

Abraham Lincoln Anniversary
(1809-1865)

Top

Abraham Lincoln's home in Perry (now Spencer) county in the State of Indiana, where he lived from 1816 to 1830. In this diorama of the Chicago Historical Society we see the young Lincoln studying by the fire. His stepmother, Sarah Bush Lincoln, sits nearby. Thomas Lincoln, his father, stands in the doorway.

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Bottom

Abraham Lincoln lived in New Salem, Illinois, from 1831 to 1837, waiting on trade in a dry goods store where one could buy furs, pots, glassware, sugar, eggs, vegetables, butter, firearms, saddles and tools. This diorama at the Chicago Historical Society shows Lincoln the storekeeper in 1833. His customer is Ann Rutledge. According to a story told by one of Lincoln's law partners in 1865, the young Lincoln was in love with Ann Rutledge who died from typhoid fever in 1835 before the two could marry. The story, however, is not believed by most historians.

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