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LINCOLN LAND

Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States, was a native son of the American frontier. He was born in the Midwestern wilderness and his character was formed in its pioneer settlements. Today, the Midwest is a prosperous agricultural and industrial region. Only a few traces of the virgin forest remain. The prairies now are corn and wheat fields and log cabin villages have given way to modern cities and towns. However, in memory of Lincoln, the places in which he lived have been restored as he knew them. Today's traveler, visiting Lincoln landmarks in the States of Kentucky, Indians and Illinois, can imagine the frontier of the early Nineteenth Century and understand how it helped to shape Abraham Lincoln's ideals.

10-14 Family parlor in the Springfield home was frequently used for entertaining, but Lincoln preferred to spend his evenings here reading, while his sons played on the floor around him. The coal-burning stove replaced an earlier fireplace for which Lincoln chopped wood. (58-8152)

PRESIDENTS BEREIN PRILIPEDING LAND