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**Abraham Lincoln**

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memories of those whose lives  
included an encounter with the 16<sup>th</sup>  
President of the United States

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### "I SAW LINCOLN," THEY TESTIFY

One of the most valuable contributions to our knowledge of Lincoln, by those participating directly or indirectly in the dedication of the Lincoln statue at Fort Wayne, was made by the old people who sent in reminiscences of the president.

A great many persons between four score and five score years of age, from the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan, responded to the request that they advise the Foundation of their memories of Lincoln. Space is available for just a brief note about each.

#### Illinois

- Gilmore, Thomas—101, Macomb. I saw Lincoln at Macomb on October 26, 1858, and on the next day at Augusta, Illinois.
- Wilson, Isaac—96, Carthage. I saw Lincoln on October 22, 1858, when he spoke in Carthage, Illinois.
- Kinney, Mrs. Lucy—94, Barry. I saw Lincoln in Pittsfield, Illinois, and during the Lincoln-Douglas debate at Quincy, Illinois.
- First, Rev. H. C.—93, Rock Island. I saw Lincoln in 1865 as I was an honorary guard at his bier when he lay in state in Chicago.
- Porter, William H.—93, LeRoy. I saw Lincoln in May, 1856, when he made his "lost speech" at Bloomington, Illinois.
- Coffman, Helen Mary—92, Augusta. I saw Lincoln when he visited at our house when he spoke in Augusta in 1858.
- Montgomery, James P.—92, Mason City. I saw Lincoln many times, the most notable of which being when he defended Duff Armstrong; also I was one of the guards at his funeral.
- Lamon, Mrs. Lucy A.—89, Paris. I saw Lincoln a number of times from 1856 to 1858 at my father's house and once when he spoke from my uncle's grove.
- Crandall, Mr. P. B.—89, Bushnell. I saw Lincoln in Washington, D. C., in front of the White House when he bade my regiment good-bye as we started for Butler's front, June 8, 1864.
- Gephart, Mrs. Lydia T.—89, Kenney. I saw Lincoln in 1857 when we ate breakfast with him at the Congress Hotel, Clinton, Illinois.

Dow, Mrs. Mary Stiles—86, Plainfield. I saw Lincoln at Pittsfield, Illinois, in 1858.

Wright, Mrs. Belle—86, Plymouth. I saw Lincoln when he and Douglas gave their debate on Knox Campus in Galesburg, Illinois.

Childers, Stephen A.—85, Allenville. I saw Lincoln in 1858 at the Lincoln-Douglas debate at Charleston, Illinois, and in 1860 when he spoke at the home of his step-mother.

Shoaff, Thomas—85, Shelbyville. I saw Lincoln at the Republican State Convention in Decatur in 1860.

Henthorn, Mr. A.—84, Baylis. I saw Lincoln in 1858 during the Lincoln-Douglas debate at Quincy, Illinois.

Taylor, Mr. A. H.—82, Delavan. I saw Lincoln at Gettysburg at the time of the dedication of the National Cemetery.

Green, Mrs. Alice—82, Hamilton. I saw Lincoln during the Lincoln-Douglas debate at Carthage, Illinois, in 1858.

Bond, Mrs. Minda R.—82, Abingdon. I saw Lincoln when he spoke at a Republican rally at Galesburg, Illinois, in 1861.

Quayle, Mrs. Katharine—82, Rock Island. I saw Lincoln at Hagerstown, Indiana, before the Civil War and viewed his remains at the State House at Indianapolis.

Doughty, Mrs. Lueenia A.—81, Alto Pass. I saw Lincoln at the home of my grandfather, Stephen Sowels, in Sangamon County when I was twelve years old.

Heuser, Mrs. Celia Ann—79, Park Ridge. I saw Lincoln in Pittsfield in 1860.

King, Mrs. Frederica W.—79, Augusta. I saw Lincoln on September 18, 1858, when he spoke in Augusta, Illinois.

Schulte, Katharine—74, Hinsdale. I saw Lincoln in 1862 or 1863 when I went with my mother to Washington to see the president.

#### Ohio

Moyer, William—93, Houston. I saw Lincoln at the White House in Washington.

Saxbe, William—93, Mechanicsburg. I saw Lincoln in the summer of 1862 at Fredricksburg when he was inspecting the army.

Rowe, Sarah—92, Berea. I saw Lincoln and heard him speak at Millersburg, Ohio.

Watkins, George—91, Madison. I saw Lincoln many times when I served as a guard in Washington during the war.

Schaefer, Henry, Sr.—90, New Bremen. I saw Lincoln after he was assassinated.

Hartman, Rufus R.—90, Rawson. I saw Lincoln during a leave of absence from the army as he came from the White House and walked down to the street.

Green, Hon. John P.—87, Cleveland. I saw Lincoln when he passed through Cleveland enroute to his inauguration at Washington and saw his remains enroute to Springfield.

Rice, Richard—87, New Concord. I saw Lincoln in 1865 as I was one of the guards when the body passed through Columbus enroute to Springfield.

Brown, Mrs. Sarah M.—87, Cincinnati. I saw Lincoln at the Sanitary Fair in Philadelphia during the Civil war and again when he lay in state in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, in 1865.

McConiha, Joseph—86, Zanesville. I saw Lincoln February 20, 1865, at Washington, D. C., while my regiment was being reviewed.

Gould, Dr. D. T.—85, Berea. I saw Lincoln when he spoke at Cleveland on February 15, 1861.

Elson, Richard—85, Waynesburg. I saw Lincoln when he spoke from the train at Bayard, Ohio, on his way to his inauguration at Washington.

Clark, Mrs. L. A.—85, Port Clinton. I saw Lincoln at Washington, D. C., in 1861, after he had issued the first draft.

Leavitt, Mr. C. E.—82, Mechanicsburg. I saw Lincoln at Paris, Illinois, during his first campaign for president.

Raver, Robert S.—82, North Olmsted. I saw Lincoln when he spoke at Willoughby on his way to Washington, D. C.

Fisher, Joseph—80, Toledo. I saw Lincoln in 1858 at New Philadelphia, Ohio, when he spoke to all the children under ten years of age.

Hayner, Mr. W. H.—80, Dayton. I saw Lincoln as a nominee at Morrow, Ohio; as the president-elect enroute to Washington and as president when he visited my regiment at Camp Dennison.

Werner, Ernest—79, Spencerville. I saw Lincoln as he rode past my father's store in Cincinnati.

Dome, Lewis—79, Toledo. I saw Lincoln at Mansfield, Ohio, in 1863, and several times in 1864 making speeches.

Shaffer, Theodore J.—78, Toledo. I saw Lincoln when he passed through Pittsburgh on his way to Washington in February, 1861.

Northrup, Edgar J.—78, Toledo. I saw Lincoln at my father's house in Binghamton several times in 1860 and 1861.

Wilson, Mr. S. E.—77, Mt. Gilead. I saw Lincoln in 1861 when he passed through Brocton, New York, enroute to Washington.

Kilmer, Henry A.—69, Oak Harbor. I saw Lincoln while his body lay in state at Cleveland.

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The list of old people who saw Lincoln has increased to so large a number that two copies of Lincoln Lore are necessary to enter their names on the roll of honor. Although the contest was limited to Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, and Indiana, many other old people from other states wrote that they had seen Lincoln also.

Since the last number of Lincoln Lore was printed several more contestants from Ohio and Illinois have been heard from so they are compiled in the list in this issue.

Thomas Gilmore of Macomb, Illinois, 101; Mrs. Rose Strebeck of Levering, Michigan, 95; General James Stevenson, of Indianapolis, Indiana, 95; and William Moyer of Houston, Ohio, 93, were the oldest persons in their respective states who had sent in reports at the time this copy of Lincoln Lore went to press.

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#### Ohio

- Good, Isaac—93, Sidney. I saw Lincoln (time and place not stated).  
Lucas, Lee R.—89, Cleveland Heights. I saw Lincoln in 1858 at Bloomington, Illinois, at the time of his debate with Stephen A. Douglas.  
Funk, George W.—86, New Lexington. I saw Lincoln (time and place not stated).  
Pontius, C. R.—(age not stated), Fremont. I saw Lincoln after he was assassinated.

#### Illinois

- Isaiah Varner—96, Versailles. I saw Lincoln (time and place not stated).  
Ward, Samuel Read—90, Richmond. I saw Lincoln many times in Washington, D. C., while he was president and was present in Ford's Theatre when he was assassinated.  
Barber, Captain A. D.—87, Nauvoo. I saw Lincoln (time and place not stated).  
Sears, C. W.—82, Donovan. I saw Lincoln almost every day when he and Herndon were law partners in Springfield and I also attended a reception for him as the president-elect in 1860.  
Scott, Miss Emma Julia—77, Washington. I saw Lincoln on October 7, 1858, at Galesburg, Illinois, on the occasion of the Lincoln-Douglas debate.

#### Michigan

- Striebeck, Mrs. Rose—95, Levering. I saw Lincoln in Buffalo in 1860 during a parade.  
Dougherty, James C.—92, Negaunee. I saw Lincoln in Chicago where he made a speech.  
Dean, George O.—90, Nashville. I saw Lincoln at Washington, D. C., and when he visited my regiment near Rockville, Maryland, and again at Richmond at the close of the war.  
Shepard, Horace—88, Grosse Ile. I saw Lincoln at the Republican Wigwam in New Haven, Connecticut.  
Robe, William A.—87, Galien. I saw Lincoln several times during the Civil War and my regiment was rushed to Washington to protect the District of Columbia when news of the president's assassination was received.  
Griffey, Mr. C. G.—86, Rochester. I saw Lincoln when he was enroute to Washington for the inauguration and also his remains as they were being taken to Springfield.  
Johnson, Mrs. Amelia—84, Niles. I saw Lincoln on August 27, 1858, on the occasion of the Lincoln-Douglas debate at Freeport, Illinois.  
Chickner, John S.—(exact age not stated), Boyne City. I saw Lincoln at both the first and second presidential elections.

#### Indiana

- Stevenson, General James—95, Indianapolis. I saw Lincoln (time and place not stated).  
Reeder, William C.—93, Peru. I saw Lincoln many times while I was confined to the Columbian College Hospital in Washington, D. C.  
Foster, David N.—92, Fort Wayne. I saw Lincoln several times. The most important occasion was on February 22, 1860, when he gave his Cooper Institute speech.  
Crim, Isaac H.—90, Bedford. I saw Lincoln at Harrison's Landing, Virginia, in 1862, and in Washington City during the months of January and February, 1863.  
McGraw, John W.—90, Fountain City. I saw Lincoln when he spoke in Indianapolis just after he was elected president.  
Foster, Mrs. Fannie—88, Greenwood. I saw Lincoln in 1861 in Indianapolis when he spoke from Bates House on his way to Washington and viewed his body as it lay in state in Indianapolis.  
Quimby, Charles H.—88, Fort Wayne. I saw Lincoln assassinated on the evening of April 15, 1865, at Ford's Theatre.  
Hale, Silas W.—88, Decatur. I saw Lincoln when he made a speech from the portico of Bates House, Indianapolis, as he passed through that city enroute to Washington.  
McKinley, John F.—86, Lebanon. I saw Lincoln when he stopped in Indianapolis enroute to the White House.

- Skinner, Mr. J. E.—85, Walkerton. I saw Lincoln in 1864 and again in 1865 at the front.  
Simmers, Daniel W.—85, Fort Wayne. I saw Lincoln when he spoke from the car platform when he passed through Fort Washington on his way to the inauguration.  
Pohler, J. Henry—85, Huntington. I saw Lincoln during his second presidential campaign.  
Butler, Rev. Harrison W.—85, Rochester. I saw Lincoln while a soldier in the Civil War when he came to inspect the troops.  
DuBois, Mr. Caspar C.—83, Kokomo. I saw Lincoln when he lay in state at the Old State House in Indianapolis in 1865.  
Sullivan, Mrs. Harriet—82, Gary. I saw Lincoln at Cincinnati.  
Whittier, Cassius M.—79, Attica. I saw Lincoln when he passed through Attica on his way to Washington.  
Russell, Mrs. Elizabeth—76, Kokomo. I saw Lincoln at the Anton Hotel not long before he was assassinated.  
Jenkins, David F.—76, Coatesville. I saw Lincoln's body ten years after his death at the monument at Springfield, Illinois.  
Weaver, W. Jay—73, Rose Lawn. I saw Lincoln's body as it lay in state in the court house in Chicago.  
Croxtan, Mr. W. A.—80, Angola. I saw Lincoln as he passed through Salineville, Ohio, enroute to Washington.
- #### Miscellaneous
- Barton, Mrs. Joanna—95, Meridian, Mississippi. I saw Lincoln while he was enroute from Springfield to Washington for his inauguration.  
Crippen, Carrie R.—94, Kansas City, Missouri. I saw Lincoln during his first and second campaigns for president and at the Lincoln-Douglas debate in Quincy, Illinois.  
Sprenkel, J. A.—85, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania. I saw Lincoln at Gettysburg in 1863 when he delivered his famous address at the dedication of the National Cemetery.  
Smith, Mrs. M. O.—84, Hanover, Pennsylvania. I saw Lincoln when he delivered his Gettysburg address as I sang in the chorus during the exercises at the dedication of the National Cemetery.  
Scott, Josephine B.—84, Lily Dale, New York. I saw Lincoln in March, 1854, while riding on a train on the Wabash railroad.  
Amadon, John A.—84, Waterville, Vermont. I saw Lincoln many times in 1864 and 1865 in Washington and once when he visited my regiment at Petersburg.  
Singiser, George W.—80, Allentown, Pennsylvania. I saw Lincoln in 1864 as I was delegated to present flowers to him when he passed through Mechanicsburg.





## Illinois

- Beckemeyer, Johanna - 100. - 114 E. Cook Street, Springfield, Illinois. Shook hands with Lincoln.
- Simpkins, Mrs. Louetta Foss - 94. Dana, Illinois. Saw Lincoln at Urbana, Illinois in a debate with Douglas in 1858.
- Thompson, Sylvester - 92. Greenville, Illinois. Saw and heard Lincoln from a dry goods box outside the pole hitchrack along the courthouse square in Jacksonville, Illinois in 1858.
- Pike, Ivory H. - 88. Home Avenue, Oak Park, Chicago, Illinois. Saw Lincoln at Bloomington, Illinois.
- McClenahan, Mrs. Margaret A. - 87. Toulon, Illinois. Saw and heard Lincoln at the Lincoln-Douglas debate on Knox College Campus at Galesburg, Illinois in 1858.
- Fell, Mrs. Margaret - 86. Toulon, Illinois. Saw Lincoln October 6, 1858 when he spoke at Court House in Toulon.
- Kirkpatrick, Wm. I. - 86. ~~Elmwood, Illinois~~, Heard speech in Lewistonw in October 1858.
- Hemel, Joseph - 84. Joliet, 809 Columbia Street. Saw Lincoln at Joliet in 1856.
- Spangler, Mrs. J. C. - 81. LaRose, Illinois. Saw Lincoln and Douglas in Lacon, Illinois
- Whitaker, E. H. - 81. LaSalle. Viewed body when it lay in state at Indianapolis.
- West, Mrs. Mary A. - 80. 1324 LaHarpe St., LaSalle, Illinois. Heard and saw  
 ✓ Lincoln at the Lincoln-Douglas debate in Ottawa, Illinois in 1858.
- Richards, Martha J. - 75. 409 Fourth Street, Peoria, Illinois. Lincoln and girl's father took her to Springfield with them and placed her in the care of a colored nurse.
- Converse, Mrs. William O. - ~~Six West Carpenter St~~ 1100 S. 56th St.
- Diller, Isaac R. - 511 West Carpenter St.
- Dodds, Mrs. - 210 Adelia St.
- Irwin, Israel A. - 528 S. 80th St.
- Irwin, Washington - Chaplain G. A. R.
- Keys, Edward D. - President Ridgely Farmers State Bank
- Pride, Wm. H. - 403 $\frac{1}{2}$  W. Monroe St.
- Roll, John Linden - 825 Henrietta St.
- Stone, James A. - Farmingdale, Illinois.
- Nelson, Wm. W. - Rushville, Illinois. Heard Lincoln speak at Rushville October 20, 1858
- Riffetoe, Robert, Rushville, Illinois. Heard Lincoln speak at Rushville October 20, 1858
- Judge S. B. Montgomery - Quincy, Illinois. Heard Lincoln speak at Rushville, October 20, 1858.

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Illinois

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Indiana

Thornton, ~~Mrs.~~ John - 94. Route 4, Box 79, Huntington, Indiana. Heard Lincoln speak at Lafayette, Indiana.

Lent, J. M. - 84. Dunkirk, Indiana. Rose on Wagon with Lincoln in 1860 at Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Carter, Mrs. Peter - 77. 1121 Collierich Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Saw Lincoln pass through Conneaut, Ohio on way to Washington. Made a short speech.

Duke, Mrs. Ella - 76. Williamsburg, Indiana. Hear Lincoln speak at Danville, Illinois in 1860.

O'Connor, Mrs. B. - 73. Huntington, Indiana, 1124 Warren St.,. Saw Lincoln in Dunkirk, N. Y. when he came out on train platform to shake hands with people.

King, Elizabeth. Mulberry Lutheran Home., Mulberry, Indiana. Saw and heard Lincoln Lincoln at Gettysburg.

Ohio

Hartley, Mrs. Emeline - 89. Clarion, Ohio. Saw and heard Lincoln several times and attended his funeral.

Routson, Wm. - 86. Ada, Ohio. Saw Lincoln in February 1865 in Washington when en-route with his corps from Nashville, Tenn. to Cape Fear River, N. C.

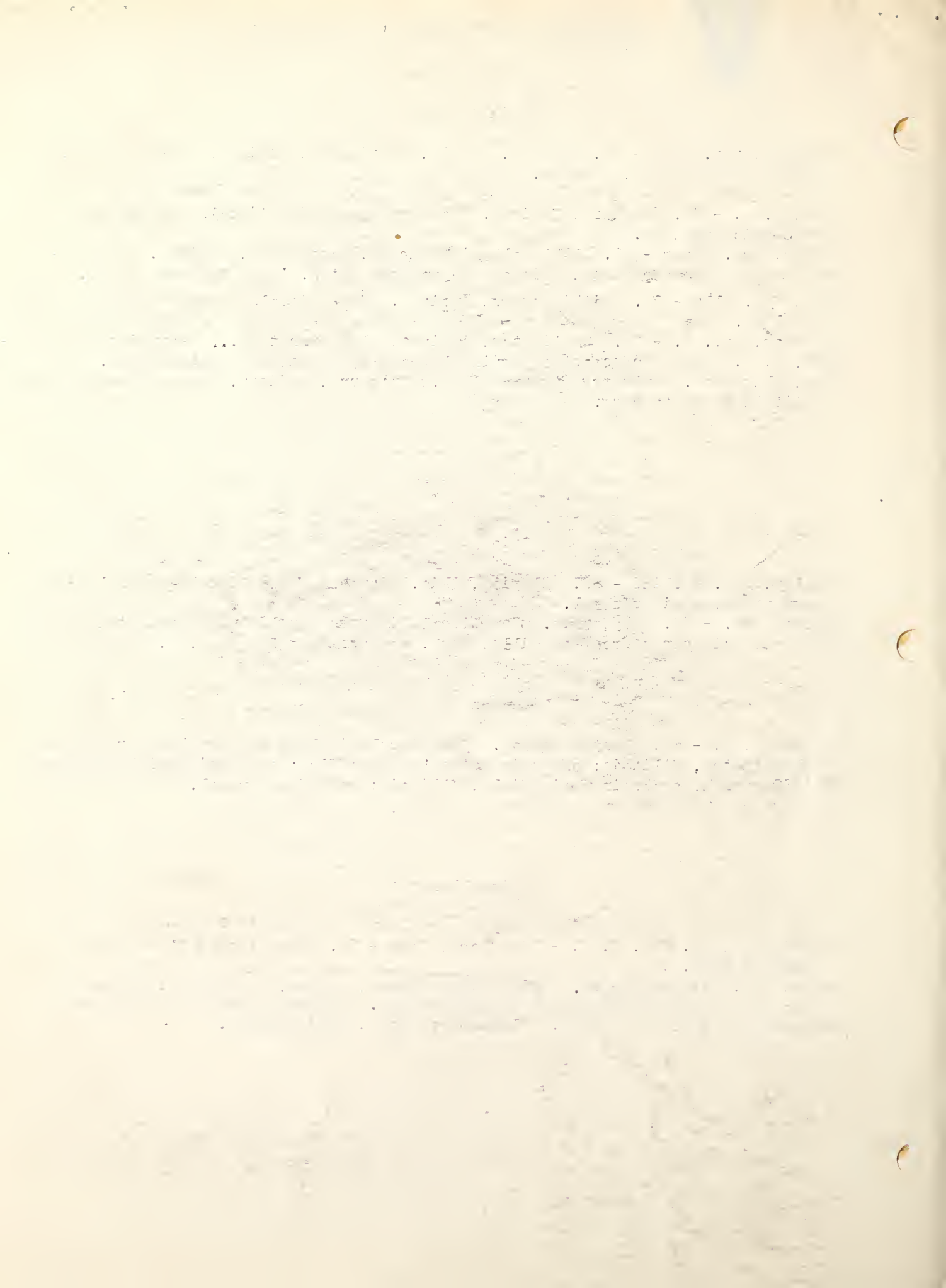
Michigan

Holmes C. B. - 90. Benton Harbor. Saw Lincoln in 1856 at Republican rally in Bloomington, Illinois; often in father's law office; at presidential campaign of 1860 when he spoke in Springfield, Illinois; attended funeral.

Miscellaneous

Blackington, Lt. Col. O. N. - Live Rock, Conn - 94. Saw Lincoln at Review of Army in 1862.

Capns, Mrs. Elizabeth, <sup>the</sup> 90. 2209 Elenor Street, Yakima, Washington. Lived across the way from Lincolns in Springfield. Lincoln came in morning for hot coals to build own fires. Playmate of Robt. Todd Lincoln.



## Illinois

- Escott, Mrs. Prudence - 87, Grand Rapids, Michigan(764 Graceland St., N. E.)  
Sat on Lincoln's lap and also ate dinner with him at Lawyer Walker's home in Havana, Ill.
- Woodruff, Mrs. Mary - 82, Manistique, Michigan(R.D. # 2) Saw President Lincoln when he was making his 2nd presidential campaign at Corning, N. Y.
- Cogshall, Mr. George E. - 76, Grand Rapids, Mich(741 Clancy Ave., N. E.).  
Sat on father's shoulder and listened to Lincoln when he spoke from the train platform at Albion, Mich. during his second campaign. At the conclusion Lincoln reached down and shaking his hand spoke to him.
- Chapel, Philo N., Porthand, Michigan. Was given good advice by Lincoln as he was about to leave for his regiment.

## Illinois

- Carroll, Micheal - 92,(Routt Street) Jacksonville, Ill.
- Stewart, O. A. T. - 89, Normal Ill. c/o Lester F. Stewart. Father and Lincoln were good friends. Lincoln spent many nights in the Stewart home.
- Patterson, J. March - 86, Rushville, Ill.(442 W. Lafayette St.) He saw Lincoln 1. Jacksonville, Ill - 1858- Making a speech in Public square.  
2. 1860 - After Nomination in Chicago, a ratification meeting was held in Springfield which He attended.  
3. Viewed body in casket in court house in Springfield and attended funeral.
- Ficker, Mrs. Jennie - 85, Marengo, Ill. Saw Lincoln when he was campaigning for the presidency and also saw him playing ball with his boys in the back yard.
- Watson, Miss Hester Cape - 77, Pittsfield, Ill. Father one of Lincoln's best friends and lived near him in Springfield. Saw him repeatedly. Has interesting story.

## Ohio

- Light, Mrs. Joseph, Dayton, Ohio(943 Manhattan Ave.. Helped mother decorate Springfieldd state house for the arrival of Lincoln's body.

## Indiana

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| Carker, Mrs. Emma     | 88 |
| Roszell, Greenbury B. | 88 |
| Moore, Mrs. Mary      | 87 |
| Raskin, Mrs. Sarah    | 87 |
| Glenn, Mrs. Margaret  | 85 |
| White, James A.       | 85 |
| Jackson, Mrs. Mary    | 84 |
| Boyle, Wm             | 83 |
| Harvey, Winfield S.   | 82 |
| Gayer, John W.        | 82 |
| Isgirgg, Wm. H.       | 82 |
| Gray, Mrs. Luck       | 80 |

*Greenbury*

All saw Lincoln on February, 1861 when he spoke in Greensburg while enroute to Washington, D. C.



## Indiana continued

Hayden, Mrs. Eliza Hanna, Lewis and Gay Streets, Fort Wayne, Ind. Attended a reception at the White House and shook hands and talked with Lincoln.

## Miscellaneous

Fell, I. P., Gray Summit, Mo. My father has business with Lincoln in his law practice. When he had business in Springfield I was left at the Lincoln home to play with the boys.

Gilmore, Mrs. Elizabeth Marshall - 91. Minneapolis, Minn.

Church, Benjamin - 100, Lisbon, N. Y. Saw Lincoln assassinated.

Peterman, Mrs. W. P., 301 North St., Bedford, Iowa.

Hampton, Mr. B. M., - 91, New Port Richey, Fla. Heard Lincoln speak from the steps of Independence Hall at Phil. and walked beside him for some distance when he was on his way to Wash. to be inaugurated in 1860.

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