

Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial



Thomas Lincoln

Moving to a Free State

Abraham Lincoln probably gained his antislavery view from his parents. In 1816, Thomas and Nancy Lincoln moved to Indiana partly because it didn't allow slavery. Their reasons were not only moral, but also economic. In Kentucky, Thomas had competed with slaves for work. Indiana offered more economic opportunity to men who needed to supplement their farm incomes.

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