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Statues of Abraham Lincoln

Ira A. Correll

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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS
INDIANA UNIVERSITY
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

Indiana Technical College,

Sept. 10, 1945.

Dr. Louis A. Warren,
The Lincoln Life Ins. Co.,
Ft. Wayne, Ind

Dear Dr. Warren:

While visiting at Odon, Indiana recently, I called on Will Bair, a dear friend, of the Bair Studio and told him of your desire to secure a negative of the statue of Abraham Lincoln by Ira A. Correll, located in the Old Settlers Grounds. He promised to comply but said he desired to make several trips to see when he could get the best light.

I also told the Pres. of the local Lyons Club of your interest in this statue, the great work you were doing for your company and of your surpassing knowledge of the Great Character. They are going to be highly pleased to secure your services when you next get in Southern Indiana or thereabouts.

I shall be bringing a new class of twenty-five men down before long and hope to see and hear you again.

Yours sincerely,

E. A. O'Dell, Ph. D.

P. S. The fee of \$5 for the negative was satisfactory to Mr. Bair. E-A-O.



September 14, 1945

Dr. E.A. O'Dill
Indiana Technical College
Ft. Wayne, Indiana

My dear Dr. O'Dill:

We are appreciative indeed of your giving your attention to the photograph of the Lincoln statue at Odon, Indiana, and we are this day sending a check to Mr. Bair for the negatives which have already arrived. Thank you again for your interest.

Yours very truly,

LAW:EB

Director

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Dr. B. B. ...
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The following information is being furnished to you for your information and is not to be distributed outside your organization. It is the property of the Government and is to be kept secret. It is to be destroyed when it is no longer needed.

Very truly yours,

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Lincoln Statue in City Park Is Outstanding Work of Art



LEE IN STONE — This life-size work of stone of Abraham Lincoln was carved by the late Ira A. Correll, and was dedicated in Odon City Park in 1922. In the background is another local landmark, the old log church which was taken apart at its location east of Odon and re-assembled in the park.

This statue was carved by Ira A. Correll, whose pieces of sculpture can still be seen throughout the United States. He was born in Odon where he was associated with Correll Monument Works, located on Mill street. He also lived in Bedford many years, and was superintendent of carving in the old Indiana Limestone Company mills for years. He later moved to Austin, Texas, where he continued his works of sculpture until a few years before he passed away at the age of 91.

"Mr. Correll was instrumental in helping to acquire the ground for the park with the promise that sometime he'd carve something which would be suitable for the spot."

"In 1922 after living in Bedford for several years, he remembered his promise and, using his good friend and neighbor, Floyd Menaugh (who stood 6 feet, 4 inches tall) for a model, he carved the statue of Lincoln out of Indiana limestone and donated it to the city of Odon for their park — in honor of all the pioneers and old settlers.

"He had such great respect

Vandals Deface Lincoln Statue

Vandals have damaged the life-size statue of Abraham Lincoln in Odon City Park in the past few days.

The statue was defaced with a stripe of yellow paint on the back of the figure. A representative of Indiana Limestone Company of Bedford, donors of the stone for the statue many years ago, said it is unlikely that the paint smear can ever be completely removed.

Police officials are continuing the investigation of the incident.

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The program opened with the playing of "America" by a concert band, followed by invocation by Rev. R. T. Gwyn. Hon. J. W. Ogden of Washington, Ind., delivered the address, and Ben Helm of Odon sang a solo, "Indiana." J. P. Taylor of the G.A.R. also spoke briefly and Billy Bair gave a reading. The statue of Lincoln was unveiled by Miss Helen Correll (now Mrs. Helen Bruckschen of Evanston, Ill.), daughter of Mr. Correll.

There are a number of other Lincoln carvings by the late Mr. Correll scattered around the United States, too. For instance, he carved an eight-foot figure of the former President for the Court House in Oklahoma City, Okla., part of a great panel over the front entrance of the building. He also did a bust of Lincoln for the Standard Club of Chicago.

Many of the headstones at Walnut Hill cemetery were carved by the Correll Monument Works, and these, like the statue of Lincoln in the park, show intricate detail and magnificent workmanship.



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