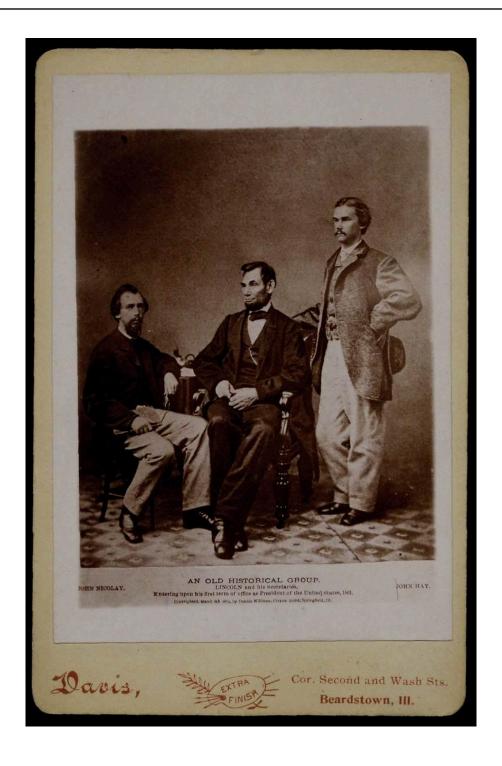
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LINCOLN HOME, SPRINGFIELD, ILL., was built in 1840. Mr. Lincoln bought it in 1846 and lived in this house up to the time he left for Washington City on Feb. 11, 1861, to be inaugurated President in 1861. This is the only home Mr. Lincoln ever owned. Rob. Lincoln, his son, gave this home to the State of Illinois after the death of his mother, Mrs. Abraham Lincoln. VERBATIM SPEECH OF A. LINCOLN. Delivered at Springfield, Ill., Feb. 11, 1861, My Friends-No one not in my situation can appreciate my feelings of sadness at this parting. To this place and the kindness of this people I owe everything. Here I have lived a quarter of a century, and have passed from a young to an old man. Here my children were born, and one lies buried. I now leave, not knowing when or whether ever I may return, with a task before me greater than that which rested upon the shoulders of Washington. Without the aid of that Divine Being who ever aided him, who controls mine and all our destinies, I cannot succeed. With that assistance I cannot fail. Trusting in Him who can go with me, and remain with you, and be everywhere for good, let us confidently hope that all will yet be well. To his care commending you as I hope in your prayers you will commend me, I bid you, friends and neighbors, an affectionate farewell. NATIONAL LINCOLN MONUMENT at Springfield, Illinois, was unveiled and dedicated Oct. 15, 1874. Dimensions 721-2 by 119 feet and 100 feet high. Cost \$212,000.

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