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"I SAW LINCOLN," THEY TESTIFY

One of the most valuable contributions to our knowledge of Lincoln, by those participating directly or indirectly in the dedication of the Lincoln statue at Fort Wayne, was made by the old people who sent in reminiscences of the president.

A great many persons between four score and five score years of age, from the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan, responded to the request that they advise the Foundation of their memories of Lincoln. Space is available for just a brief note about each.

Illinois

- Gilmore, Thomas—101, Macomb. I saw Lincoln at Macomb on October 26, 1858, and on the next day at Augusta, Illinois.
- Wilson, Isaac—96, Carthage. I saw Lincoln on October 22, 1858, when he spoke in Carthage, Illinois.
- Kinney, Mrs. Lucy—94, Barry. I saw Lincoln in Pittsfield, Illinois, and during the Lincoln-Douglas debate at Quincy, Illinois.
- First, Rev. H. C.—93, Rock Island. I saw Lincoln in 1865 as I was an honorary guard at his bier when he lay in state in Chicago.
- Porter, William H.—93, LeRoy. I saw Lincoln in May, 1856, when he made his "lost speech" at Bloomington, Illinois.
- Coffman, Helen Mary—92, Augusta. I saw Lincoln when he visited at our house when he spoke in Augusta in 1858.
- Montgomery, James P.—92, Mason City. I saw Lincoln many times, the most notable of which being when he defended Duff Armstrong; also I was one of the guards at his funeral.
- Lamon, Mrs. Lucy A.—89, Paris. I saw Lincoln a number of times from 1856 to 1858 at my father's house and once when he spoke from my uncle's grove.
- Crandall, Mr. P. B.—89, Bushnell. I saw Lincoln in Washington, D. C., in front of the White House when he bade my regiment good-bye as we started for Butler's front, June 8, 1864.
- Gephart, Mrs. Lydia T.—89, Kenney. I saw Lincoln in 1857 when we ate breakfast with him at the Congress Hotel, Clinton, Illinois.

Dow, Mrs. Mary Stiles—86, Plainfield. I saw Lincoln at Pittsfield, Illinois, in 1858.

Wright, Mrs. Belle—86, Plymouth. I saw Lincoln when he and Douglas gave their debate on Knox Campus in Galesburg, Illinois.

Childers, Stephen A.—85, Allenville. I saw Lincoln in 1858 at the Lincoln-Douglas debate at Charleston, Illinois, and in 1860 when he spoke at the home of his step-mother.

Shoaff, Thomas—85, Shelbyville. I saw Lincoln at the Republican State Convention in Decatur in 1860.

Henthorn, Mr. A.—84, Baylis. I saw Lincoln in 1858 during the Lincoln-Douglas debate at Quincy, Illinois.

Taylor, Mr. A. H.—82, Delavan. I saw Lincoln at Gettysburg at the time of the dedication of the National Cemetery.

Green, Mrs. Alice—82, Hamilton. I saw Lincoln during the Lincoln-Douglas debate at Carthage, Illinois, in 1858.

Bond, Mrs. Minda R.—82, Abingdon. I saw Lincoln when he spoke at a Republican rally at Galesburg, Illinois, in 1861.

Quayle, Mrs. Katharine—82, Rock Island. I saw Lincoln at Hagerstown, Indiana, before the Civil War and viewed his remains at the State House at Indianapolis.

Doughty, Mrs. Lucenia A.—81, Alto Pass. I saw Lincoln at the home of my grandfather, Stephen Sowers, in Sangamon County when I was twelve years old.

Heuser, Mrs. Celia Ann—79, Park Ridge. I saw Lincoln in Pittsfield in 1860.

King, Mrs. Frederica W.—79, Augusta. I saw Lincoln on September 18, 1858, when he spoke in Augusta, Illinois.

Schulte, Katharine—74, Hinsdale. I saw Lincoln in 1862 or 1863 when I went with my mother to Washington to see the president.

Ohio

Moyer, William—93, Houston. I saw Lincoln at the White House in Washington.

Saxbe, William—93, Mechanicsburg. I saw Lincoln in the summer of 1862 at Fredricksburg when he was inspecting the army.

Rowe, Sarah—92, Berca. I saw Lincoln and heard him speak at Millersburg, Ohio.

Watkins, George—91, Madison. I saw Lincoln many times when I served as a guard in Washington during the war.

Schaefer, Henry, Sr.—90, New Bremen. I saw Lincoln after he was assassinated.

Hartman, Rufus R.—90, Rawson. I saw Lincoln during a leave of absence from the army as he came from the White House and walked down to the street.

Green, Hon. John P.—87, Cleveland. I saw Lincoln when he passed through Cleveland enroute to his inauguration at Washington and saw his remains enroute to Springfield.

Rice, Richard—87, New Concord. I saw Lincoln in 1865 as I was one of the guards when the body passed through Columbus enroute to Springfield.

Brown, Mrs. Sarah M.—87, Cincinnati. I saw Lincoln at the Sanitary Fair in Philadelphia during the Civil war and again when he lay in state in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, in 1865.

McConiha, Joseph—86, Zanesville. I saw Lincoln February 20, 1865, at Washington, D. C., while my regiment was being reviewed.

Gould, Dr. D. T.—85, Berea. I saw Lincoln when he spoke at Cleveland on February 15, 1861.

Elson, Richard—85, Waynesburg. I saw Lincoln when he spoke from the train at Bayard, Ohio, on his way to his inauguration at Washington.

Clark, Mrs. L. A.—85, Port Clinton. I saw Lincoln at Washington, D. C., in 1861, after he had issued the first draft.

Leavitt, Mr. C. E.—82, Mechanicsburg. I saw Lincoln at Paris, Illinois, during his first campaign for president.

Raver, Robert S.—82, North Olmsted. I saw Lincoln when he spoke at Willoughby on his way to Washington, D. C.

Fisher, Joseph—80, Toledo. I saw Lincoln in 1858 at New Philadelphia, Ohio, when he spoke to all the children under ten years of age.

Hayner, Mr. W. H.—80, Dayton. I saw Lincoln as a nominee at Morrow, Ohio; as the president-elect enroute to Washington and as president when he visited my regiment at Camp Denhison.

Werner, Ernest—79, Spencerville. I saw Lincoln as he rode past my father's store in Cincinnati.

Dome, Lewis—79, Toledo. I saw Lincoln at Mansfield, Ohio, in 1863, and several times in 1864 making speeches.

Shaffer, Theodore J.—78, Toledo. I saw Lincoln when he passed through Pittsburgh on his way to Washington in February, 1861.

Northrup, Edgar J.—78, Toledo. I saw Lincoln at my father's house in Binghamton several times in 1860 and 1861.

Wilson, Mr. S. E.—77, Mt. Gilead. I saw Lincoln in 1861 when he passed through Brocton, New York, enroute to Washington.

Kilmer, Henry A.—69, Oak Harbor. I saw Lincoln while his body lay in state at Cleveland.

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