

*"I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live by the light that I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right, and stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong."*

—ABRAHAM LINCOLN



During the Civil War, 1862



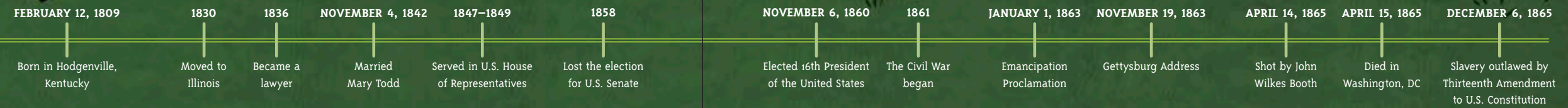
Replica of Abraham's first home, found at the Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park in Kentucky



Giving the Gettysburg Address, 1863



Timeline



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For Theo & Jonas,  
my sons,  
may you always fight for what's right,  
and for those who need it  
—B.M.

For Jeremy & Justin.  
Always be strong by helping the weak,  
always stand up for those who can't speak,  
and even though you're identical,  
you will always be unique.  
—Dad (C.E.)

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