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LINCOLN SHRINES IN WASHINGTON

George Washington and Abraham Lincoln are more often associated than any other two American characters. The city of Washington named after the first president of the United States has become the outstanding memorial of the nation's father, while within the city stands the country's most impressive tribute to Abraham Lincoln.

A visitor in the national capital who may be especially interested in Lincoln shrines often misses some of the more important ones because there does not seem to be available any directory which catalogues in a group these widely scattered sites and objects. It is the purpose of this issue of *Lincoln Lore* to list the more important Lincoln shrines in the capital city.

The Capitol

In the rotunda of the capitol may be seen one of the few Lincoln statues modeled from life. A sixteen year old girl, Vinnie Ream, was the sculptor and Lincoln gladly gave her several sittings for her studies. The dome of the capitol itself, might be called a Lincoln memorial as the crowning "Statue of Freedom" was put in place during Lincoln's administration.

The White House

It was in the great East Room of the White House that the body of Abraham Lincoln was viewed after his assassination in 1865, and in the Green Room the body of little Willie Lincoln was placed after his death in 1862. The executive offices of the President as well as the offices of his secretaries were on the second floor. Some interesting mementoes of the Lincoln family are still to be seen in the White House.

Soldier's Home

Lincoln spent the summer months, when the days were especially oppressive, in the Soldier's Home, known then as the Anderson Cottage. The building, still in a good state of preservation, is situated four miles north of the capitol. Here, according to Carpenter, the artist, Lincoln finished writing the second draft of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Willard's Hotel

Upon their arrival in Washington the Lincoln's went to the Willard Hotel. Guests at the hotel today often find in their rooms upon return in the evening, a luscious apple placed on a paper doily bearing the following inscription: "Abraham Lincoln . . . greeted the cheering crowds at his First Inaugural, from the balcony of his room at The Old Willard Hotel. Famous for his stories, Lincoln was just as famous for his nightly apple-eating ritual; he had his apple even during emergency meetings. We hope you will enjoy sharing in the Lincoln tradition, at The New Willard Hotel."

New York Avenue Presbyterian Church

The Lincoln's attended the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church while in Washington and here they were assigned a pew which has now been reserved as a memorial to the Lincoln family. The original church building still stands and in the vestry on the first floor of the building one may also be shown where Lincoln sat while attending mid-week services. The Lincoln memorial tower placed on the church was made possible by the late Mrs. Robert T. Lincoln and her family.

Library of Congress

There is usually on display in the Library of Congress some rare Lincoln manuscripts. In one case there has been exhibited for some time the original manuscript of the Gettysburg Address and also the original writing of the Second Inaugural Address. Lord Curzon called these

pieces of literature two of the three outstanding orations in the Anglo-Saxon tongue. The Library of Congress also has an exhaustive collection of Lincoln prints and some of them usually can be seen in the display cases.

Ford's Theatre Museum

One who visits the Lincoln Collection, housed in Ford's Theatre in the structure where Lincoln was assassinated, will observe the wisdom of the government in securing the valuable Oldroyd Collection of Lincolniana which forms the nucleus of the interesting items on exhibition. This building will eventually, if it does not already, contain the outstanding collection of Lincoln curios in the country.

Peterson House

Just across the street from Ford's Theatre, the government has acquired possession of another important building—the house in which Abraham Lincoln passed away. It has been put, as far as practicable, in the same order in which it was found on the night of Lincoln's assassination and one is greatly impressed with the smallness of the room in which Lincoln died. It is smaller than the room within the log cabin walls where he was born.

Smithsonian Institute

One of the most impressive exhibits in the old Smithsonian Building is the Lincoln display case just to the right of the main entrance. Here one may see a tall hat, black cravat, broadcloth coat, vest and trousers once worn by Lincoln. There is also deposited here a collection of the original Volk studies of Lincoln's head and hands in both plaster and bronze. A copy of the Mills' mask is also on exhibition. Other sculptural works within the exhibit case consist of a Pareian marble bust of Lincoln and a medallion of him by Amelia Tyler. These curios are also enclosed in the case: manuscript, a pen presented by Theodore Roosevelt, and a wedge said to have been used by Lincoln in splitting rails.

There may also be observed at the Smithsonian Institute a small replica of the St. Gaudens standing figure of Lincoln, and also presented by the sculptor, a bust of his famous Lincoln already mentioned. A bust of Lincoln by Henry Kirke Brown similar to his Gettysburg study is displayed. Some other works of art with a Lincoln theme include four of the famous Historical Paintings by Ferris.

Flannery Statue

One of the earliest statues of Abraham Lincoln was made by Lott Flannery. It was placed in front of the District Court House and was dedicated in 1868. Upon the remodeling of some of the buildings in the vicinity, the statue was removed but has now been replaced on its old site.

Ball Statue

One of the most impressive statues of Abraham Lincoln and the only heroic bronze statue of the President in Washington may be seen in Lincoln Park. It is the well known "Emancipation Group" done by Thomas Ball.

The Lincoln Memorial

There is nothing more impressive in memorial architecture in America than the magnificent tribute to Lincoln in the nation's capital known as "The Lincoln Memorial." Seated in a huge armchair within the memorial building is a heroic figure of Abraham Lincoln by French cut in white marble. No one visiting Washington would care to miss viewing the greatest of all the Lincoln shrines.