

LINCOLN LORE

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100 OUTSTANDING EVENTS IN LINCOLN'S LIFE

Domestic

- 1809, Feb. 12. Born in Hardin, now Larue County, Ky.
- 1816, Nov. Family moves from Kentucky to Indiana.
- 1818, Oct. 5. Mother dies in Spencer County, Ind.
- 1819, Dec. 2. Father marries Sarah Johnston, a widow, at Elizabethtown, Ky.
- 1828, Jan. 20. Sister dies in Spencer County, Ind.
- 1830, Mar. 1. Family starts migration from Indiana to Illinois.
- 1835, Aug. 25. Sweetheart, Ann Rutledge, dies.
- 1837, Mar. 15. Removes from New Salem to Springfield.
- 1842, Nov. 4. Marries Mary Todd at Springfield, Ill.
- 1843, Aug. 1. First son, Robert Todd, born.
- 1844, Jan. 7. Purchases a home in Springfield, Ill.
- 1844, Oct. 26. Visits old boyhood home in Indiana.
- 1846, Mar. 10. Second son, Edward Baker, born.
- 1847, Oct. 25. Family leaves Springfield to reside in Washington, D. C.
- 1850, Feb. 1. Second child, Edward Baker, dies.
- 1850, Dec. 21. Third son, William Wallace, born.
- 1851, Jan. 17. Father dies in Coles County, Ill.
- 1853, Apr. 4. Fourth son, Thomas, born.
- 1860, May 19. Receives the notification committee from Chicago in his Springfield home.
- 1861, Jan. 21. Visits for the last time his step-mother living in Coles County, Ill.
- 1861, Feb. 11. Bids farewell to Springfield neighbors.
- 1861, Mar. 1. Attends Inaugural Ball at White House.
- 1862, Feb. 20. Third child, William Wallace, dies.
- 1865, Apr. 14. Shot by an assassin in Ford's Theatre.
- 1865, Apr. 15. Dies at 7:22 A.M.

Business

- 1827, Summer. Hired by James Taylor to operate ferry across Anderson River in Spencer County, Ind.
- 1828, April. Engaged by James Gentry to pilot flatboat from Rockport, Ind., to New Orleans, La.
- 1831, Mar. Employed by Denton Offutt to build flatboat at Sangamon Town, Ill., and take load of produce to New Orleans, La.
- 1832, Apr. 21. Chosen captain of military company.
- 1832, Fall. Purchases partnership in store at New Salem.
- 1833, May 7. Appointed postmaster at New Salem.
- 1834, Jan. 14. Submits first known report as surveyor of Sangamon County, Ill.
- 1834, Aug. Begins to study law.
- 1836, Mar. 24. Sworn in as a lawyer at the Circuit Court of Sangamon.
- 1836, Sept. 9. Licensed to practice law.
- 1837, Mar. 1. Admitted to the bar of Illinois.
- 1837, Apr. 12. Forms law partnership with Stuart.
- 1839, Dec. 3. Admitted to practice in the circuit court of the United States.
- 1841, May 14. Enters law partnership with Logan.
- 1841, July. Tries a case involving freedom of negro girl.
- 1844, Sept. 20. Law partnership with Herndon formed.
- 1849, May 30. Granted patent on device for lifting vessels over shoals.
- 1855, Jan. 16. Makes opening argument in famous Ill. Central Tax Case.
- 1855, Sept. 21. Humiliated by being ignored in McCormick Reaper case at Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 1856, Dec. 1. Sits as judge pro tem in place of Davis on bench of Sangamon Circuit Court.
- 1857, June 23. Awarded \$4,800 in suit against Illinois Central Railroad.
- 1857, Sept. 24. "Effie Afton" bridge case terminated.
- 1858, May 7. Successful in Armstrong murder case.
- 1860, Apr. 4. Wins verdict in famous "Sand Bar Case".
- 1860, June 20. Appears for last time as a practitioner in U. S. Circuit Court.

Political

- 1831, Aug. 1. Casts first vote and serves as clerk of election at New Salem, Ill.
- 1832, Mar. 9. Announces as a candidate for the legislature of Illinois.
- 1832, Aug. 6. Defeated as candidate for legislature.
- 1834, Aug. 4. Elected to legislature for first time.
- 1837, Mar. 3. Protests against pro-slavery action in Illinois legislature.
- 1846, Aug. Elected as representative to Congress.
- 1847, Dec. 6. Takes seat in the Thirtieth Congress of the U. S.
- 1847, Dec. 22. Introduces "Spot Resolution" in House of Representatives.
- 1849, Jan. 16. Presents bill in House to abolish slavery in District of Columbia.
- 1854, Oct. 4. Delivers "Anti-Nebraska" speech.
- 1855, Feb. 8. Defeated as a candidate for U. S. Senate.
- 1856, Feb. 22. Makes important speech at Decatur before Editor's Convention.
- 1856, June 19. Receives 110 votes in Philadelphia Convention as candidate for Vice-President of the U. S.
- 1858, June 16. Delivers "House Divided Against Itself" speech at Springfield, Ill.
- 1858, Aug. 21. Opens series of debates with Douglas at Ottawa.
- 1858, Nov. 2. Defeated as a candidate for the Senate.
- 1860, Feb. 27. Delivers address at Cooper Union, New York City.
- 1860, May 9. Selected as a candidate for the presidency by Ill. Republican Convention.
- 1860, May 18. Nominated for presidency by Republican National Convention at Chicago.
- 1860, Nov. 6. Elected President of the United States.
- 1861, Feb. 22. Speaks in Independence Hall, Philadelphia.
- 1861, Mar. 4. Inaugurated President of the United States.
- 1864, June 7. Nominated as candidate for President on Union Party ticket.
- 1864, Nov. 8. Re-elected to the presidency.
- 1865, Mar. 4. Inaugurated for second time as President of the United States.

Executive

- 1861, Mar. 1. Delivers first inaugural address.
- 1861, Mar. 9. Calls cabinet together for first time.
- 1861, Mar. 29. Orders the relief of Fort Sumter.
- 1861, Apr. 15. Calls for 75,000 militia and a special session of Congress.
- 1861, May 10. Proclaims martial law.
- 1861, July 4. Presents first message to Congress.
- 1862, Feb. 22. Issues general war order number one.
- 1862, July 12. Outlines compensated emancipation plan.
- 1862, Aug. 19. Replies to the Greeley editorial.
- 1862, Sept. 22. Presents preliminary Emancipation Proclamation.
- 1862, Oct. 1. Visits battlefield of Antietam.
- 1862, Dec. 26. Makes decision in Trent case.
- 1863, Jan. 1. Signs Emancipation Proclamation.
- 1863, Oct. 3. Proclaims First Annual National Thanksgiving Day.
- 1863, Nov. 19. Delivers the Gettysburg Address.
- 1864, Feb. 29. Names Grant as Lieutenant General.
- 1864, July 18. Sends open letter to Greeley about Confederate Commission.
- 1864, Nov. 21. Writes famous letter to Widow Bixby.
- 1865, Feb. 3. Meets Confederate envoys.
- 1865, Mar. 4. Delivers second inaugural address.
- 1865, Mar. 22. Visits Grant's army.
- 1865, Apr. 4. Makes trip to Richmond.
- 1865, Apr. 9. Notified of Lee's surrender.
- 1865, Apr. 11. Delivers last public address.
- 1865, Apr. 14. Presides over cabinet for last time.