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AN ILLUSTRIOUS NAME

Abraham Lincoln is one of the world's illustrious names. The Sixteenth President of the United States was responsible for its elevation to a place among the noted names of all time.

When Mordecai Lincoln married in 1685, Sarah Jones, daughter of Abraham Jones, a union was effected which brought the name Abraham for the first time into the Lincoln family in the calling of their second son, Abraham.

President Lincoln was named for his grandfather, Abraham, who was massacred in Kentucky in 1786. Shortly after this the pioneer's brother, Thomas, signed a deposition in which he stated that the pioneer spelled his name "ABRAHAM LINCOLN." All of the Abraham Lincolns have spelled their name this way.

Soon after President Lincoln received the nomination at the Chicago Convention, he wrote the following letter to the chairman of the Convention:

Springfield, Ill., June 4, 1860.

Hon. George Ashmun.

My dear sir: It seems as if the question whether my first name is "Abraham" or "Abrahm" will never be settled. It is "Abraham," and if the letter of acceptance is not yet in print, you may, if you think fit, have my signature thereto printed "Abraham Lincoln." Exercise your judgment about this.

Yours as ever,

A. Lincoln.

The compilation which follows presents a list of the President's relatives, living contemporaneous with and previous to him, who bore his name. Their occupation identifies them where it is known and where it is not known the name of the town where they were born appears in brackets.

1. Blacksmith.

b. 1689, Hingham, Mass. d. 1745, Springfield, Pa. s. Mordecai and Sarah Jones Lincoln. m. Rebecca. Named Abraham for his grandfather, Abraham Jones.

2. Cordwainer.

b. 172?, Monmouth Co., N. J. d. (1747) Philadelphia, Pa. s. Abraham (1) and Rebecca Lincoln. m. Esther Hilton. A Philadelphia cobbler.

3. Lumberman.

b. 1736, Exeter, Pa. d. 1806, Exeter. s. Mordecai and Mary Robeson Lincoln. m. Anne Boone. Member of the Pennsylvania State Convention of 1787 and the Constitution Convention of 1789.

4. Minute Man.

b. 1740, Scituate, Mass. d. 1823, Cohasset, Mass. s. Jacob and Mary Holbrook Lincoln. m. Sarah Lincoln. Saw service in the siege of Boston, March 4, 1776.

5. Pioneer.

b. 1744, Berks Co., Pa. d. 1786, Jefferson Co., Ky. s. John and Rebecca (Flowers) Morris Lincoln. m. Berseba (Herring). Grandfather of President Lincoln and Adjunct General in military courts of Virginia.

6. Scythemaker.

b. 1749, Kingsessing, Pa. d. 1811, Kingsessing, Pa. s. Jacob and Anne Rambo Lincoln. m. Elizabeth Shrum. He and his wife are buried in the Old Swede's Church Cemetery, Philadelphia.

7. Apothecary.

b. 1762, Hingham, Mass. d. 1824, Boston, Mass. s. Enoch and Rachel Fearing Lincoln. m. Nancy Bigelow. Massachusetts State Representative from 1809 to 1824. State Senator, 1824.

8. Laborer.

b. 178?, North Union, Pa. d. 1864, Lemont, Pa. s. Benjamin and Elizabeth Davis Lincoln. m. Martha Cole.

9. Millwright.

b. 1788, Cohasset, Mass. d. 1869, Watertown, Mass. s. Abraham (4) and Sarah (Lincoln) Lincoln. m. Mary Upham.

10. (Linville).

b. 179?, Linville, Va. d.?, Clay Co., Mo. s. Thomas and Elizabeth Casner. m. Agatha. An own cousin of President Lincoln's father.

11. Justice of the Peace.

b. 179?, Washington County, Ky. d. 1852, Fountain Green, Ill. s. Mordecai and Mary Mudd Lincoln.

m. Elizabeth Mudd. He was an own cousin of the President.

12. Farmer.

b. 1799, Linville, Va. d. 1851, Linville, Va. s. Jacob and Dorcas Roberson Lincoln. m. Mary Homan. A colonel in the Virginia Militia and an own cousin of the President's father.

13. Sail Maker.

b. 1801, Boston, Mass. d. 1839, Bath, Me. s. Amos and Eliza Revere Lincoln. m. Hannah Wales. A grandson of Paul Revere.

14. Wagonmaker.

b. 1802, Kingsessing, Pa. d. 1892, Waynesville, Ohio. s. Abraham (6) and Elizabeth Shrum Lincoln. m. Ruth Prater.

15. President.

b. 1809, Hodgenville, Ky. d. 1865, Washington, D. C. s. Thomas and Nancy Hanks Lincoln. m. Mary Todd. The Sixteenth President of the United States.

16. (Carnarvon).

b. 1812, Carnarvon, Pa. d. 1900, Whitehall, Pa. s. James and Elizabeth Jones Lincoln. m. Sarah Jenkins.

17. Confederate Captain.

b. 1822, Dayton, Va. d. 1905, Harrisonburg, Va. s. David and Catherine Bright Lincoln. m. Mary Hughes. Capt. of Virginia Militia seeing service at Winchester.

18. (Watertown).

b. 1830, Watertown. d. 1894, Boston, Mass. s. Abraham (9) and Mary Upham Lincoln. Unmarried.

19. Mason.

b. 1830, Cohasset, Mass. d. 1912, Cohasset, Mass. s. Caleb and Elizabeth Robbins Lincoln. m. (1) Sarah White (2) Mary Galbraith.

20. County Treasurer.

b. 1835, Lincoln Creek, Va. d. 1875, Denver, Colo. s. Jacob and Nancy Rhodes Lincoln. m. Celia Hobbs.

21. Shipper.

b. 1860, Boston, Mass. d. 1889, Pembroke, Mass. s. Peter and Nancy Porter Lincoln. Unmarried.

22. Clerk.

b. 1861, Mifflin, Wis. s. Dickinson and Elizabeth Kay Lincoln. m. (1) Rose Hemenway (2) Mary Kenton. At one time city clerk of Cottage Grove, Oregon.