

# LINCOLN LORE

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## STANDING WHERE LINCOLN STOOD

Aside from the senses through which we usually gain our general information, there is one other avenue to knowledge available, especially during the vacation period. It is the possibility of learning through our feet by standing on historic sites. The inspiration to be gained by standing where Lincoln stood should be an incentive in planning a summer itinerary.

### The Gettysburg Anniversary

The high light of this year's Lincoln calendar is the program at Gettysburg from June 26 to July 6, inclusive. Here the seventy-fifth anniversary of the famous battle will be commemorated and some attention probably will be given to the still more famous address delivered there by Abraham Lincoln some months later.

Of course, Lincoln students will be especially interested in viewing the places closely associated with the President's visit there on November 19, 1863, for the purpose of saying a few words to consecrate the cemetery. The exact spot where he stood will be viewed with interest and also the Wills house where he was entertained the night before the address was made.

While at Gettysburg, one will wish to visit the Pennsylvania Monument where there may be observed a heroic bronze statue of Lincoln by Otto Schweizer. An impressive memorial of the Gettysburg Address has also been created in the form of an exedra with a bust of Lincoln occupying the central position and large bronze tablets memorializing the address on either side of the bust.

### The Colonial Lincoln Pilgrimage

Gettysburg is one of the stations on the Colonial Lincoln Pilgrimage and the other points of interest where Lincoln's Colonial forebears lived might be included on the visit to Gettysburg. If one is to have a correct portrait of Abraham Lincoln's ancestral background, he must visit the sites which are mentioned below.

Station 1 Old Ship Church, Hingham, Mass.

Station 2 Mordecai Lincoln Home Site, Monmouth Co., N. J.

Station 3 Lincoln Home near Boyertown, Berks Co., Pa.

Station 4 Site where Gettysburg Address was delivered, Gettysburg, Pa.

Station 5 Jacob Lincoln Home, near Lynnville, Rockingham Co., Va.

### The Capitol Lincoln Pilgrimage

Although chronologically, the Capitol Lincoln Pilgrimage comes last in Lincoln's life, if one is at Gettysburg, it is but a short distance to Washington which has so much to offer in the way of Lincoln memorials. While there one must not fail to visit the Anderson Cottage which was Lincoln's summer White House. The stations of special interest in the city of Washington follow:

Station 16 White House, Washington.

Station 17 Anderson Cottage, Lincoln's Summer Home, Washington.

Station 18 Ford's Theatre where Lincoln was assassinated, Washington.

Station 19 Petterson House where Lincoln died, Washington.

Station 20 Lincoln Memorial, Washington.

### The Wilderness Lincoln Pilgrimage

There is probably as much sentiment connected with the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln as with any other memorial associated with him. No Lincoln student should be satisfied until he has seen the log cabin in which Lincoln was born. At the same time there are other interesting Lincoln memorials in Kentucky which should be visited, and road conditions now make these places here enumerated, accessible.

Station 6 Long Run Church on Lincoln Land, Jefferson Co., Ky.

Station 7 Widow Lincoln Reconstructed Cabin, Washington Co., Ky.

Station 8 Lincoln Memorial Bridge, Elizabethtown, Ky.

Station 9 Lincoln Birthplace Memorial, La Rue Co., Ky.

Station 10 Reconstructed Knob Creek Cabin, La Rue Co., Ky.

### The Prairie Lincoln Pilgrimage

If one has not visited within the past five years the major memorials associated with Lincoln in Indiana and Illinois, he has new surprises awaiting him. The improvements at Lincoln City where Lincoln lived for fourteen years are beyond description. The site

of the Decatur home of the Lincoln's is now approachable over a wide and impressive avenue. New Salem is a new village, indeed, with its reconstructed cabins and its pioneer atmosphere made possible by the cabin furnishings. But the greatest surprise of all awaits one as he enters the tomb of Lincoln at Springfield if he has not viewed it since it has been remodeled.

There has also been created on the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Highway, the Lincoln Log Cabin State Park in Coles County, Illinois, where the father and stepmother of Abraham resided for many years. The park consists of eighty-six acres with a facsimile of the old Lincoln cabin constructed on the exact site where the original house stood.

One will also find on the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Highway which connects the stations in the Prairie Pilgrimage a magnificent new Lincoln memorial on the Illinois side of the Wabash River opposite Vincennes. Here on June 14, there was dedicated a bronze statue of Lincoln commemorating the migration of the Lincoln family from Indiana to Illinois in 1830. Every Lincoln enthusiast in the mid-west should make the Prairie Pilgrimage this summer with its new memorials now accessible over improved roads. These are the most important stations:

Station 11 Nancy Hank's Lincoln Park, Lincoln City, Ind.

Station 12 Site of First Illinois Lincoln Home, near Decatur, Ill.

Station 13 New Salem State Park, New Salem, Ill.

Station 14 Home of Abraham Lincoln, Springfield, Ill.

Station 15 Lincoln's Tomb, Springfield, Ill.

### Recognition

The Lincoln National Life Foundation would be pleased to recognize those who have visited all the stations on any one of the four stated pilgrimages mentioned above by the presentation of an impressive inscribed certificate. These are especially fine for framing and they are beautifully inscribed, also numbered, and signed by the Director of the Foundation. Seventy-five pilgrims have completed one or more of these itineraries and to Miss Ida M. Tarbell went the honor of becoming Pilgrim Number One.