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## PLACES LINCOLN VISITED

It is the purpose of Lincoln Lore to emphasize, during the year 1934, the places visited by Abraham Lincoln. There has been, thus far, no attempt to feature the geographical approach to the study of the emancipator.

It is impossible to learn of the many places he visited with his father during the early Kentucky and Indiana years. On the migration to Illinois the caravan passed through many small hamlets which no longer exist. Lincoln's two trips to New Orleans must have allowed him to visit towns and cities along the Mississippi River. In the Black Hawk War points were touched which may not have been recorded. As a deputy surveyor he was often called a hundred miles away from home to lay out some town, and during his early political efforts it is doubtful if there was a single town within Sangamon and Menard Counties which Lincoln did not visit at some time.

In an autobiographical sketch, which Lincoln prepared in 1860, he stated that he made over fifty speeches in the campaign of 1856, and that no one of these speeches, as far as he knew, were in print. He also made extensive speaking itineraries in 1840 and in 1844, but few of the places where he spoke are known.

On his several trips to the eastern coast he passed through many cities and may have stopped in some places of which we have no record.

During the war he is known to have visited his generals on several occasions, and his trips to Gettysburg and Richmond have been told in detail. After his death the funeral train which bore his body back to Springfield passed through many of the largest cities in the country.

These facts imply that the list which follows must necessarily be fragmentary. However, it does assist in visualizing the extent of his travels. It is hoped that the geographical approach to the study of Lincoln this year may reveal the names of many other cities and towns which he visited.

In 1860, the year that Abraham Lincoln was elected to the presidency, there were thirty-four states in the union. Lincoln had spoken in seventeen, or one-half, of the states by the time of his inauguration.

The population of the United States in 1860 was 26,706,425, and the seventeen states visited by Lincoln contained 19,635,393 of the total number of persons listed in the census.

The list of towns and cities mentioned in this bulletin is confined to places which have some historical con-

nection with Abraham Lincoln previous to the time of his first inaugural on March 4, 1861.

The need of conserving space has made it necessary to abbreviate the dates by eliminating the century numerals.

### Connecticut

Bridgeport, '60; Hartford, '60; Meriden, '60; New Haven, '60; New London, '60; Norwich, '60.

### District of Columbia

Washington, '47-'49, '61.

### Illinois

Albany, '36; Alton, '56, '58; Amboy, '58; Anna, '58; Athens, '34; Atlanta, '56, '59; Augusta, '58; Bath, '58; Beardstown, '37-'58; Belleville, '56; Bement, '58; Blandinsville, '58; Bloomington, '47-'60; Canton, '58; Carlinville, '54-'58; Carrollton, '54; Carthage, '58; Centralia, '58; Champaign, '56; Charleston, '48-'61; Chicago, '54-'60; Clinton, '47-'59; Danville, '47-'61; Decatur, '30-'61; Dixon, '32, '56; Edwardsville, '58; Evanston, '60; El Paso, '58; Fountain Green, '58; Freeport, '58; Fremont, '58; Galena, '32, '56; Galesburg, '58; Grandview, '56-'59; Greenville, '58; Havana, '32-'58; Henry, '58; Highland, '58; Hillsboro, '56-'58; Jacksonville, '54-'58; Joliet, '56; Jonesboro, '58; Keokuk, '58; Kewanee, '56; Knoxville, '58; Lacon, '54-'56; LaHarpe, '56; LaSalle, '54; Lawrenceville, '56; Lincoln, '47-'60; Lewistown, '58; Livingston, '47-'54; Macomb, '58; Mattoon, '58; Mechanicsburg, '58; Meredosia, '58; Metamora, '47-'58; Monmouth, '58; Monticello, '47-'58; Morris, '58; Mount Auburn, '55; Mount Pulaski, '40-'59; Naples, '54, '58; New Boston, '34; New Salem, '31-'60; Oquawka, '58; Oquawka Junction, '56; Oregon, '56; Ottawa, '32, '56, '58; Palestine, '30; Pappsville, '32; Paris, '47-'58; Pekin, '47-'58; Peoria, '32, '58; Petersburg, '36-'58; Pittsfield, '56, '58; Polo, '56; Princeton, '56, '58; Quincy, '54-'58; Rockford, '55; Rushville, '58; Salem, '56, '58; Sangamo Town, '31, '34; Shawneetown, '40; Shelbyville, '47-'58; Springfield, '31-'61; Sterling, '56; Taylorville, '47-'53; Toulon, '61; Toulon, '58; Tremont, '58; Urbana, '47-'58; Vandalia, '56; Vermont, '58; Wapilla, '58; Waukegan, '60; Winchester, '54, '58.

### Indiana

Bruceville, '44; Indianapolis, '59-'61; LaFayette, '61; Gentryville, '44; Greensburg, '61; Petersburg, '30; Rockport, '18-'30, '44; Shelbyville, '61; State Line, '61; Thorntown, '61; Vincennes, '30, '44; Washington, '34, '44; Zionsville, '61.

### Iowa

Burlington, '58; Council Bluffs, '59; Dubuque, '59.

### Kansas

Atchison, '59; Doniphan, '59; Elwood, '59; Leavenworth, '59; Stockton, '59; Troy, '59.

### Kentucky

Elizabethtown, '09-'16; Lexington, '41-'50; Louisville, '41-'50; Morgantown, '40.

### Louisiana

New Orleans, '28, '31.

### Maryland

Baltimore, '48, '58; Frederick, '58.

### Massachusetts

Boston, '48, '60; Cambridge, '48; Chelsea, '48; Dedham, '48; Dorchester, '48; Lowell, '48; Worcester, '48.

### Michigan

Kalamazoo, '48, '56; Niles, '56.

### Missouri

St. Joseph, '59; St. Louis, '47.

### New Hampshire

Concord, '60; Dover, '60; Exeter, '60; Manchester, '60.

### New Jersey

Cape May, '49; Jersey City, '48, '60, '61; Newark, '61; Trenton, '61.

### New York

Albany, '48, '61; Brooklyn, '60; Buffalo, '48, '60, '61; Hudson, '61; New York City, '57, '60, '61; Niagara Falls, '48, '57; Peekskill, '61; Poughkeepsie, '61; Rochester, '61; Syracuse, '61; Troy, '61.

### Ohio

Alliance, '61; Cadiz Junction, '61; Cincinnati, '55, '59, '61; Cleveland, '61; Columbus, '59, '61; Dayton, '59; Hamilton, '59; Rochester, '32; Stubenville, '61; Xenia, '61.

### Pennsylvania

Eric, '61; Gettysburg, '63; Harrisburg, '61; Philadelphia, '48, '49, '60, '61; Pittsburgh, '61.

### Rhode Island

Providence, '60; Woonsocket, '60.

### Texas

El Paso, '58.

### Wisconsin

Beloit, '59; Janesville, '59; Milwaukee, '59; Whitewater, '32.