

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 the 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, Indiana and Illinois, can imagine the frontier of the early Nineteenth Century and understand how it helped to shape Abraham Lincoln's ideals.

2-14 Frontier construction looked crude, but it was serviceable. Ax-marks show how the bark was stripped from logs. Clay chinking helped keep wind and rain from blowing between the beams. An ox-yoke hangs from wooden pegs. (58-8143)



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