

LINCOLN LORE

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Visitors to the Century of Progress Exposition must be impressed by the many Lincoln exhibits there. Illinois is the state where Lincoln lived one-half of his life. It is also of interest to note that Abraham Lincoln often visited Chicago. On more than thirty different occasions he is known to have been in the city between 1847 and 1860. At one time he was there for a period of three weeks and altogether he must have spent more than four months in the city.

The following compilation of places Lincoln visited in Chicago in no sense approaches completeness.

ARNOLD HOME

Mr. Isaac N. Arnold entertained Mr. Lincoln and Colonel Schneider in April, 1854. Lincoln is said to have been in this home on many other occasions.

COURT HOUSE

Lincoln was invited to speak in the Court House on October 6, 1848, but with only six hours' notice of his appointment, the building was crowded to overflowing and the group adjourned to the Public Square.

He delivered an eulogy on Zachary Taylor in the Court House on July 25, 1850.

There is no attempt to list the many times which he may have been in the Court House on legal business.

It was in the Court House that his body lay in state from 11:00 a. m. on Monday, May 1st, until 3:30 p. m. Tuesday, May 2nd, 1865.

CUSTOM HOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln visited here on November 22, 1860, while in Chicago to meet Vice-President Hamlin.

DAGUERRETYPE GALLERY

Lincoln had a photograph taken while holding in his hand a copy of the Press and Tribune. This photograph was made in 1854, probably in April.

DEARBORN PARK

Fremont campaign speech by Lincoln delivered here on July 19, 1865.

HESLER GALLERY (113 Lake St.)

The first photograph of Lincoln made by Hesler was taken in 1857. One year later Lincoln gave Hesler another sitting in his Chicago gallery.

HUBBARD HOME

Lincoln and Browning took tea with Gurdon S. Hubbard on July 12, 1858.

LARMON BLOCK

Lincoln was one of the attorneys in the Sand Bar case tried by Judge Drummond in this building during March, 1860.

METROPOLITAN BLOCK

At a Republican meeting on February 27, 1857, Lincoln made the principal address.

Attended Rumsey and Newcomb's minstrels one evening in March, 1860,

LINCOLN IN CHICAGO

with James W. Somers and Henry C. Whitney.

NORTH MARKET HALL

Lincoln addressed a large audience on October 27, 1854. The newspaper reports of his speech were very complimentary.

Visited Moody's Mission Sabbath School located here, on Sunday, November 25, 1860.

PUBLIC SQUARE

Lincoln attended River and Harbor Convention which met in a tent on July 5, 6, and 7, 1847, and replied to

COMPILATION OF DATES

1847—July 5, 6, 7.

1848—October 5, 6, 7.

1850—July 7-29.

1854—April 7; October 27, 28.

1855—July 2-16.

1856—July 15-25; August 7; December 9, 10.

1857—February 21-28; May 22; July 7-17; September 8-25; November 28; December 4.

1858—February 18; April 7; July 9-13; July 24.

1859—March 1, 2; June 6-8; July 18, 19; September 29; October 3; November 10.

1860—March 23; April 4; November 22-26.

1865—May 1, May 2.

David Dudley Field on the second day. This is said to have been Lincoln's first visit to Chicago.

He addressed a meeting here, adjourned from the Court House, on October 6, 1848. He spoke for two hours.

PECK HOME

In the home of Judge Ebenezer Peck, Lincoln and Hamlin held their conference about cabinet appointments.

PORTLAND BLOCK

Volk, the sculptor, had his studio in this building and here he made a mask of Lincoln's face from life. These sittings were given Volk between March 23 and April 4, 1860. The studio was on the fifth floor and there was no elevator service.

POST OFFICE

The new Post Office was visited by Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln on November 22, 1860. It had but recently been constructed.

REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS

Lincoln spoke to victorious Republicans on Tuesday evening, March 1, 1859.

RICHMOND HOUSE

Lincoln, with Henry C. Whitney,

called on General Schenck in March, 1860.

SHERMAN HOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln registered at Hotel on October 5, 6, 7, 1848.

ST. JAMES CHURCH

Lincoln visited church with Hon. Isaac N. Arnold on November 25, 1860.

TREMONT HOUSE

Whitney says:

"The Tremont House was the Mecca, in those days; and thither, all political pilgrims came. . . . The home of Douglas being in Washington, in his brief and transitory visits to Chicago he stopped at the Tremont, as did Lincoln, precisely."

Some of the most important political meetings which Lincoln attended in Chicago were held at the Tremont House. As early as April, 1854, a meeting was called there comprised of both Whigs and Democrats opposed to Douglas. Lincoln was present. A Chicago Republican banquet was held there on the evening of December 10, 1856, with Lincoln as one of the leading speakers. From the balcony of the hotel Lincoln replied to Douglas on July 10, 1858, and here also a meeting of Lincoln and Douglas on July 24, the same year, paved the way for the famous debates.

It was to the Tremont House that Lincoln took his family when they had occasion to accompany him. In June, 1859, Willie Lincoln went to Chicago with his father, and in a letter to a friend described the room which they had in the hotel. The following month the newspapers stated that both Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln were registered at the Tremont House. It was here also that Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln met Vice-President-elect Hamlin by appointment on November 22, 1860; a public reception was held in the parlors of the hotel on this occasion. Possibly the last line he wrote in Chicago was a note to Whitney written on Tremont House stationery the day he left for Springfield, November 26, 1860.

THEATRE

Lincoln and Browning heard Burton in "The Toodles" at the theatre on the evening of July 8, 1857. Two days later they returned to see Burton play "Captain Cuttle in Bombay."

WHITE HOME

Lincoln visited the home of Julius White in Evanston and made a public speech there one evening between March 23 and April 4, 1860.

WIGWAM

The famous structure was visited by Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln on November 22, 1860, at the time Lincoln, as president-elect, was in Chicago for a conference with Mr. Hamlin.