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PILGRIMAGE *OF THE* G. A. R.

TO THE

TOMB OF LINCOLN,

SEPTEMBER 29, 1887.



NATIONAL LINCOLN MONUMENT.

— *SOUVENIR* —

FROM THE

HOME OF LINCOLN.

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PROGRAMME.

PRESIDENT OF THE DAY, HON. CHAS. E. HAY.

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AIDS-DE-CAMP.

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MR. CHARLES J. AMBS,	MR. EDWARDS BROWN,
CAPT. JOHN S. HURT,	LIEUT. LEWIS CAPPS.

The Comrades will assemble at Lincoln Monument promptly at 1:30 o'clock P. M., where the formal exercises will be held.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

MUSIC.....	BY THE BAND
PRAYER.....	REV. PRESTON WOOD, Post 30, G. A. R.
INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.....	HON. CHAS. E. HAY, Post 30, G. A. R.
ADDRESS OF WELCOME.....	HON. S. M. CULLOM, Vice-President N. L. M. A.
RESPONSE.....	By HON. JOHN B. HENDERSON, St. Louis
BENEDICTION.....	REV. FRANCIS SPRINGER, Post 30, G. A. R.

Column will form at the Monument immediately after the close of the exercises, and march to the Lincoln Home by the following route: Monument Avenue to Grand, east on Grand to Fourth, south on Fourth to Carpenter, east on Carpenter to Sixth, south on Sixth to Capitol Avenue, east on Capitol Avenue to Eighth, south on Eighth to Lincoln Home.

Historical Sketch of the Monument.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

BORN IN HARDIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY, FEBRUARY 12, 1809.

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES FROM MARCH 4, 1861, TO APRIL 15, 1865.

DIED, BY ASSASSINATION, AT WASHINGTON, D. C.,
APRIL 15, 1865.

FUNERAL CEREMONIES AT SPRINGFIELD,
MAY 4, 1865.

The National Lincoln Monument Association was formed April 24, 1865, incorporated at Springfield, May 11, 1865, and re-incorporated May 9, 1885.

A call for contributions of money was at once made, and the responses of the people were so prompt and generous that in three years sufficient funds had accumulated in the treasury of the Association to enable it to proceed with the work of construction.

The plat of ground upon which the State House now stands was selected by the Association as the burial spot of Mr. Lincoln, and the site of the Monument. The objection of Mrs. Lincoln, however, could not be overcome, and it was reluctantly abandoned.

The city of Springfield offered six acres of ground in Oak Ridge Cemetery, which was accepted, and the location decided upon where the Monument now stands.

Early in 1868, designs were called for, offering \$1000 for the best design for a Monument. The designs, some 37, offered by 31 different artists, were examined September 1, 1868, and that of Larkin G. Mead, Jr., accepted.

December, 1868, a contract was made with Mr. Mead to furnish the bronze statuary, for the sum of \$70,000.

In 1869, a contract was made with W. D. Richardson, of Springfield, for the stone and granite work for the sum of \$136,550.

Ground for the foundation was broken September 9, 1869, and the foundation walls completed that year. The superstructure was completed May 22, 1871.

The dimensions of the Monument are as follows: Base 72½ feet square; with the extensions of the catacomb on the north and the Memorial Hall on the south, the measurement from north to south is 119½ feet; height of terrace, 15 feet 10 inches; height of pedestals for statuary, 28 feet 4 inches; height of pedestal for Lincoln's statue, 35½ feet; height of obelisk from ground line, 98 feet 4½ inches.

The remains of Mr. Lincoln, were, after identification, placed within the catacomb September 19, 1871.

The Monument was dedicated and statue unveiled October 15, 1874.

Among the prominent people present on the occasion were the President of the United States, Gen. U. S. Grant; the Vice-President, Hon. Henry Wilson; ex-Vice-President, Hon. Schuyler Colfax; W. T. Sherman, General of the Army, and the members of the Army of the Tennessee; Larkin G. Mead, Jr., Esq., the artist and designer of the Monument.

Gen. John M. Palmer was president of the day.

Gen. R. J. Oglesby delivered the oration.

Hon. Jesse K. Dubois read an historical address.

The total cost of the Monument, including the stone and granite work, bronze statuary, superintendency, printing and engraving and improvement of the ground was \$234,220.90. There has been expended in repairs since completion about \$8,000, and repairs now being made will cost over \$10,000.

The cost of the four Groups of Statuary was, for each group \$13,700.

Chicago furnished the Infantry group.

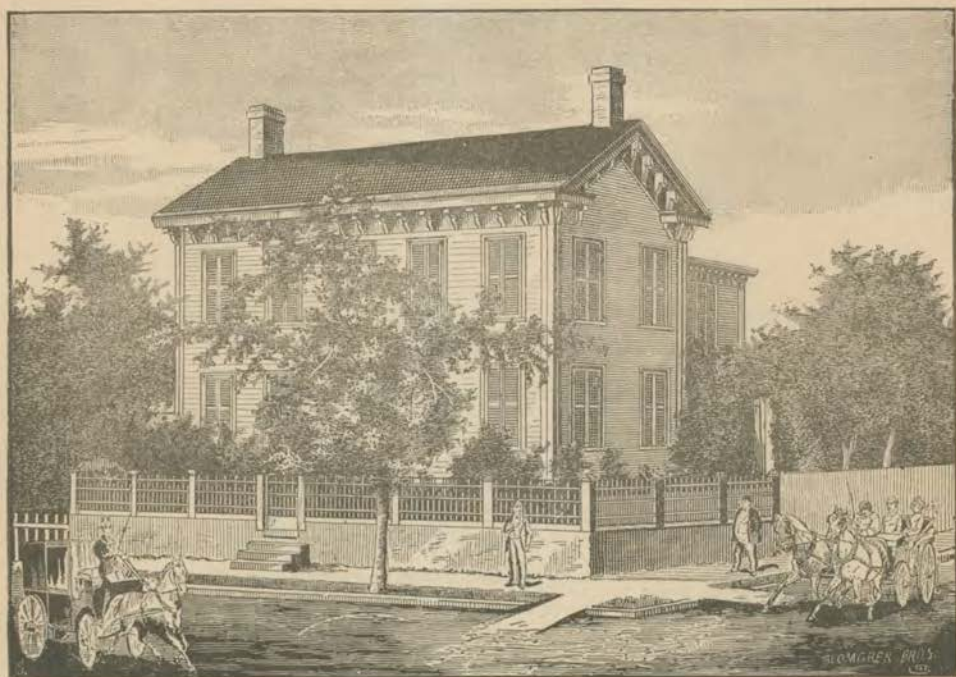
Boston furnished the Cavalry group.

New York furnished the Naval group.

Philadelphia furnished the Artillery group.

The Monument was opened to visitors and J. C. Power appointed custodian October 29, 1874. Mr. Power is still custodian.

The Infantry and Naval groups were placed in position in September, 1877, the Artillery group April 13, 1882, the Cavalry group March 13, 1883.



THE LINCOLN HOMESTEAD.

The homestead in which Abraham Lincoln lived when he was elected President, is situated on the northeast corner of 8th and Jackson streets, Springfield, Illinois. He purchased this home from the Rev. Charles Dresser, May 2, 1844, and continued to occupy it from that time until March, 1861, when he took up his residence in the White House. When first occupied by Mr. Lincoln, the residence was a one story and a half house. In the summer of 1855, Mr. Lincoln had another story put on, and the external appearance now is as nearly exactly, as possible, as when occupied last by Mr. Lincoln and his family.

The above cut is from a photo taken when occupied by Mr. Lincoln.

The homestead is now held in trust for the State,—provision having been made by the Legislature in 1887, for the accomplishment of this object, by naming a Board of Trustees to be known as the "Lincoln Homestead Trustees," who were authorized to receive and accept the property in trust for the State, and making an appropriation for repairs, and the salary of a custodian. On the 8th day of July, A. D. 1887, the Hon. Robert T. Lincoln and wife conveyed the property to the Trustees, on condition that the same shall be forever kept in good repair, and free of access to the public.

The board, on August 29, 1887, appointed as Custodian, comrade O. H. Oldroyd who, with his family, occupies the Home, and has on exhibition therein his collection of Lincoln mementos, relics and curios, which is altogether the rarest, most complete and interesting collection of the kind ever got together. Since the death of Mr. Lincoln, it has been the life-work of Comrade Oldroyd in getting this collection together.

A cordial invitation is extended to all the comrades to visit the Home, and view this rare collection of Lincoln relics.