

THE FILSON CLUB IN THE 1937 LINCOLN PILGRIMAGE

A REPRINT OF THE CLUB'S BROCHURE ON THE LINCOLNS
IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

We here reprint the twenty-page brochure issued by The Filson Club and given to those who attended the Lincoln Pilgrimage Ceremonies at Long Run Baptist Church, Jefferson County, on Friday, June 25. No changes have been made in this reprint other than discarding the flyleaves and gray paper cover and adding the History Quarterly running line and page number at the top of each page; also by inserting addenda on page 205.

The brochure presents The Filson Club's part in the Pilgrimage Conducted in June on the 300th Anniversary of the Lincolns Landing in America. The Through Pilgrims—Dr. Louis A. Warren of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Messrs. E. E. Whitney, James W. Douglas and William P. Hawley of Massachusetts—arrived at the Church at 10 a. m. from Lexington where they had visited the Lincoln landmarks. They had spent five days from Massachusetts to Kentucky seeing places identified with the Lincolns, and in each instance they were entertained by large local or state delegations. They were welcomed at old Long Run Church and its adjoining burial ground by Mr. R. C. Ballard Thruston, president of The Filson Club, and Rev. M. J. Schultz, pastor of the Church. About 250 people were present, thirty of whom were members of The Filson Club. Many came to attend both the Pilgrimage and the Church's Home-Coming that followed.

Mr. Thruston presided at the Pilgrimage meeting. A prayer offered by Rev. James A. McCaleb of the Middletown Baptist Church was followed by the audience singing "America," led by Colonel Lucien Beekner. Mr. Thruston gave an account of what historians had found near Long Run; Mr. Thomas C. Fisher talked on the history of the Church and Dr. Warren on the purpose of the Lincoln Pilgrimage. After the crowd had participated in an old-time basket lunch the Home-Coming program began, with Rev. W. Owen Carver as the speaker.

Soon after the lunch the four through pilgrims—joined by Mr. Maurice A. Cook of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Ye Secretary of The Filson Club—started for Springfield, Washington County, where we arrived at 4 p. m. There we went to the Court House where Mr. Joe Polin and Dr. Warren addressed the sixty or more who had assembled. We were then taken to The Lincoln Homestead Park, about six miles, to where the widow of Pioneer Abraham Lincoln lived after the death of her husband and in which vicinity Tom Lincoln, in 1806, married Nancy Hanks.

In Elizabethtown we were greeted on Saturday morning by an assembly headed by Mr. R. Gerald McMurtry, master of ceremonies for the Hardin County Historical Society and the Elizabethtown Woman's Club. At noon a luncheon was served to about fifty in the Brown-Pusey Community House, the speakers being Mr. McMurtry, Dr. Warren and Dr. William Allen Pusey. Then followed a pageant depicting the departure for Indiana, in 1819, in a covered wagon, of Tom Lincoln and his second wife Sarah Bush Johnston and her three children.

Upon our arrival in Hodgenville we were taken, by Judge Otis M. Mather, master of ceremonies for the various Larue County patriotic and civic organizations, to the Lincoln Memorial National Park, the birthplace of President Lincoln. There the entire program, beginning at 2:30 p. m., was broadcast under the personal supervision of Mr. Joe Wheeler, special features conductor for WHAS of the *Courier-Journal* and *Louisville Times*. Mr. Wheeler gracefully linked together, with improvised comments and with historical accuracy, the speeches delivered by Judge Mather, Dr. Warren, Dr. Stewart W. McClelland, president of the Lincoln Memorial University, and Mr. J. E. Handley, Mayor of Hodgenville. At 4:30 we were on the site of the Knob Creek Home of the Lincolns, from which place Tom and Nancy Hanks Lincoln and their children departed for Indiana in 1816. At 5:30 we were at the Lincoln Memorial Library, Hodgenville, built and conducted by the Ladies Lincoln League of Hodgenville. On the lawn a pageant was given depicting the relatives, friends and home life of the Lincolns in 1809; Miss Mary O. Mather served as the narrator. At 6 p. m. more than fifty were seated at a banquet in the library. The speakers were Rev. Robert H. Tandy, Mrs. A. G. Black, Miss Hallie LaRue, and Judge Mather, all of Hodgenville, and Dr. Warren. This dinner concluded the Kentucky features of the Pilgrimage.

The Indiana and Illinois features listed on the original program were postponed a few weeks at the suggestion of the various local committees because other celebrations in those states conflicted with the time originally set for them in the Lincoln Pilgrimage. The Kentucky part and all other parts were grand successes. Each feature will do much toward creating greater local interest in the regions of the various Lincoln homes in Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Kentucky, also in Indiana and Illinois. The Pilgrimage will impress each region more than ever that it is in one way or another identified with the immortal Abraham Lincoln.

It is quite probable that a detailed account of the entire Pilgrimage will be prepared by Dr. Warren and published by the Lincoln National Life Foundation, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, of which library he is the director.—OTTO A. ROTHERT, *Secretary*.

Pilgrimage Conducted

June 20-30, 1937

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On the 300th Anniversary of
The Lincolns Landing In America



Including the Meeting at
Long Run Baptist Church, Jefferson County
Near the Site of the Home of Pioneer Abraham Lincoln

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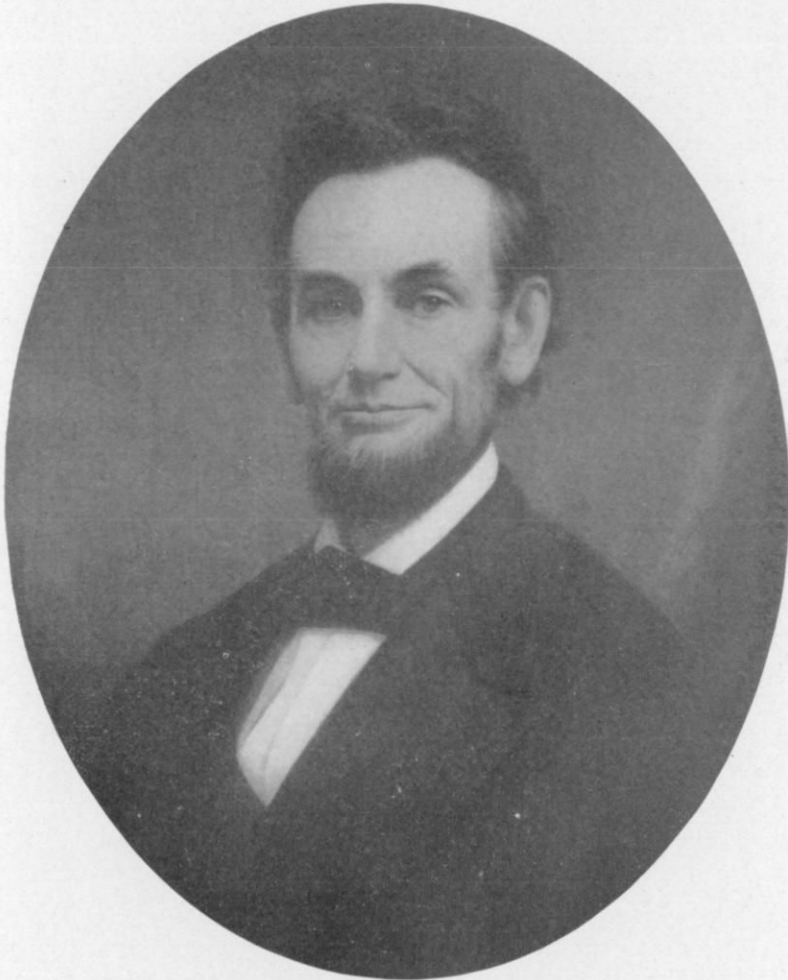
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LINCOLN TRICENTENARY PROGRAMS
MEMORIALIZING
THE ANCESTORS OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN
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Three hundred years ago, on June 20, 1637, Samuel Lincoln, first Lincoln ancestor of the President to arrive in this country, disembarked at Boston. Programs in commemoration of this event have been arranged in the communities where subsequent generations of Lincoln's forbears lived. The Filson Club's part has been inserted in this reprint of the outlined program:

Sunday, June 20—Boston, Salem, Hingham, Massachusetts.

Monday, June 21—Monmouth County, New Jersey.

Tuesday, June 22—Berks County, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Wednesday, June 23—Rockingham County, Virginia.

Thursday, June 24—Cumberland Gap, Tennessee, and Lexington, Kentucky.

Friday, June 25—Jefferson County, and Washington County, Kentucky.

Leave Lexington in time to reach Long Run Baptist Church, Jefferson County, about 10:00 a. m. for the ceremonies, followed by basket lunch at noon.

Lunch for the through Pilgrims will be provided on the Church grounds by The Filson Club.

After lunch leave for Washington County.

Saturday, June 26—Elizabethtown, and Hodgenville, Kentucky.

Sunday, June 27—Lincoln City, Indiana.

Monday, June 28—Decatur, Illinois.

Tuesday, June 29—New Salem, Illinois.

Wednesday, June 30—Springfield, Illinois.



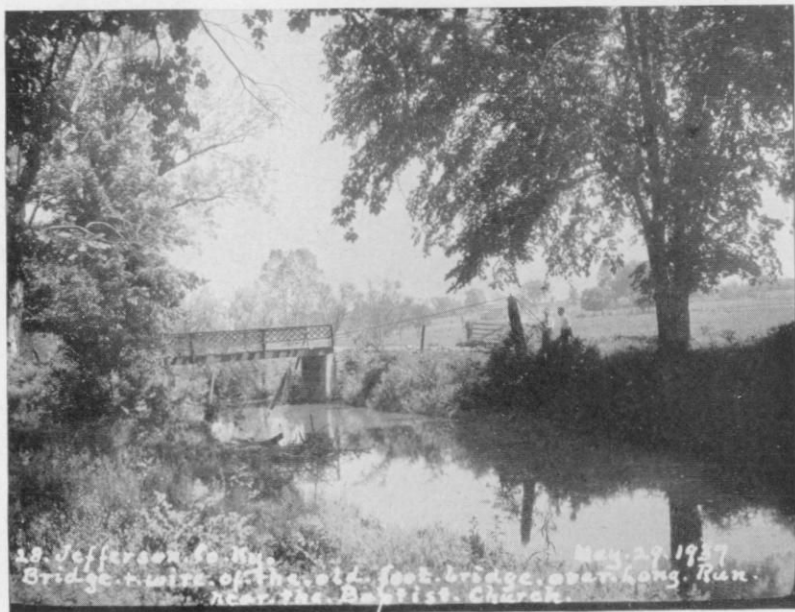
Long Run Baptist Church in background, 1922



The present bridge, 1937



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