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### "I SAW LINCOLN," THEY TESTIFY

The list of old people who saw Lincoln has increased to so large a number that two copies of *Lincoln Lore* are necessary to enter their names on the roll of honor. Although the contest was limited to Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, and Indiana, many other old people from other states wrote that they had seen Lincoln also.

Since the last number of *Lincoln Lore* was printed several more contestants from Ohio and Illinois have been heard from so they are compiled in the list in this issue.

Thomas Gilmore of Macomb, Illinois, 101; Mrs. Rose Strebek of Levering, Michigan, 95; General James Stevenson, of Indianapolis, Indiana, 95; and William Moyer of Houston, Ohio, 93, were the oldest persons in their respective states who had sent in reports at the time this copy of *Lincoln Lore* went to press.

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#### Ohio

- Good, Isaac—93, Sidney. I saw Lincoln (time and place not stated).  
Lucas, Lee R.—89, Cleveland Heights. I saw Lincoln in 1858 at Bloomington, Illinois, at the time of his debate with Stephen A. Douglas.  
Funk, George W.—86, New Lexington. I saw Lincoln (time and place not stated).  
Pontius, C. R.—(age not stated), Fremont. I saw Lincoln after he was assassinated.

#### Illinois

- Isaiah Varner—96, Versailles. I saw Lincoln (time and place not stated).  
Ward, Samuel Read—90, Richmond. I saw Lincoln many times in Washington, D. C., while he was president and was present in Ford's Theatre when he was assassinated.  
Barber, Captain A. D.—87, Nauvoo. I saw Lincoln (time and place not stated).  
Sears, C. W.—82, Donovan. I saw Lincoln almost every day when he and Herndon were law partners in Springfield and I also attended a reception for him as the president-elect in 1860.  
Scott, Miss Emma Julia—77, Washington. I saw Lincoln on October 7, 1858, at Galesburg, Illinois, on the occasion of the Lincoln-Douglas debate.

#### Michigan

- Striebeck, Mrs. Rose—95, Levering. I saw Lincoln in Buffalo in 1860 during a parade.  
Dougherty, James C.—92, Negaunee. I saw Lincoln in Chicago where he made a speech.  
Dean, George O.—90, Nashville. I saw Lincoln at Washington, D. C., and when he visited my regiment near Rockville, Maryland, and again at Richmond at the close of the war.  
Shepard, Horace—88, Grosse Ile. I saw Lincoln at the Republican Wigwam in New Haven, Connecticut.  
Robe, William A.—87, Galien. I saw Lincoln several times during the Civil War and my regiment was rushed to Washington to protect the District of Columbia when news of the president's assassination was received.  
Griffey, Mr. C. G.—86, Rochester. I saw Lincoln when he was enroute to Washington for the inauguration and also his remains as they were being taken to Springfield.  
Johnson, Mrs. Amelia—84, Niles. I saw Lincoln on August 27, 1858, on the occasion of the Lincoln-Douglas debate at Freeport, Illinois.  
Chickner, John S.—(exact age not stated), Boyne City. I saw Lincoln at both the first and second presidential elections.

#### Indiana

- Stevenson, General James—95, Indianapolis. I saw Lincoln (time and place not stated).  
Reeder, William C.—93, Peru. I saw Lincoln many times while I was confined to the Columbian College Hospital in Washington, D. C.  
Foster, David N.—92, Fort Wayne. I saw Lincoln several times. The most important occasion was on February 22, 1860, when he gave his Cooper Institute speech.  
Crim, Isaac H.—90, Bedford. I saw Lincoln at Harrison's Landing, Virginia, in 1862, and in Washington City during the months of January and February, 1863.  
McGraw, John W.—90, Fountain City. I saw Lincoln when he spoke in Indianapolis just after he was elected president.  
Foster, Mrs. Fannie—88, Greenwood. I saw Lincoln in 1861 in Indianapolis when he spoke from Bates House on his way to Washington and viewed his body as it lay in state in Indianapolis.  
Quimby, Charles H.—88, Fort Wayne. I saw Lincoln assassinated on the evening of April 15, 1865, at Ford's Theatre.  
Hale, Silas W.—88, Decatur. I saw Lincoln when he made a speech from the portico of Bates House, Indianapolis, as he passed through that city enroute to Washington.  
McKinley, John F.—86, Lebanon. I saw Lincoln when he stopped in Indianapolis enroute to the White House.

- Skinner, Mr. J. E.—85, Walkerton. I saw Lincoln in 1864 and again in 1865 at the front.  
Simmers, Daniel W.—85, Fort Wayne. I saw Lincoln when he spoke from the car platform when he passed through Fort Washington on his way to the inauguration.  
Pohler, J. Henry—85, Huntington. I saw Lincoln during his second presidential campaign.  
Butler, Rev. Harrison W.—85, Rochester. I saw Lincoln while a soldier in the Civil War when he came to inspect the troops.  
DuBois, Mr. Caspar C.—83, Kokomo. I saw Lincoln when he lay in state at the Old State House in Indianapolis in 1865.  
Sullivan, Mrs. Harriet—82, Gary. I saw Lincoln at Cincinnati.  
Whittier, Cassius M.—79, Attica. I saw Lincoln when he passed through Attica on his way to Washington.  
Russell, Mrs. Elizabeth—76, Kokomo. I saw Lincoln at the Anton Hotel not long before he was assassinated.  
Jenkins, David F.—76, Coatesville. I saw Lincoln's body ten years after his death at the monument at Springfield, Illinois.  
Weaver, W. Jay—73, Rose Lawn. I saw Lincoln's body as it lay in state in the court house in Chicago.  
Croxtton, Mr. W. A.—80, Angola. I saw Lincoln as he passed through Salineville, Ohio, enroute to Washington.
- #### Miscellaneous
- Barton, Mrs. Joanna—95, Meridian, Mississippi. I saw Lincoln while he was enroute from Springfield to Washington for his inauguration.  
Crippen, Carrie R.—94, Kansas City, Missouri. I saw Lincoln during his first and second campaigns for president and at the Lincoln-Douglas debate in Quincy, Illinois.  
Sprenkel, J. A.—85, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania. I saw Lincoln at Gettysburg in 1863 when he delivered his famous address at the dedication of the National Cemetery.  
Smith, Mrs. M. O.—84, Hanover, Pennsylvania. I saw Lincoln when he delivered his Gettysburg address as I sang in the chorus during the exercises at the dedication of the National Cemetery.  
Scott, Josephine B.—84, Lily Dale, New York. I saw Lincoln in March, 1854, while riding on a train on the Wabash railroad.  
Amadon, John A.—84, Waterville, Vermont. I saw Lincoln many times in 1864 and 1865 in Washington and once when he visited my regiment at Petersburg.  
Singiser, George W.—80, Allentown, Pennsylvania. I saw Lincoln in 1864 as I was delegated to present flowers to him when he passed through Mechanicsburg.