

Abraham Lincoln



Date of Birth

February 12, 1809

Date of Death

April 14, 1865

Hometown

Hardin County, Kentucky

Education

No formal education

Family

Thomas Lincoln-Father
Nancy Hanks Lincoln-Mother
Sarah Bush Johnston Lincoln-Stepmother
Sarah Lincoln-Sister
Thomas Lincoln, Jr.-Brother
Mary Todd-Wife
Robert Lincoln-Son
Edward Lincoln-Son
William Lincoln-Son
Thomas Lincoln-Son



Accomplishments

- November 6, 1860: Abraham Lincoln is elected the 16th president. He received 180 out of 303 electoral votes and 40% of the popular vote.
- May 20, 1862: Abraham Lincoln approves the Federal Homestead Law giving 160 acres of land to anyone who will claim and work the land for 5 years. This leads to the settlement of the west.
- January 1, 1863: Abraham Lincoln issues the Emancipation Proclamation which frees all slaves in territories held by the Confederates.

Interesting Facts

- Abraham Lincoln did not finish high school or attend college.
- At age 24 Lincoln was elected to the Illinois General Assembly. He had no previous government experience.
- On September 22, 1842 Lincoln narrowly escapes a duel with swords. The duel was over misunderstood letters.