

Abraham Lincoln Birthplace
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Senator Orville Browning

Anxiety in the Border States

Browning shared President Lincoln's fears over what might happen if border slave states joined the Confederacy. Lincoln's letter to Browning in September 1861 reflects his anxiety concerning the state of his birth: "I think to lose Kentucky is nearly the same as to lose the whole game." Surviving Confederate attack, Kentucky remained in the Union.

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