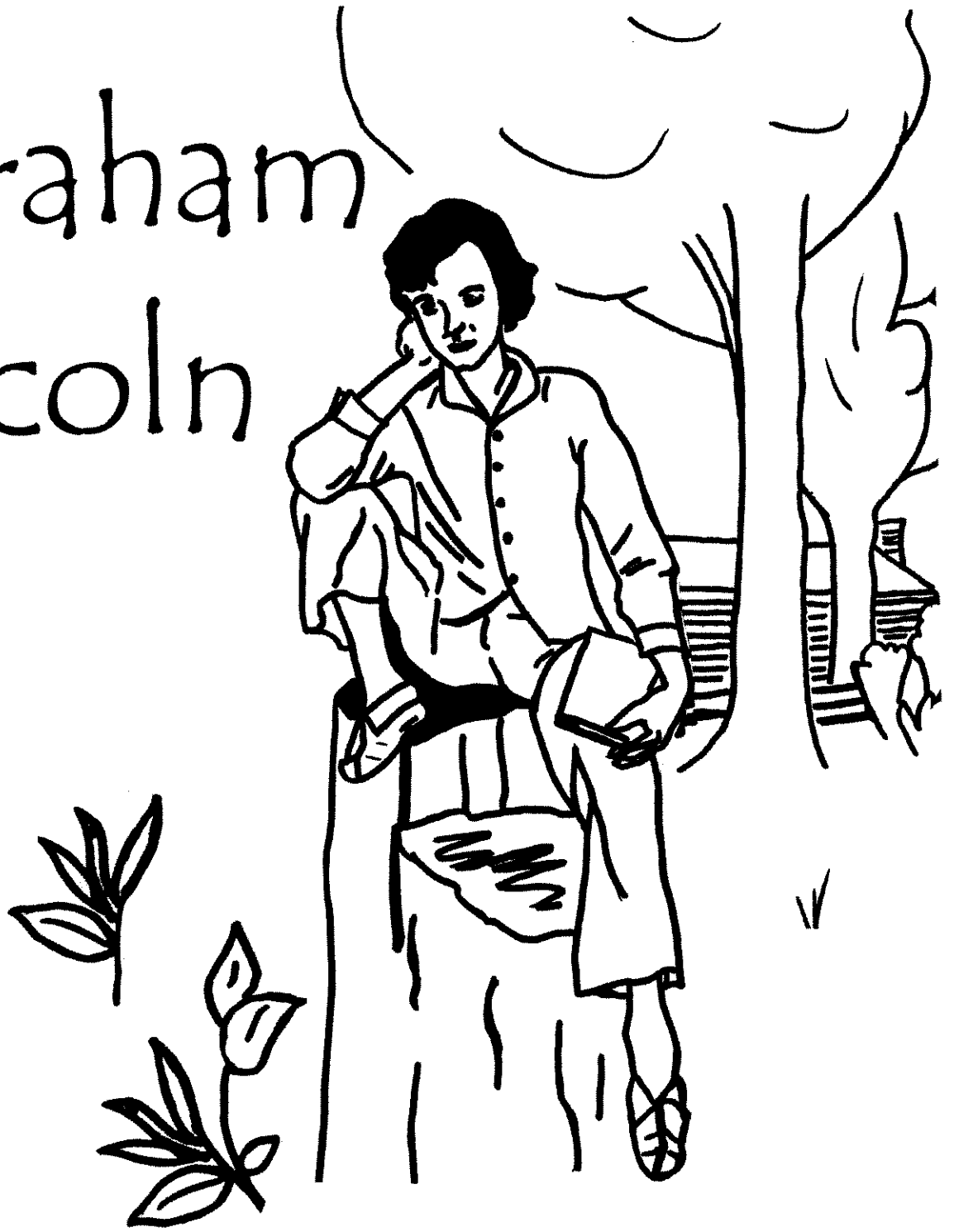


# Abraham Lincoln

Citizen  
Lawyer  
Legislator  
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Abraham Lincoln was our 16<sup>th</sup> President.  
He lived most of his adult life in Illinois.  
He started life on the frontier in a log cabin  
and ended up the President of the United States.  
Abraham Lincoln taught himself throughout his life.  
He had a wonderfully active mind.  
He could tell funny stories and jokes,  
but could be serious too.  
He married Mary Todd and had four sons,  
Robert, Edward, William and Thomas.  
Mr. Lincoln had many jobs before he became a lawyer.  
He was a soldier.  
He was a surveyor.  
He was a postmaster and worked in a store.  
Mr. Lincoln "read the law" instead of going to law school. That means  
he taught himself how to be a lawyer.  
As a lawyer, Mr. Lincoln helped people.  
He was a successful man with many friends.  
As President, Mr. Lincoln held this country together  
during the Civil War.  
He believed that all people are created equal and should have  
the right to succeed.  
Mr. Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809.  
In 2009 the whole country will be celebrating the  
200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth.  
Mr. Lincoln was a great man, citizen, lawyer, legislator and President.

Some of the images in this book are based on actual Lincoln artistic representations.  
For instance, the young Lincoln is based on a model at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum in Springfield.  
Others are from New Salem State Historic Site, the Abraham Lincoln Home National Historic Site, Lincoln Tomb State  
Historic Site, Lincoln/Herndon Law Office State Historic Site and the Old State Capitol in Springfield.

Abraham Lincoln  
wasn't able  
to go to school  
so he taught  
himself to read.  
He had a dream.  
He worked hard  
to make his dream  
come true.



In 1830, Abraham Lincoln moved to Illinois. Usually people used covered wagons to move their families and belongings.

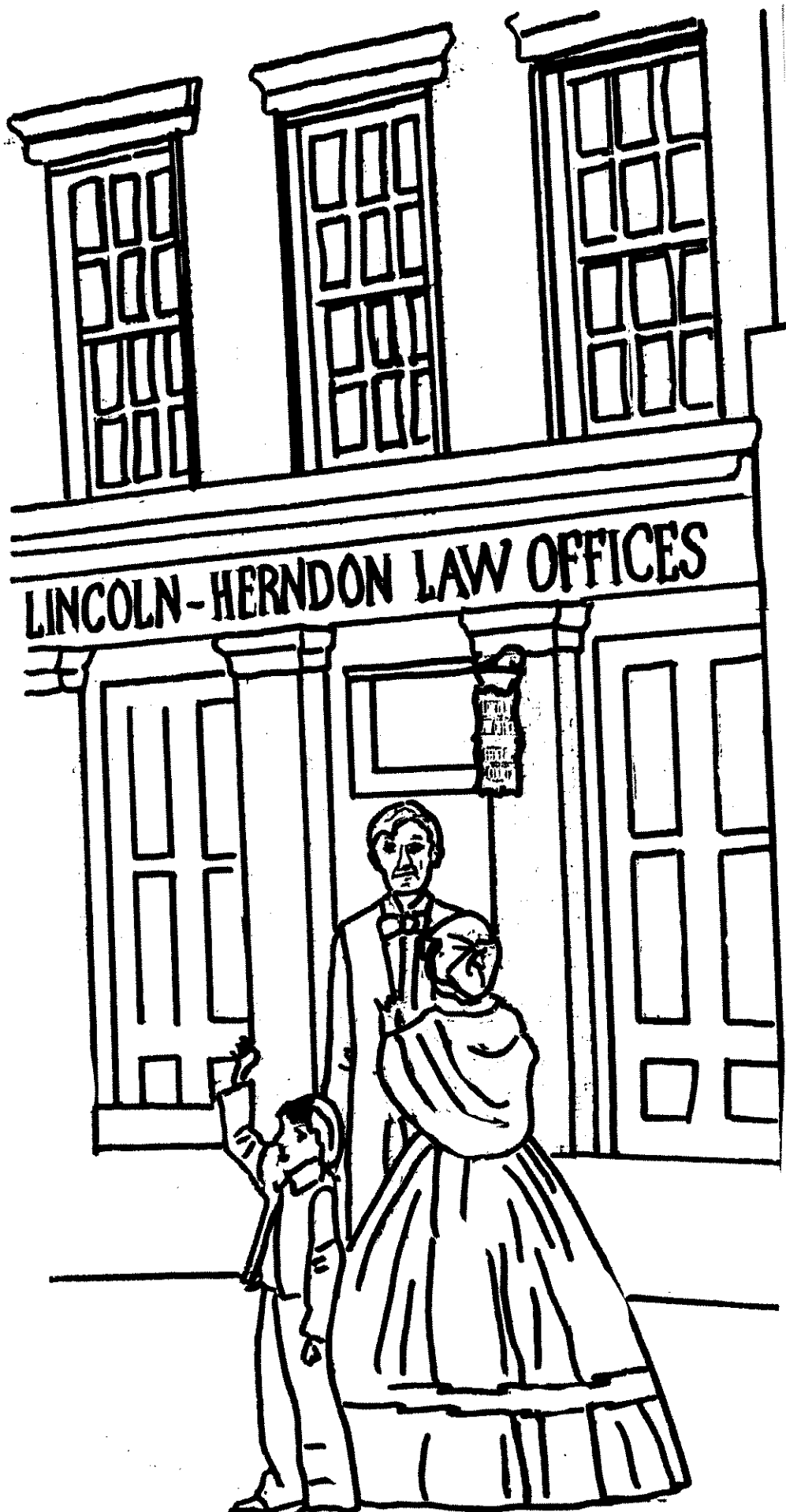




As a young man,  
Abraham Lincoln  
moved to  
New Salem village.  
It was there  
that he dreamed  
of becoming  
a lawyer.

At New Salem he helped run the Berry Lincoln Store. He probably read law books when he wasn't helping customers. He knew that lawyers needed to speak well so he learned how to give good speeches.





Lincoln became  
a lawyer  
and moved to  
Springfield  
where he opened  
a law office  
and helped people.  
He got married  
and had  
a family  
in Springfield.



As a Lawyer, Mr. Lincoln helped people in many ways. He could help them settle arguments, he could act for them if they needed to go to court; he could do things like help people get money that was owed to them. He could help defend those accused of crimes. Sometimes he even served as a judge.



When Mr. Lincoln was practicing law, lawyers had to travel to meet their clients and represent them in their own home counties. This was called circuit riding, as different circuit courthouses were visited. Circuit riding meant that Mr. Lincoln had to be away from home for months at a time.



Then Lincoln was elected to serve in the Illinois State Legislature. He helped write laws. He worked at the State Capitol building in Springfield.



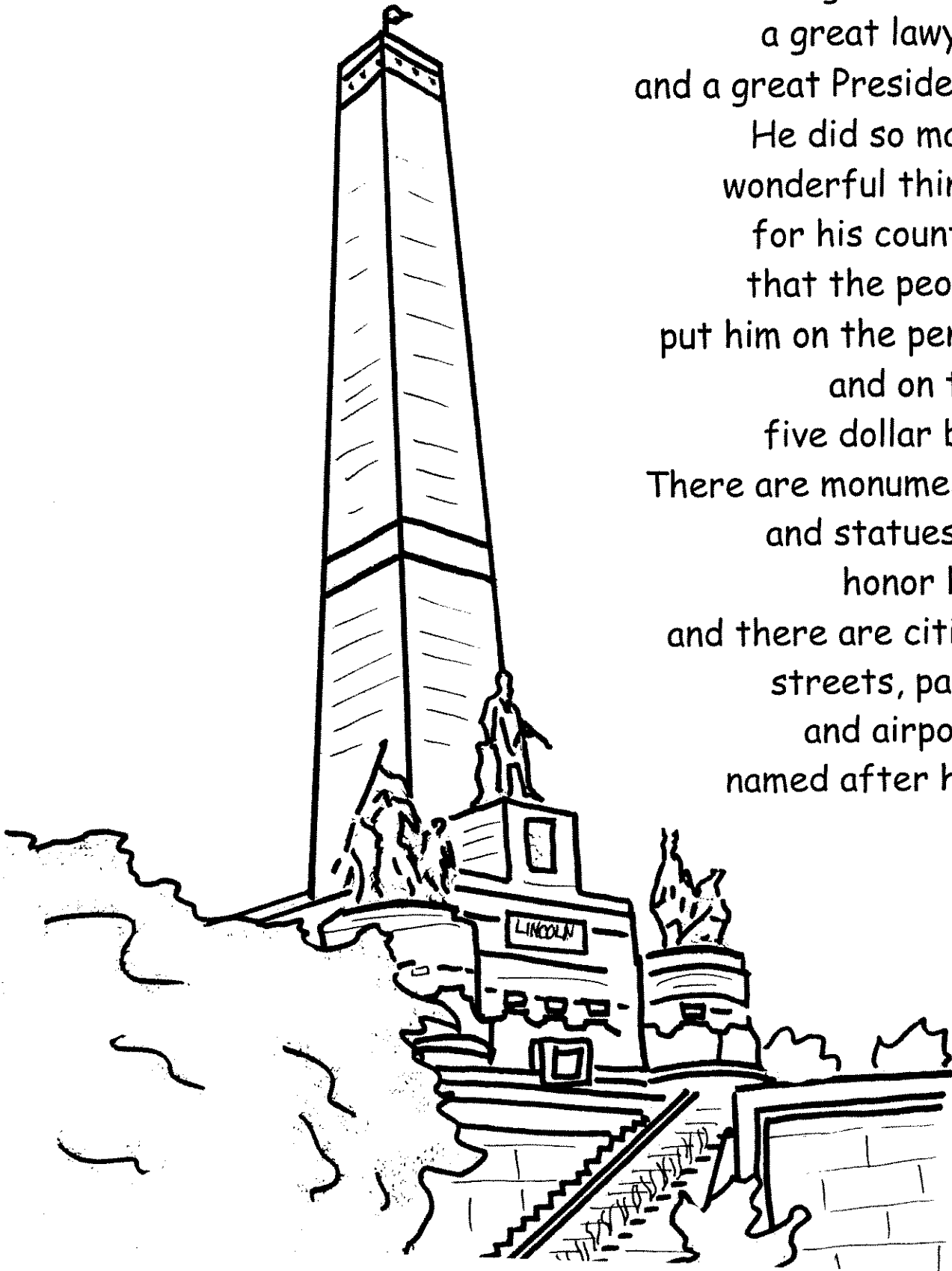
When Lincoln wasn't working, he was at home with his family on Eighth Street in Springfield. Lincoln had a pet dog named Fido, some cats, and a horse named Old Bob.



When Mr. Lincoln was elected President, he got a letter from a little girl named Grace who thought he would be better looking with a beard, so he grew one. President Lincoln was the first President to have a beard!



Mr. Lincoln was a great man,  
a great lawyer  
and a great President.  
He did so many  
wonderful things  
for his country  
that the people  
put him on the penny  
and on the  
five dollar bill.  
There are monuments  
and statues to  
honor him  
and there are cities,  
streets, parks  
and airports  
named after him.



Mr. Lincoln believed that everyone should have a chance to live their dream. He believed that all people are created equal.

Mr. Lincoln was a good  
Citizen  
Lawyer  
Legislator  
President

## Do you want to be a Lawyer like Lincoln?



Back when Mr. Lincoln became a lawyer in 1836, all you had to do to become one was "read the law" and then meet with someone who was already a lawyer and answer oral questions. These "bar examiners" were usually those who had been lawyers or judges for a number of years and were respected in the community. If you answered enough questions right, they would recommend that you be allowed to be a lawyer. You also had to be "certified" as being a person of good moral character" and Lincoln was. Then, his name was written on the "roll of attorneys" and he could practice law.

Back then, there was no big written test, and, while there were colleges, universities and law schools, you could still become a lawyer the way Mr. Lincoln did. Mr. Lincoln worked hard, he read a lot of books and he studied with people who were already lawyers.

These days, if you want to be a lawyer, you have to graduate from high school, then go to college for four years, then go to law school for three more years. That's a lot of school!

After you graduate from law school, you still aren't really a lawyer. All you have is a law degree. To become a lawyer, you also have to pass a written test, called the Bar Exam. You also have to prove that you have character and fitness to become a lawyer, just like Lincoln did. That means are you honest enough, and do you know how to follow or obey rules and laws? Then, after all that is done, you will take an oath, sort of a promise, that you will be a good lawyer and will follow all the rules that need to be followed. After you make that promise, and after you've done all the things listed above, you'll be a lawyer!

What makes a good lawyer? Lots of things.

- You should be honest, just like Mr. Lincoln.
- You should study hard, just like Mr. Lincoln
- It helps to read a lot.
- It helps to like people and want to help them.
- It helps to get good grades.



Becoming a lawyer takes hard work and time...and that can cost a lot. There are loans that can help you afford college and law school. Most schools have financial aid officers who are ready to help you find ways to get enough money to go to school.

Mr. Lincoln liked being a lawyer and he was a very good one! Do you want to be a lawyer like Mr. Lincoln? You can do it!



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