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GRANDFATHER LINCOLN CHRONOLOGY

The Lincoln family from which the grandfather of Abraham Lincoln descended had its American origin at Hingham, Massachusetts. The names of the Lincolns in the line of descent from Samuel Lincoln of Hingham to Abraham Lincoln, grandfather of the president follow:

1. Samuel and Martha Lyford Lincoln.

2. Mordecai and Sarah Jones Lincoln.

3. John and Rebecca Morris Lincoln.

Abraham Lincoln, the grandfather of the president, was the oldest child of John and Rebecca Morris Lincoln. A sketch of his life is herewith presented:

1744

May 13, born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and named for his father's brother.

1748

March 9, his twin sisters, Hannah and Lydia born.

1750

March 5, his brother Isaac born.

1751

November 5, his brother Jacob born.

1755

July 15, his brother John born.

1757

September 18, his sister Hannah born.

1761

October 23, his brother Thomas born.

1767

April 18, his sister Rebecca born.

1768

At the age of 24 moved with parents to Linville Creek in Augusta County, Virginia, now Rockingham County.

1770

January 7, witness to the signing of Jacob Warren's will.

March 26, appointed administrator of Jacob Warren's estate but refused to serve.

June 9, marriage recorded in Augusta County, Virginia, but name of bride not given.

July 7, bought two cows for three pounds 10 shillings at Jacob Warren's administrator's sale.

Listed as a captain of the Virginia militia.

1771

His son Mordecai born (exact date not known.)

1772

June, gave note to Mr. Beard.

August 10, witnessed a deed signed by Ruben and Lydia Harrison. Lydia was his sister.

1773

August 12, acquired land from his father on Linville Creek now in Rockingham County, Virginia.

His son, Josiah born (exact date not known.)

1774

May, in Augusta County Court, Beard vs. Abraham Lincoln note says "Defendant lives on Linville Creek."

His daughter, Mary, born (exact date not known.)

1776

Called a captain at a court-martial held in Stanton, Virginia.

Served as a judge advocate in court in Rockingham County.

A member of Linville Creek Baptist Church committee.

Son, Thomas, father of President Lincoln, born (exact date not known—January most often named as the month.)

1000 acres of land entered for him in Kentucky by Daniel Boone.

1777

August 19, ordered by Augusta County Court that list of tithables in Captain Abraham Lincoln's company be taken.

August 20, Captain Lincoln's order to take the list of tithables.

Served as judge advocate in Rockingham County Court (Rockingham County was set apart from Augusta in 1777.)

1778

Served as judge advocate in Rockingham County court.

Sometime between the birth of Abraham's son, Thomas, in January, 1776, and 1779 there is a probability that his first wife died and he married again. The first name of the wife of this second marriage was Bersheba. Her last name is said to have been Herring.

1779

September 6, bought fifty-two acres of land in Rockingham County adjacent to his own property.

November 22, deed to above land recorded.

Name appears as a captain of militia in Rockingham County.

1780

February 18—Sells 250 acres of land in Rockingham County for which he

received 5,000 pounds current money of Virginia.

His wife, Bersheba, signed deed with him.

March 4, issued land warrant No. 3334 for 400 acres of land for which he paid one hundred and sixty pounds.

March 25, a daughter, Nancy, born.

June 26, deed to land sold on February 18 recorded.

August 29, his brother Jacob married Dorcas Robinson.

June 7, entered 800 acres of land on Green River in Kentucky six miles below Green River Lick.

May 29, entered 400 acres of land on Floyd Fork in Jefferson County, Kentucky.

1781

May 1, his name appears on petition for the establishment of a town in Rockingham County, Virginia.

September 24, Bersheba voluntarily relinquished her right of dower to land sold.

1782

August, captured by Indians near Danville, Kentucky, and made to run the gauntlet and then released.

He was on his way back to Virginia to remove his family to Kentucky.

June 27, his brother, John, married Mary Yarnall.

September 23, his brother, Thomas, married Elizabeth Casner.

December 11, 500 acres of land entered for him in Kentucky by Daniel Boone, warrant 5994.

Probably moved to Kentucky in the fall of this year.

1783

Made contract with John Reed to locate 2268 acres of land which Lincoln had entered on warrant 14487. This land was on Green River near Bear Creek in Kentucky.

November 24, his name on the above warrant assigning the land to John Reed was claimed to be a forgery.

1784

November, his 800 acre tract on Green River is surveyed.

1785

May 7, signed name as a chain carrier on a record of survey of his land on Long Run, Jefferson County, Kentucky.

1786

May, massacred by Indians on his Long Run Farm in Jefferson County, Kentucky, and his body is said to be buried in the Long Run Meeting House Cemetery which is within his 400-acre boundary.

The grandfather of Abraham Lincoln for which he was named was 42 years old at the time of his death and left a widow and five children.