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Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial



The Cabin Site Memorial



Bronze fireplace hearth and cabin sill logs

Indiana celebrated its centennial in December 1916. Among the centennial programs was a thrust to identify locations important to the state's history. In 1917, Spencer County's centennial commission requested the assistance of older residents of the county in determining the exact location of Thomas Lincoln's cabin. Twenty such residents assembled on the historic property and pointed to a site they believed to be correct. A marker was erected on the site on April 28, 1917.

In May 1933, a Civilian Conservation Corps crew excavated 300 historic hearthstones, constructed a stone wall around the site and landscaped the grounds. In July 1935, a bronze casting in the shape of the historic cabin sill and hearth was placed on the site.