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'FAULTLESS' LINCOLN -- "This miniature likeness of myself ...is an excellent one. To my unpracticed eye, it is without fault." Thus wrote Abraham Lincoln of this portrait which has been aquired for display by the National Portrait Gallery in Washington. Artist John Henry Brown painted it from life in Springfield, Illinois, in five sittings between August 14 and 25, 1860. Mr. Lincoln was President of the United States from 1861 to 1865. (76-36-C)

FOR COLOR POSTS: The miniature was commissioned by Judge John M Read of Philadelphia, who gave it to Mrs. Lincoln. It remained in the Lincoln family until 1973. It was published in color for the first time in the February 1976 Smithsonian magazine. The National Portrait Gallery is a part of the Smithsonian Institution.

