FANNIE FOSTER PAPERS, 1933

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Fannie Foster was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on 26 February 1844 to Edward and Elizabeth Stagg McGuire. On 18 April 1867, she married David Foster. Foster and her husband then made their home in Greenwood, Indiana, as farmers. The couple had eight children: Millie, Lizzie, Dora, John, Julia, Jessie, Dollie, and Guy. The date of her death is unknown.

From 1912 to 1937, John E. Boos of Albany, New York, collected documents and letters relating to personal experiences with Abraham Lincoln, which is most likely why Foster wrote to Boos. He published a book, *Abraham Lincoln: "Farewell to Neighbors,"* in or around 1942 (Albany, N.Y., The Acme Print Shop).

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Foster’s papers include one letter and an additional document from 1933. In the first letter, written from Greenwood, Indiana, on 18 January 1933, Foster writes to John Boos about her encounters with Abraham Lincoln. She writes that she saw Abraham Lincoln in 1861 when he passed through Indianapolis on his way to Washington, D.C., for his inauguration. She mentions that Lincoln, Indiana governor O. P. Morton, and other high officials from the government were riding in a carriage drawn by white horses. Foster also says that she heard Lincoln speak at the old Bates Hotel, now the Capital Hotel. Foster continues, saying that she saw Lincoln again in 1865 when he laid in state in Indianapolis.

An undated document with a printed illustration of Lincoln chopping wood also accompanies the letter, but it is unknown if it was sent with the letter or at a later date. Passages from Foster’s letter are typed next to the picture. Foster also writes a note at the bottom of the document describing Lincoln’s appearance; at the time she saw him, he was wearing a black suit and a black plug hat.

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