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BIRTHPLACE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN,
HODGENSVILLE, KENTUCKY

There is no figure in the history of our country that has a greater inspirational value for us than Lincoln. Born in humble circumstances, he rose to the highest position in the land. His simplicity of habit, tenderness of heart, and nobility of character have endeared him to the hearts of all Americans. Lincoln was eminently an American product and exemplified in his life to a rare degree those qualities and those ideals towards which the American nation as a whole is aspiring.

He was born in this little old log cabin on Feb. 12, 1809. He followed many occupations before his twenty-fifth year, when he was admitted to the bar. He fought in the Black Hawk War in 1832. In 1837 he practiced law in Springfield, Ill. He was a member of the Illinois State Legislature and a member of Congress from that state. In 1858, as Republican candidate for United States

senator, he held a series of debates with Stephen A. Douglas, in which he took a pronounced stand against slavery. These debates attracted national attention and he was nominated and elected President in 1860. His inauguration in 1861 was the signal for the secession of the Slave States. Hostilities began at Fort Sumter on April 12, and were continued for four years, during which time Lincoln was re-elected President. He entered Richmond with the Federal army April 4, 1865, and was occupied with plans for the reconstruction of the South when he was shot by Booth at Ford's Theatre, Washington, April 14, 1865. He died the following day.

Lincoln was an able executive, a faithful servant of the people, a high minded leader, and all that goes to make what we consider a great man.