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## LINCOLN IN INDIANA

This issue of Lincoln Lore continues the compilation of places in Indiana associated with Abraham Lincoln which were released in the last number.

Lincoln passed through Indianapolis on his way to the inaugural at Washington, and when his body was returned to Springfield—a corpse—it was also brought through the capitol city of the state. The route traversed by the inaugural and funeral trains differed somewhat, however, as Cincinnati was eliminated on the return trip and Chicago was placed on the schedule.

### Inauguration Trip—1861

#### State Line

Lincoln entered Indiana at State Line on February 11, where he addressed the people briefly referring to his early residence in the state. A marker was erected there in 1929 memorializing his visit.

#### Lafayette

Lafayette was a junction point where another stop was made, and here Lincoln spoke at more length. His remarks at this place were preserved by the press. He referred to the great changes which had taken place since his boyhood.

#### Thorntown

Here Lincoln is said to have made some brief remarks, and one of the contemporary newspapers stated that he was told upon reaching Lebanon that "The people of Thorntown followed the train on foot to hear the conclusion of an anecdote."

#### Lebanon

A paper reporting the passing of the presidential train through Lebanon was very unfriendly towards Lincoln and suggested they had "seen enough of him. Whether or not he spoke here is not made clear.

#### Zionsville

The necessity of stopping at Zionsville, where the railroad had a water tank located, gave the people there an opportunity to hear a few words from the President. One person who heard him speak remembered that he mentioned that there was an event in Washington that could not take place until he arrived.

#### Indianapolis

Lincoln made two addresses at Indianapolis, one at the Bates House on the evening of his arrival, February 11, and another the next morning before the legislature. Both of these discussions have had wide distribution and can be found in many publications. The Bates House stood on

the site now occupied by the Claypool Hotel. On a bronze tablet in the wall of this building is the following inscription, the concluding paragraph of the memorable speech delivered there:

Here Feb. 11, 1861/Abraham Lincoln on/his way to Washing-/-ton to assume the/presidency in an ad-/dress said "I appeal/to you to constant-/ly bear in mind that/not with politicians/not with presidents/not with office seek-/ers but with you is the question shall the/Union and shall the lib-/erties of the country/be preserved to the/latest generations."

#### Greensburg

Lincoln was presented with a large red apple by John Doakes when the train stopped at Greensburg. The President was introduced to 2,000 people assembled by Will Cumbach, and he made a brief reply. In 1932 there were at least thirteen people living in the town who remembered seeing Lincoln in 1861.

#### Shelbyville

The train stopped at Shelbyville and gave the President an opportunity to address the citizens for a few moments from the rear platform of the coach.

#### Morris

It is evident that the presidential train stopped at Morris in Ripley County, but whether or not the President made any remarks there is not known.

#### Lawrenceburg

An immense crowd greeted Lincoln here, and in his remarks he said he hoped all were Union men and friendly with their neighbors across the river. This is the last town in which Abraham Lincoln spoke or visited in Indiana, and the press dispatches say that he left "amid salutes, music, and tumultuous cheering."

### Funeral Route—1865

#### April 30

#### Towns on the Columbus and Indianapolis Central Railroad

Richmond—2:00 A. M. "As the train, bearing the corpse and escort, slowly passed under a beautiful arch, a tableau of the Genius of Liberty weeping over the coffin of Lincoln was presented."

Centerville—3:24 A. M. "The depot was illuminated and at least 2,000 people were formed on either side of the track."

Cambridge City—4:15 A. M. "Train was received with a salvos of artillery and a very tasty arch had been thrown across the track."

Dublin—4:27 A. M. "The depot in mourning and evergreen and an arch spanned the railroad."

Lewisville—"Each person on train given a circular expressing sentiments of people."

Coffin's Station, Ogden's and Raysville—"All appropriately dressed for the occasion."

Knightstown—"A choir chanted a solemn hymn as train moved between files of mourning citizens."

Charlottville—5:40 A. M. "At the depot there was a large body of colored people."

Greenfield and Cumberland—"Funeral train passed same scenes as at other stations."

Indianapolis—7:00 A. M. "Body lay in state at the State House from 9:00 A. M. until 11:00 P. M., and 100,000 viewed the remains."

#### May 1

#### Towns on Lafayette and Indianapolis Railroad

Zionsville—12:45 A. M. "Large assembly of people with lighted lamps and torches."

Whitestown—1:07 A. M. "Around a large bonfire are congregated about 100 people."

Lebanon—1:30 A. M. "A beautiful arch of evergreen and roses erected under which the cars passed. This handsome structure was festooned with velvet rosettes, miniature banners, etc."

Thorntown—2:10 A. M. "Thorntown is composed principally of Quakers and certainly their assemblage thus to honor the dead is but additional testimony to their well-known devotional life."

Clark's Hill—2:40 A. M. "A congregation assembled at the depot."

Stockwell—2:30 A. M. "Many bonfires were burning and lighted lamps were suspended by the way side."

Lafayette—3:35 A. M. "The assembly was large and orderly. A band of music discoursed appropriate airs."

#### Towns on Louisville, New Albany and Chicago Railroad

Battle Ground—3:55 A. M. "Three hundred people slowly wave flags as cortege passes."

Reynolds—4:55 A. M. "Farmers and their families have come—some of them twenty miles—to pay their respects to the dead."

Francisville—5:45 A. M. "The crowd of people here flock about the car containing the president's remains."

Medaryville—"The people are wearing mourning badges and flags are drooping."

Lucerne—6:25 A. M. "Large number in waiting to gratify their uppermost wish of getting a look at the funeral cortege."

San Pierre—"Two thousand people assembled here."

LaCrosse—7:50 A. M. "A nice demonstration was made here."

Michigan City—8:35 A. M. "An arch manufactured of wreaths and roses is passed by the funeral train. It is twenty-four feet wide and thirty feet high. . . . A beautiful cross made of flowers was placed on the coffin by Miss Colfax."

#### Towns on Michigan Central Railroad

Lake—9:30 A. M. "The depot was handsomely draped."

Gibbons—10:05 A. M. "This like every other station along the route had its mourners."