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Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial



The Cabin Site Memorial



A bronze fireplace hearth and cabin sill logs were placed on the site in July, 1935.

Indiana celebrated its centennial in December, 1916. Among the centennial programs was a desire to identify locations important to the state's history. In 1917, Spencer County's centennial commission requested the assistance of older residents from 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.