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LINCOLN PILGRIMS

An increasing number of people each year make their way to the memorials associated with Abraham Lincoln. As the shrines themselves become more impressive through carefully planned improvements and road conditions make accessible practically all of these historic places, the urge will be felt to visit the more important sites on one continuous pilgrimage.

There should be some tangible recognition for those whose interest in Lincoln prompt them to follow in the tracks of the Lincoln family on their many migrations westward, and then return to visit the places in the Nation's Capitol so closely associated with the President. The Lincoln National Life Foundation, which has often been approached with reference to pilgrimage recognition, has worked out the following plans of procedure:

A pilgrimage route to be known as the "Lincoln Shrine Trail" is mapped out which contains twenty important sites to be known as Stations. These Stations are arranged by communities into four different groups so that it will be possible to make "The Colonial Pilgrimage," "The Wilderness Pilgrimage," "The Prairie Pilgrimage" or "The Capitol Pilgrimage" as convenience permits.

The participants in these pilgrimages will be known as Lincoln Pilgrims and their names are to be recorded in the archives of the Lincoln National Life Foundation. Miss Ida M. Tarbell, author of "In The Footsteps of The Lincolns" and the first Lincoln student to go over the complete itinerary in a thorough and appreciative manner has accepted the honor of becoming Pilgrim Number One. Prof. Rexford Newcomb, author of "In the Lincoln Country" and Fred L. Holmes, author of "Lincoln Traveled This Way," appear as Pilgrims Two and Three, respectively. Other Lincoln Pilgrims will be enrolled upon advising the Foundation that they have completed any one of the four above mentioned pilgrimages.

After enrollment by completing one pilgrimage, a numbered certificate will be forwarded and after all four of the pilgrimages have been made an impressive award will be issued properly inscribed in recognition of the achievement.

Colonial and Wilderness Pilgrimages

The Lincoln Memorial Highway projects in Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois have done much to foster an interest in Lincoln home sites situated in these states. This year marks a significant anniversary, the arrival in the country of Samuel Lincoln, first American ancestor of President Lincoln bearing the name Lincoln. He was an immigrant from England, and disembarked at Boston, Massachusetts, on June 20, 1637. The three hundredth anniversary cele-

brations of this event are being arranged in a simultaneous series of programs which it was hoped would be presented at the places in seven different states where the ancestors of President Lincoln are known to have located. It now appears as if other celebrations, possibly of equal importance, would not make it advisable to set up the contemplated special commemorative programs in Indiana and Illinois but the Colonial and Wilderness Pilgrimages will be conducted as scheduled. Those making the pilgrimages, however, may want to continue on to Lincoln City, Indiana, Decatur, New Salem and Springfield, Illinois on the dates noted in this schedule which follows:

The first special program will be a Lincoln Breakfast on the morning of June 20th at Boston, and in the afternoon a reunion of the New England Lincolns at Hingham, Massachusetts. The dates and places of other anniversary celebrations are so arranged that those making the pilgrimage may enjoy all of the special programs. The itinerary follows:

Sunday, June 20—Boston, Salem, Hingham, Mass.

Monday, June 21—Monmouth County, N. J.

Tuesday, June 22—Berks County, Gettysburg, Pa.

Wednesday, June 23—Rockingham County, Va.

Thursday, June 24—Cumberland Gap, Tenn., Lexington, Ky.

Friday, June 25—Jefferson County, Ky., Washington County, Ky.

Saturday, June 26—

Elizabethtown, Ky., Hodgenville, Ky.

*Sunday, June 27—Lincoln City, Ind.

*Monday, June 28—Decatur, Ill.

*Tuesday, June 29—New Salem, Ill.

*Wednesday, June 30—Springfield, Ill.

In Indiana, the Lincoln Pioneer Village at Rockport is preparing a celebration on July 4th and the Boonville Press Club will hold its annual picnic at Nancy Hanks Lincoln Park on July 11th. Both of these celebrations will be open to the public.

The University of Illinois, Art Extension Trip, this year will be a Lincoln Pilgrimage touching in its four day itinerary from June 15 to 18, besides other points, the cities mentioned in the contemplated 300th Anniversary Pilgrimage. Those desiring to make the Art Extension Trip should communicate with R. E. Hieronymous, 110 University Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

Those interested in learning more about the Colonial and Wilderness Pilgrimages should communicate with the Director of the Lincoln National Life Foundation.

*No special programs arranged.

LINCOLN SHRINE TRAIL

Stations On Selected Route

The Colonial Pilgrimage

- Station One.....Old Ship Church, Hingham, Mass.
- Station Two.....Mordecai Lincoln Home Site, Monmouth County, N. J.
- Station Three.....Lincoln Home near Boyertown, Berks County, Pa.
- Station Four.....Site where Gettysburg Address was delivered, Gettysburg, Pa.
- Station Five.....Jacob Lincoln Home, near Lynnvile, Rockingham County, Va.

The Wilderness Pilgrimage

- Station Six.....Long Run Church on Lincoln Land, Jefferson County, Ky.
- Station Seven.....Widow Lincoln Reconstructed Cabin, Washington County, Ky.
- Station Eight.....Lincoln Memorial Bridge, Elizabethtown, Ky.
- Station Nine.....Lincoln Birthplace Memorial, La Rue County, Ky.
- Station Ten.....Reconstructed Knob Creek Cabin, La Rue County, Ky.

The Prairie Pilgrimage

- Station Eleven.....Nancy Hank's Lincoln Park, Lincoln City, Ind.
- Station Twelve.....Site of First Illinois Lincoln Home, near Decatur, Ill.
- Station Thirteen.....New Salem State Park, New Salem, Ill.
- Station Fourteen.....Home of Abraham Lincoln, Springfield, Ill.
- Station Fifteen.....Lincoln's Tomb, Springfield, Ill.

The Capitol Pilgrimage

- Station Sixteen.....White House, Washington.
- Station Seventeen.....Anderson Cottage, Lincoln's Summer Home, Washington.
- Station Eighteen.....Ford's Theatre where Lincoln was assassinated, Washington.
- Station Nineteen.....Petterson House where Lincoln died, Washington.
- Station Twenty.....Lincoln Memorial, Washington.