

Ford's Theatre National Historic Site



Petersen House



William Petersen House

The House Where Lincoln Died

Constructed: 1849

After being shot by John Wilkes Booth, Abraham Lincoln was carried across the street to the home of William Petersen. As Lincoln lay dying in the back room, Mary Todd Lincoln mourned her husband in the front parlor, while Secretary of War Edwin Stanton kept the Federal government operating from the back parlor. Abraham Lincoln died in the Petersen house at 7:22 a.m. on April 15, 1865.