

THE LINCOLN FAMILY AT KNOB CREEK

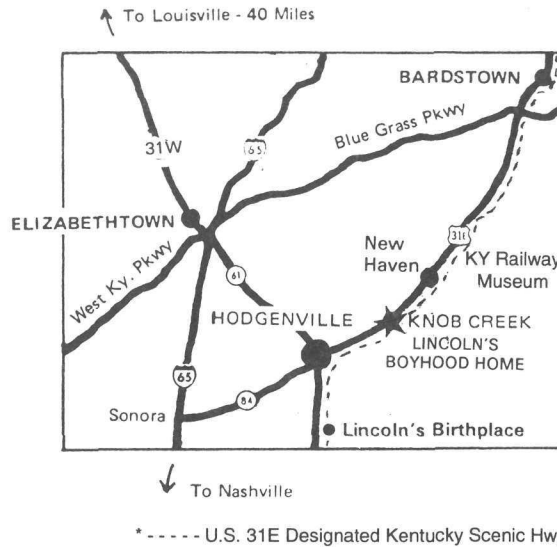
"Abraham Lincoln, sixteenth President of the United States, lived five years, 1811-1816, in a log cabin built on this site. He was brought here at two years of age by his parents, Thomas and Nancy Hanks Lincoln. Abraham had a sister, Sarah, who was two years older than he, and a younger brother, Thomas, Jr., who died in early childhood.

"Referring to his Kentucky homes, Abraham stated: 'My earliest recollection however, is of the Knob Creek place . . . Our farm was composed of three fields, it lay in the valley surrounded by high hills and deep gorges.' These bottom lands were the most fertile acres Thomas Lincoln ever owned and a degree of prosperity, not equaled elsewhere, was enjoyed by the family while residing here.

"On May 13, 1816, Thomas Lincoln was appointed by the Hardin County Court as supervisor of the Nolin-Bardstown road 'Between the "Big" Hill and the Rolling Fork.' This road passed by his cabin and also the school house, two miles north, attended by Sarah and Abraham.

"The Lincolns left this place for Indiana in the late fall of 1816."

- Louis A. Warren
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7120 Bardstown Rd.
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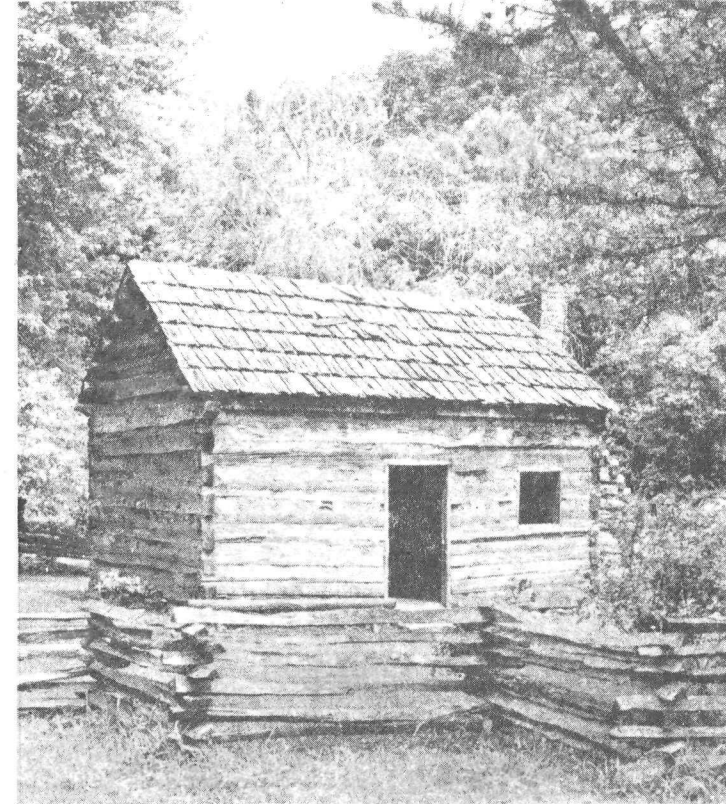
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Abraham Lincoln.

WELCOME TO KNOB CREEK

THE KNOB CREEK FARM

"My earliest recollection is of the Knob Creek place." So wrote Abraham Lincoln on June 4, 1860 to Samuel Haycraft, of Elizabethtown, Ky., who had invited him to visit the place of his nativity. The family lived on the 228 acre Knob Creek Farm from the time "Abe" was two until he was almost eight years old. Here he learned to talk and soon grew big enough to run errands such as carrying water, and gathering wood for the fires. He recalled in later years numerous memories of his childhood here; a stone house he had passed while taking corn to Hodgen's Mill; a certain big tree that had attracted his boyish fancy; the old homestead; the baby brother who was born and died here; the clear stream where he fished, and the surrounding hills where he picked berries were impressed on his mind. He could remember how he stayed by his mother's side and watched her face, while listening to her read the Bible. It was here that Abraham Lincoln first saw slave dealers on horseback, whip in his hand, driving Negroes along the old road to be sold down South. He remembered that on one occasion he planted pumpkin seed in every other hill and every other row while others planted the corn. The following night a big rain in the hills sent water through the fields and washed both corn and pumpkin seed away.

Lincoln once wrote that while living on Knob Creek he and his sister, Sarah, were sent for short periods, to A, B, C school - the first kept by Zachariah Riney, and the second by Caleb Hazle. These were subscription schools and lasted only a few months. Free schools did not come to Kentucky until the 1830's.

Lincoln never forgot the time he fell in the swollen Knob Creek while playing on a footlog near his home. Had it not been for Austin Gollaher, a schoolmate, "Abe" would probably have drowned. Austin, with a keen sense of pioneer

knowledge, grabbed a long pole from the bank and held it out like a strong arm to the struggling boy. Lincoln spoke of the incident after he became President.

THE CABIN

The cabin, rebuilt in 1931 with logs taken from Austin Gollaher's home, stands on the original site and the logs were re-cut to the dimensions of the Lincoln cabin. The construction was done under the direction of Robert Thompson who said of the Lincoln home, "I well remember the Lincoln cabin."

Robert had helped his father, Steve Thompson, who was a neighbor, schoolmate, and playmate of young Abe Lincoln's, tear down the original cabin in 1870. The cabin had been used as a corn crib until that time.

The cabin is furnished with relics donated by the descendants of the early settlers of Knob Creek.

THE LINCOLN FAMILY IN KENTUCKY

June 12, 1806 -

Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks married at Springfield, Ky., now Lincoln Homestead Park.

June 1806 -

Thomas and Nancy Hanks Lincoln moved to Elizabethtown, Ky., where they resided for 1 1/2 years and where their first child, Sarah, was born February 10, 1807.

December 12, 1808 -

Thomas, Nancy and Sarah moved to Sinking Springs Farm three miles south of Hodgenville, Ky.). It was here that Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809. The Lincolns left the Sinking Springs Farm after about 2 years in search of more fertile farm land. This farm is now The Lincoln Birthplace National Park.

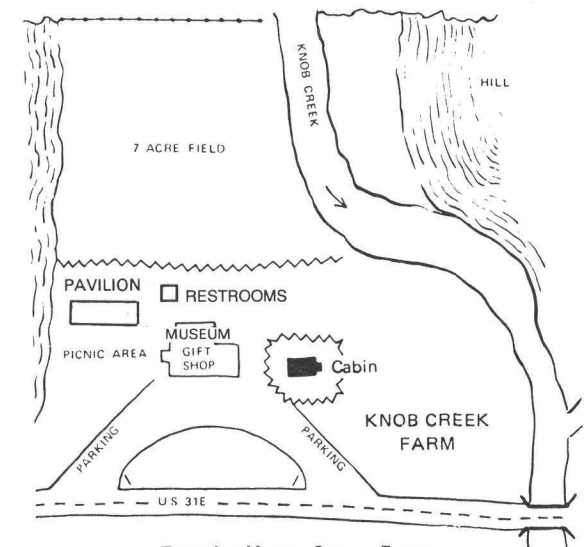
Spring 1811 -

Thomas, Nancy, Sarah and Abraham moved to the Knob Creek Farm where they resided for nearly six years. Thomas Lincoln Jr. was born and died here. Due to a title dispute, the Lincoln family was forced to move once more.

December 1816 -

The Lincoln family left Kentucky and arrived in the Little Pigeon Creek section of Indiana after winter was well under way. There Thomas Lincoln hurriedly constructed a "half-faced" cabin more primitive than the home of most cows and chickens. Abe's mother lived only about two years after the removal to Indiana. She died October 5th, 1818.

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