

February 2021 TOWNS

of Virginia

Some Interesting Facts About Abraham Lincoln

Lincoln has no heirs. Although Abraham Lincoln and his wife Mary Todd Lincoln produced four sons, there are no living descendants today. Three of their sons died before the age of twenty. Edward died at the age of four, Willie at twelve and Tad at the age of eighteen. Robert was the only child to live to adulthood and his last known descendant died in 1985.

Lincoln's son was saved by his assassin's brother. Shortly before his father was assassinated, Robert Lincoln was at a train station where he fell between the platform and the train as the train began to move. He was pulled to safety by a prominent actor of the time named Edwin Booth. Edwin was the brother of John Wilkes Booth, who would later assassinate President Lincoln.

Lincoln fought in the Civil War...sort of. Lincoln felt, as the leader of the nation's military, the president should be fighting in the Civil War but obviously couldn't because of his duties. When J. Summerfield Staples heard this, he volunteered to fight as a substitute for Lincoln. Staples was the son of an Army chaplain and both he and his father fought in and survived the war.

Lincoln's beard was historic. He was the first president to sport a beard while serving in office.

Lincoln was an inventor. He was the first and only president to ever obtain a patent. He was mechanically inclined and liked to take things apart just to see how they worked. In 1849, he got a patent for a device to lift ships over shoals by way of a buoying mechanism. His invention, US Patent No. 6,469, never made it into practical use.

Lincoln supported women's rights. He was the first major political figure to suggest extending the right to vote to women. Twelve years before the first woman's rights convention occurred, Lincoln, then a state legislator, made a statement to an Illinois paper supporting "female suf-

Lincoln had the first inaugural photograph. He was the first president to be photographed at his inauguration. Standing close to Lincoln in the photo is his future assassin, John Wilkes Booth.

Lincoln had a premonition he would be killed. Not long before he was assassinated, Lincoln spoke of a dream where he heard someone weeping in the White House. When he found the room it was coming from, he asked who had died. He was told it was the president. He approached the coffin to peer in and saw his own face.

Lincoln's birthday is February 12 and is celebrated on President's Day February 15, which also commemorates George Washington's February 22 birthday.

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Here's To Your Good Health!

Heart- Healthy Living



You can do a lot to protect your heart and stay healthy. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the US for both men and women. Heart—healthy living involves understanding your risks, making choices and taking steps to reduce your chances of heart disease.

Below are some examples of ways to living a heart–healthy life:

- Understand your risks
- Get your blood pressure and cholesterol checked
 - Choose heart-healthy foods
 - Aim for a healthy weight
 - Manage stress
 - Get regular physical activity
 - Quit smoking
 - Get plenty of good-quality sleep

Attention Gardeners and Would-be Gardeners

With the approach of spring, this is the time to learn who would like space in either the raised beds or the big garden (behind the Grand Lodge). If you are interested in a space in either location, please contact me by February 15 at either wordelldavis37@gmail.com or 222-7950. After that date, we'll put together a plot chart and distribute it. If you are a first-time gardener and would like help, there are many experienced residents who would be happy to help you. Peg Davis

Book Ends

HAPPY TRAILS

The Story by Roy Rogers & Dale Evans with Carlton Stowers

When I saw this book, I *HAD* to read it! The 'HAD' started many years ago when I received the Knight Templar magazine. One of the Ohio Knights required an appendectomy in Los Angles. He was almost ready to go home when a somewhat familiar man entered the room. He declared that the Masons were visiting the hospital and he had chosen this room because he was originally for Ohio. He said, "My names Leonard Slye. - But you will probably know me better by my stage name - Roy Rogers." This story was entered in the Ohio supplement.

Several years later Ann and I stopped at the Roy Rogers Museum when we visited California. I really got to know my favorite cowboy star there. He had a room with his Ohio background and a large display case of his Masonic memorabilia.

The book was fascinating in that Roy wrote part, Dale wrote part and Carlton Stowers added comments. You could tell who wrote it as the book contained one type for Roy's writing, another for Dale's and a third for Carlton's additions. There were 14 pages of pictures. To me the most fascinating photo was taken the evening after they were married. Dale was washing Roy's face - - with a hand full of snow!

I enjoy reading almost any kind of book. However, this is close to if not MY MOST enjoyable one.

SECRETS of WAYFARERS INN

by Becky Melby

Wayfarers Inn is among those places God has blessed me to have seen. Quite a few years ago, my family was vacationing at a State Park camp site near Marietta on the Ohio River. During the time there, we were joined by the John Zufall family. Between swimming at the park and other things we toured Marietta. One of the sites was the Wayfarer's Inn. We didn't go in but got a lot of info about it's history. The part I remember most is it's place as a stop on the underground railroad for escaped slaves.

In this book, three women have purchased the Wayfarers Inn planning to turn it into a rooming/house hotel. Then things start happening! They would find unusual notes on their chalk board which no one would admit to have written. They found many unusual parts to the building. For instance, they found a shaft going from basement to attic. It contained a ladder and an exit at each floor. They found a tunnel leading from their basement to a hidden entrance near the river's surface. The longer they worked to get the building ready to open, the more strange things turned up.

Notifications





Bessilee Clay



Anniversaries

ANNIVERSARIES



February 18, 1984 Richard and Helen Wadkins February 19, 1974 Carter and Oza Bell



Have You Heard?

St. Bernards get their name from the Holy Saint Bernard of Montjou, the patron saint of the Alps, who founded a monastery between Italy and Switzerland. An alpine route, known as the Great St. Bernards Pass, was particularly treacherous because of the high incidence of snowstorms and avalanches. Monks frequently patrolled the area to rescue stranded travelers. Their dogs, cross-bred from Mastiffs, Great Danes, and Newfoundlands, were helpful because their broad chests cleared snow and their sense of direction was useful in heavy fog and snowstorms. It has been reported that the dogs have rescued 2,000 people over 200 years. There's no solid evidence to show that the dogs carried cognac to revive lost travelers, though historians cite a letter written by a Swiss citizen in 1816, which stated, "often the dogs carry a little barrel around their necks with alcoholic beverages."

The birthstone for February is the Amethyst and symbolizes stability, peace, and sincerity. The flower is the Violet.

Brain Teasers

Name:

February Word Search





VALENTINE **HEART MONTH BLACK HISTORY** BIRD FEEDING MONTH LEAP YEAR SUPER BOWL

CHINESE NEW YEAR CHOCOLATE **AMETHYST** AQUARIUS SWEETHEART

GROUNDHOG DAY **FLOWERS** FOOTBALL LINCOLN



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Brain Teasers

DIRECTIONS: Unscramble	the letters to form the names of 11 different Va	dentine's
	cramble the shaded letters to answer the riddle	
LIRANGD		
HAETR		
OLCHAOTEC		
DICPU		
MOEP		
LSWROFE		
BOLEDEV		
ANDCY		
ORSSE		
EOEVNPLE		
RRABYUFE		
What did the boy bear say	to the girl bear on Valentine's Day?	Y
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Coloring Page



Happy Birthday to You!

Happy Birthday to the following residents who celebrate their birthdays:

2/1	Joan Setliff
2/3	Norman Milligan
2/8	Richard Dudley
2/13	Fay Gardner
2/14	Gypsy Rollings
2/19	James Butts
2/23	Richard Neiswander
2/24	Marshall Messimer
2/25	Joyce Deputy

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Employee Birthdays

2/1	Irene Ishmael
2/2	Natasha Mitchell
2/5	Kathy Cooley
2/8	Kim Bradby
2/10	Michael Butler, Jr.
2/18	Vernelle Blue
2/20	April Green
2/22	Priscilla Ward
2/23	Corey Dalrymple
2/25	Angela Pisano
2/28	Dawnasia McKnigh

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