



This Week in Indiana History

February 19th, 1962:
The Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial is Established

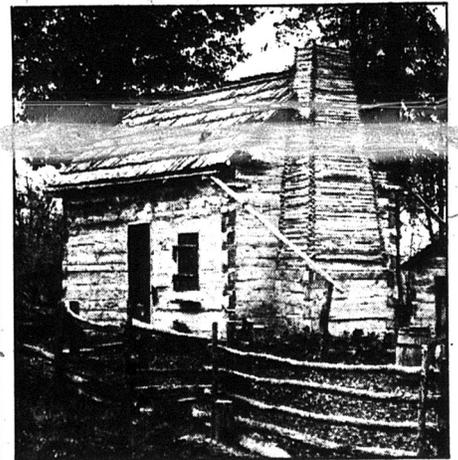
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From the age of 7 to 21, Abraham Lincoln lived in Southern Indiana. He would remark much later in his life, "There I grew up". On February 19th, 1962, President Kennedy authorized the creation of the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial to honor Indiana's greatest Hoosier. You can visit the park and see for yourself where Lincoln lived.

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Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial: Lincoln City / ISLO 923 L736 No. 128
 There I Grew Up: Remembering Abraham Lincoln's Indiana Youth / ISLI 923 L736BART
 Young Abe Lincoln: The Frontier Days / ISLI 923 L736HAR

Points of interest



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Nestled on 80 acres in Spencer County, the Lincoln Living Historical Farm includes a reproduction of the cabin, stable, smokehouse and carpentry shop that President Abraham Lincoln's father owned and operated there for 14 years.

Complete with horses, cows, sheep and chickens, the farm represents the southern Indiana pioneers and their way of life. People dressed in costumes carry out farming and other activities of the early pioneers.

"It's a demonstration of pioneer living that helps visitors understand the pioneer life that Lincoln grew up in," said Norman D. Hellmers, memorial superintendent.

On a wooded hilltop just south of the farm is the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, Lincoln's mother. She died on the farm in 1818, when Lincoln was 9 years old.

Also nearby is the Memorial Visitors Center, which was built in the early 1940s with native limestone and Indiana wood. The center has a museum, auditorium and several memorial rooms that provide background information about the Lincolns.

Located in the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, the farm operates from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., mid-April through October. Beginning in 1987, a \$1 entrance fee will be charged.

Adjacent to the memorial is the 17,500-acre Lincoln State Park, which will present a live outdoor drama every summer night beginning in June. The drama, *Young Abe Lincoln*, will be presented in the new, \$3.5 million amphitheater.

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