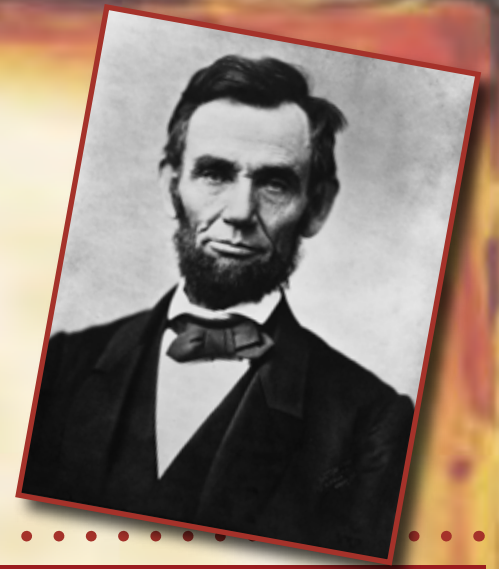




Where it
all began...



Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration 2008 - 2010

SPRINGFIELD

Washington County

For those who love to reconstruct the lives of the sturdy people who made this country, a re-awakening of respect and admiration is often gained by a visit to the historic sites and scenes. This journey through the Lincoln Family Homestead Country, starts at the beginning of the four county trail.

Washington County - where some of the earliest settlements of this trackless wilderness began with the migration of the Lincoln families into the Beechland area in 1782. It is where Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks, parents of our great Civil War President, were married in 1806. Washington County offers many links and treasures to the Lincoln Legacy. We kindly welcome you! Springfield is steeped in Lincoln tradition and heritage. Our illustrious past has given birth to a wide selection of events and attractions which are yours to visit and long remember!

Lincoln Homestead State Park

- established 1934, the park is surrounded by the land the Lincoln family migrated to from Virginia in 1782. Home of the Lincoln Hanks Wedding Celebrations since 1935.

The Washington County Court House

- circa 1816. The oldest courthouse in Kentucky continuously used as a seat of justice since its completion in 1816, houses the original Thomas Lincoln-Nancy Hanks Wedding documents.



Mordecai Lincoln House

- circa 1797 The only Lincoln structure standing on the original foundation. Built by Mordecai and Mary Mudd Lincoln in 1797.

BARDSTOWN

Nelson County

The Lincoln family settled in what was then eastern *Nelson County* in the early 1780's. Bardstown was the county seat where the Lincoln family came to handle legal matters from the earliest years. Many of the records are still available at the County Clerks office. Some 50 buildings still remain of those Thomas Lincoln viewed when he attended court in the early 1800's to reclaim land taken from the family by forgery in 1780's. These original records of the Lincoln-Reid trial are displayed at the *Bardstown-Nelson County History Museum* at Spalding Hall. Other family legal documents are displayed in the hallway of the old Court House on Court Square.

Civil War Museum of the Western Theatre

The museum features more than 1,000 artifacts from battles in the Western Region. It was ranked 4th out of 500 Civil War museums by North and South Magazine. Kentucky's largest collection of Civil War artifacts includes authentic uniforms, battle flags, weapons, maps and documents are on display.



Women of the Civil War Museum

The museum portrays women as nurses, spies, soldiers in

disguise, plantation and factory workers. Clothing and artifacts from the era help to tell their story.



HODGENVILLE

LaRue County



Lincoln Birthplace, Hodgenville

In 1906, The Lincoln Farm Association purchased the Sinking Spring Farm just south of *Hodgenville* where Lincoln was born "for the purpose of honoring and perpetuating the memory of Abraham Lincoln" and raised funds to build a memorial on the birth site. Designed by John Russell Pope and constructed prior to the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC, the Birthplace Memorial Building houses the 12' x 17' symbolic cabin.

"My earliest recollection is of the Knob Creek place." - A. Lincoln

The Lincoln family moved to the *Knob Creek Farm* in 1811. The beautiful valley nurtured the fertile mind of a growing boy. As President, Lincoln recalled memories of those years: taking corn to be ground at Robert Hodgen's mill; walking with Sarah to Blab School; being saved from drowning in Knob Creek by his playmate Austin Gollaher; attending the anti-slavery Little Mount Church. Those years molded the boy who would be President. The Lincoln family left Kentucky in December 1816. Abe was nearly 8 years old.



Cornerstone of Hodgenville's Historic District, and testament to *LaRue County's* pride in its most famous native son, Kentucky's official



Lincoln Museum follows Lincoln's life from the Cabin Years to Ford's Theatre through a series of detailed life-size dioramas featuring a superb collection of wax memorabilia.

Original art in the Lincoln Days Collection and significant materials in the Gallery enhance the experience of the Lincoln birthplace area.

During this Bicentennial, a newly commissioned sculpture of the boy Lincoln will take an honored place opposite the monumental bronze sculpture of President Lincoln by A.A. Weinman that was erected on the Town square by Congress as part of the 1909 Lincoln Centennial.

These historic venues are focal points for many special events including *Lincoln Days Celebration* in October when rail splitting tournaments, pioneer games, and Lincoln look-a-likes offer a unique taste of local history and traditional hospitality.

"I hope to have God on my side,
but I must have Kentucky"
-A. Lincoln

ELIZABETHTOWN

Hardin County

The Lincoln family has a long history in *Hardin County*. Bersheba Lincoln spent the last thirty years of her life living with her youngest child, Nancy, in the Mill Creek area. She and Nancy Lincoln Brumfield are buried in *Lincoln Memorial Cemetery*, located on the Fort Knox Military Reservation. Thomas Lincoln lived in or near Elizabethtown from about 1796 to 1808. A solid citizen, he served as a policeman, helped lay out and build roads, and served in the militia. Thomas Lincoln helped construct industrial buildings, such as Haycraft's Mill, and homes such as the *Hardin Thomas House*, now known as the Lincoln Heritage House.

After he married Nancy Hanks in 1806 the couple may have lived on the Mill Creek farm for as long as a year before moving to Elizabethtown, where Thomas built a house. Their first child, Sarah, was born in Elizabethtown in 1807.

Abraham came along two years later after the Lincolns moved to *Sinking Spring Farm* near Hodgenville, which at that time was still a part of Hardin County. LaRue County had yet to be formed. Then a few years later they moved to Knob Creek Farm. In 1816 the Lincolns left Kentucky and settled near a place now known as Lincoln City, Indiana. After the death of his first wife, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, Thomas returned to Hardin County in 1819 to marry Sarah Bush Johnston, a native of Elizabethtown.

Hardin County History Museum



The museum houses many artifacts of Lincoln. A Bicentennial display was erected in 2007 and tells many interesting stories of the Lincolns in Hardin County. Visitors can also view a short film entitled "I Too Am A Kentuckian".

Helm Place and Helm Cemetery

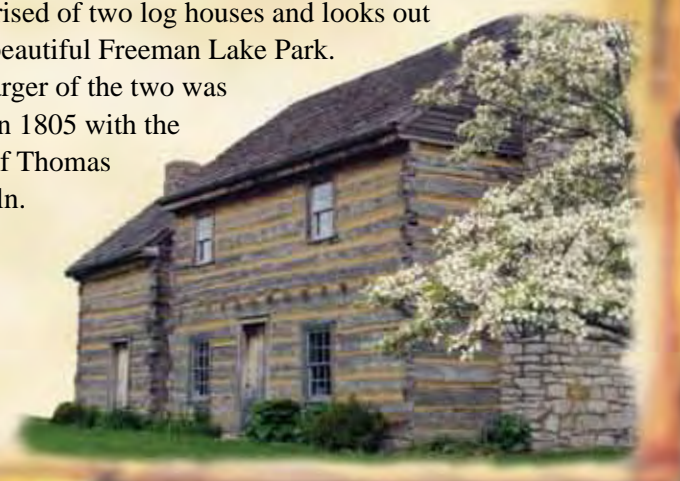
Abraham's brother-in-law, Confederate Brigadier General Benjamin Hardin Helm, and his wife, Emilie Todd Helm, lived here. Both Kentucky Governor John LaRue Helm and Benjamin Hardin Helm are buried in the family plot cemetery.

Sarah Bush Johnston Lincoln Memorial Cabin

- This cabin is a replica of the one in which Sarah Bush Johnston and her three children lived at the time Thomas returned to Hardin County to propose. The cabin was built in 1992 from hand-hewn logs that were 122 years old.

Lincoln Heritage House

- The cabin was originally called the Hardin Thomas House and is comprised of two log houses and looks out over beautiful Freeman Lake Park. The larger of the two was built in 1805 with the help of Thomas Lincoln.



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Lincoln Family Timeline

- 1782** The Lincoln and Hanks families and relatives begin settling in Washington County.
- 1788** Captain Abraham Lincoln is killed by Indians.
- 1792** Mordecai Lincoln, son of Captain Abraham, marries Mary Mudd, ancestor of Dr. Samuel A. Mudd. Dr. Mudd treated John Wilkes Booth after the assassination.
- 1795** Thomas Lincoln appears on the militia rolls of Washington County.
- 1801** Three of the four children of Captain Abraham and Bersheba are married in Washington County.
- 1802** Bersheba Lincoln moves to Mill Creek in Hardin Co.
- 1806** Thomas Lincoln marries Nancy Hanks in Washington Co.
- 1807** Sarah Lincoln is born to Thomas and Nancy in Elizabethtown.

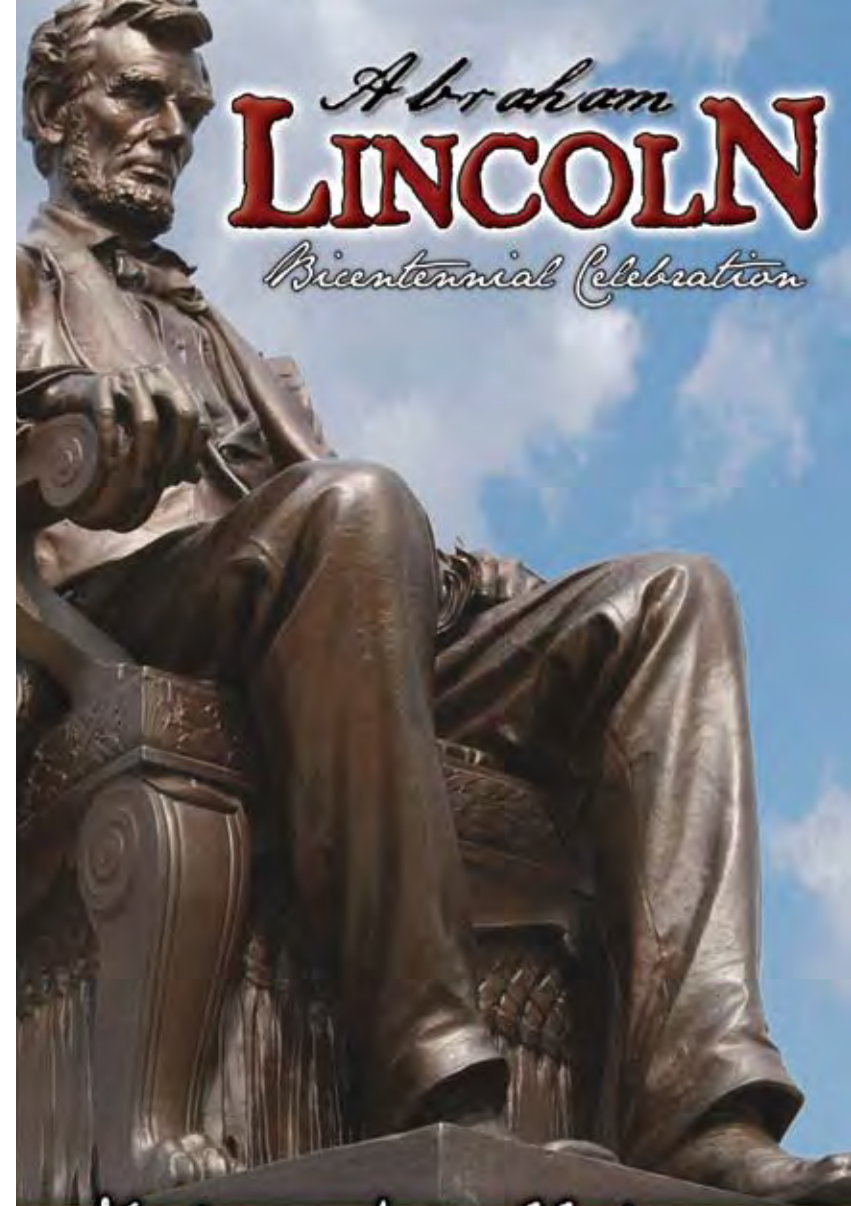
"I, too am a Kentuckian..."

Lincoln married a Kentuckian, his three law partners were born in Kentucky, his best friend, Joshua Speed was a Kentuckian and his political hero Henry Clay was a Kentucky Senator.

- 1808** Thomas moves his family to Sinking Spring Farm near Hodgenville.
- 1809** Abraham Lincoln, the second child of Thomas and Nancy, is born.
- 1811** Thomas moves his family to Knob Creek Farm, remaining close to Hodgenville.
- 1816** The Lincolns leave Kentucky.
- 1818** Nancy Hanks Lincoln dies of *milk sickness*.
- 1819** Thomas Lincoln briefly visits Hardin County and marries Sarah Bush Johnston, a widowed mother of three. Shortly after, they return to Indiana where they raise all the children together.

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Lincoln Bicentennial Events

- Jan. 13, 2008** - 2-4 p.m. *Lincoln Lore Lecture*. Wickland, Bardstown **800-638-4877**.
- Jan. 22, 2008** - The Kentucky Repertory Theater (Horse Cave) performs the traveling *"One Man's Lincoln"* play hosted by The Historic State Theater in Elizabethtown. Info: **270-234-8258**
- Feb. 1, 2008** - Lincoln "Knob Creek Boy" Statue unveiled. Hardin County History Museum. **270-763-8339**
- Feb. 10, 2008** 2-4 p.m. *Kentucky, the Era of Lincoln's Birth*. Wickland, Bardstown **800-638-4877**
- Feb. 9, 2008** - *"Songs of Freedom: A Symbolic, Lyrical Journey on the Underground Railroad"* presented by The Hardin County History Museum and the First Baptist Church Choir to take place at the Old Severn's Valley Church Auditorium. **270-763-8339**

Feb. 12, 2008 Lincoln Bicentennial Opening Ceremony Events in Hodgenville

The Color Guard Flag Ceremony and Wreath Laying at the Lincoln Statue in Lincoln Square will begin at 8 a.m. The official launch of the Bicentennial at the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site will begin at 10:30 a.m. At 1:30 p.m. a Lincoln Days Luncheon will be held at the Abraham Lincoln Elementary School. For tickets call **270-358-8710**. At 3 p.m. the official unveiling of the Lincoln Heritage Trail will take place at Hodgenville City Center. For more information on all these events, call **270-358-3137**

Feb. 12, 2008 - The Lexington Philharmonic performs *"Lincoln's Legacy; a Musical Tribute."* Jim Getty will provide narration while The Stephen Foster Singers perform era appropriate a capella choral selections at the Hardin County Performing Arts Center. The concert will be preceded by a catered dinner for audience and artists alike. Info: **270-769-8837**

Feb. 24, 2008- Elizabethtown Area Sacred Community Choir presents *"With Malice Toward None,"* a cantata based on Abraham Lincoln's commitment to freedom. First Presbyterian Church, Elizabethtown. **270-765-7663**

Mar. 9, 2008 2-4 p.m. *Lincoln Lore Program*. Wickland, Bardstown **800-638-4877**

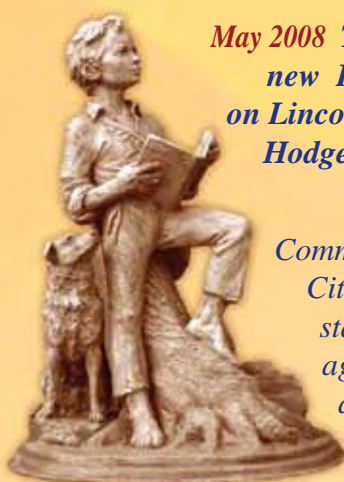
March 9 and 10, 2008 *"The Meeting of the Minds of the Presidents of Mount Rushmore"* - A news conference with presidents Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt. www.lincolnhanks.net

Apr. 6, 2008 2-4 p.m. *Lincoln Roots in Nelson County*. Wickland, Bardstown **800-638-4877**

April 08 - *The Lincoln Museum Anniversary*: Events & exhibits throughout the month. *"The President's Death"* exhibit. Hodgenville. **270-358-3163**

May 11, 2008 2-4 p.m. *Lincoln's Mothers* (on Mother's Day). Wickland, Bardstown **800-638-4877**

May 2008 *The grand unveiling of the new Lincoln Sculpture on Lincoln Square in downtown Hodgenville.* **270-358-3163**



Commissioned in 2007 by the City of Hodgenville, the new statue depicts Lincoln, at the age of seven, leaning against an old tree trunk and his dog "Honey," sitting close by.

June 13, 2008 *The Bersheba Lincoln Cake Contest* www.lincolnhanks.net

June 14, 2008 - 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
The Wedding: Thomas Lincoln & Nancy Hanks Wedding Celebration
Lincoln Homestead State Park www.lincolnhanks.net

June 14, 2008 - 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Lincoln Regency Ball instruction by the Lexington Vintage Dance Society Opera house. www.lincolnhanks.net

6/2008-9/2008 -Thursdays - *"Historic Downtown Walking Tour"* Historical figures, such as General George Custer and Samuel Haycraft & their part in Elizabethtown history. **270-765-4334 FREE ADMISSION**

June 15, 2008 2-4 p.m. *Thomas Lincoln, Father of a President* (on Father's Day). Wickland, Bardstown **800-638-4877**

August 18-22, 2008 - *The Civil War, A Lincoln Bicentennial Event*, - Drawing on letters, diaries, firsthand accounts and the words of Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass and Walt Whitman, *The Civil War* is a thrilling, gut-wrenching and awe-inspiring dramatic theatrical production. 8:00 p.m. J. Dan Talbott Amphitheatre. **800-626-1563**

September 2008 - *Walk Thru Lincoln's Life*, Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Site. **270-358-3137**

October 2008 - *36th Annual Lincoln Days Celebration*: Rail splitting; Abraham Lincoln Look-A-Like & Oratory Contests. Completion of Lincoln sculpture. Hodgenville. **270-358-8710**

October 2008 - *"Ride the Civil War Trail with John Hunt Morgan"* hosted by The Hardin County History Museum. Participants to go on tours to areas that are not typically open to the public. **1-800-437-0092**

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Bardstown/Nelson County Tourism and Convention Bureau
www.visitbardstown.com **1-800-638-4877**

LaRue County Tourism
www.lincolnbirthplace.com **270-358-3411**

Elizabethtown Tourism and Convention Bureau
www.TourEtown.com **1-800-437-0092**

Kentucky Railway Museum in New Haven, Ky., will host a Lincoln Campaign Train
October 18 and 19, 2008

