started school at Ward's, Lexington, Kentucky.

1832—February 29, marriage of Elizabeth Todd, sister of Mary, to Ninian W. Edwards. Mary Todd entered Mentelle's school, Lexington, Kentucky.

1833—Mrs. Ninian W. Edwards moved to Springfield, Illinois.

1837—Mary Todd visited Springfield for three months. Autumn, Mary Todd again in Ward's School, Lexington, Kentucky.

1839—Autumn, Mary Todd, living with Mrs. Edwards in Springfield, met Abraham Lincoln.

1840—Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd engaged to marry.

1841—January, engagement of Mary Todd and Abraham Lincoln broken.

1842—November 4, Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd married at the Edward's home. Went to live at the Globe Tavern.

1843—August 1, Robert T. Lincoln born.

1844—The Lincolns lived on Monroe Street. The Lincolns bought the "Lincoln home."

1846—March 10, Edward Baker Lincoln born. Lincoln elected to Congress.

1847—October, the Lincolns visited Lexington en route to Washington.

1848—Spring, Mrs. Lincoln in Lexington; Lincoln in Washington.

1849—Robert S. Todd died. October, the Lincolns in Lexington in connection with lawsuit.

1850—February 1, Edward Baker Lincoln died. Spring, the Lincolns in Lexington. December 21, William Wallace Lincoln born.

1853—April 4, Thomas Lincoln born.

1857—Summer, Mrs. Lincoln traveled to Niagara Falls and New York. September 5-30, second story added to Lincoln house.

1860—May 18, Lincoln nominated for president. November 7, Lincoln elected president.

1861—January 10, Mrs. Lincoln in New York shopping. January 24, Mrs. Lincoln back in Springfield. February 11, Lincoln and his family left Springfield for Washington. February 23, Lincoln arrived in Washington. March 2, Mrs. Lincoln, after stopping in New York, arrived in Washington. Summer, Mrs. Lincoln visited Saratoga, New York, and Long Branch, New Jersey. September 1, Mrs. Lincoln visited Niagara Falls. November, Mrs. Lincoln had returned to the White House from her several trips.

1862—February 20, William W. Lincoln died. During the summer, President and Mrs. Lincoln spent most of the season in the Anderson cottage, Soldiers' Home, Washington. September, Mrs. Lincoln visited New York City, at the Metropolitan Hotel. November 29, Mrs. Lincoln returned from a visit to New England. December 21, Mrs. Lincoln in Philadelphia, Continental Hotel.

1863—April, President and Mrs. Lincoln and Tad visited the Army of the Potomac. July, Mrs. Lincoln thrown from carriage and her head badly hurt. September, Mrs. Lincoln at Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York City. November, creditors of Mrs. Lincoln threatened to sue her. December 3-7, Mrs. Lincoln in New York City, Fifth Avenue Hotel.

1864—April 28, Mrs. Lincoln in New York City, Metropolitan Hotel. June 24, Mrs. Lincoln in Boston. August 31, Mrs. Lincoln in Manchester, Vermont.

1865—January 17, Levi O. Todd died. March 22, President and Mrs. Lincoln visited City Point. April 4, President and Mrs. Lincoln visited Richmond. April 14, President Lincoln assassinated. May 4, President Lincoln buried in Springfield, Illinois. May 22, Mrs. Lincoln and family left Washington for Chicago; they arrived May 24 and went to the Tremont House. May 31, Mrs. Lincoln moved to a Hyde Park boarding-house.

1866—Mrs. Lincoln in Chicago. May 22, Mrs. Lincoln bought and occupied a house on West Washington Street.

1867—Mrs. Lincoln in Chicago. Robert Lincoln in the firm, Scammon and Lincoln; lived with his mother at 375 West Washington Street. April 14,

Mrs. Lincoln in Springfield to visit the Lincoln tomb. May 1 (about), Mrs. Lincoln rented her West Washington Street house and moved to the Clifton House. July, Mrs. Lincoln in Racine, Wisconsin. September 19, Mrs. Lincoln in New York. The proposed auction episode. October 13, Mrs. Lincoln was boarding with D. Cole, at 460 West Washington Street, Chicago. November, Mrs. Lincoln's brother-in-law, Dr. William Wallace, died.

1868—Mrs. Lincoln traveled in New England, Pennsylvania, and elsewhere. In Chicago much of the time, at the Clifton House. July to September, Mrs. Lincoln in Cresson, Pennsylvania. September 24, Robert T. Lincoln married Mary Harlan. Later in the Autumn, Mrs. Lincoln, with Tad, went to Europe.

1869—January 25, Mrs. Lincoln's letter written from Frankfort am Main, Germany, was read to the Senate. December 3, Mrs. Lincoln and Tad in London. December 29, Mrs. Lincoln and Tad in Frankfurt am Main; Tad in school.

1870—February 12, Mrs. Lincoln in Florence, Italy. March 22, Mrs. Lincoln and Tad in Frankfurt am Main; Tad in school. May to August, Mrs. Lincoln and Tad in Germany; Tad in school. May 2, Mrs. Lincoln's pension bill passed the House. May 19, Mrs. Lincoln visited Tad in school at Ober Ursel, near Frankfurt.

1871—Robert Lincoln and family on Wabash Avenue in Chicago; Tad's illness continued. June, Mrs. Lincoln and Tad at the Clifton House; Tad seriously ill. July 15, Tad died at the Clifton House; funeral from Robert's home on Wabash Avenue; burial in Springfield.

1874—Mrs. Lincoln's name reappeared in the Lakeside Directory of Chicago; address, Grand Central Hotel. Summer, Mrs. Lincoln in Waukesha, Wisconsin, drinking the waters for her health. Winter, Mrs. Lincoln in Florida.

1875—April, Mrs. Lincoln at the Grand Pacific Hotel, Chicago. May 19, Mrs. Lincoln tried for sanity. May 20-September 10, in Bellevue Place Sanatorium, Batavia, Illinois; thereafter with Mrs. N. W. Edwards, Springfield.

1876—In Springfield with Mrs. Edwards.

1877—April 12, in Pau, France. Went to Marseilles and Naples. April 22, in Sorrento.

1878—July 4, in Pau, France.

1879—December, in Europe, mostly in Pau. Injured by fall.

1880—October, reached America.

1881—Autumn, went to New York to be treated by Dr. Lewis A. Sayre.

1882—January 16, pension increased to \$5,000 a year by Congress which also voted her \$15,000 in addition. March, returned to Springfield. Summer, suffered from boils; refused to go to seashore. July 16, died in Springfield. Buried in the Lincoln tomb.